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Dear Friends,

Do you know the feeling you get when you're around people who see you—I mean *really see you*? That feeling of genuine happiness, ease, and joy. It gives you the courage to try something new, share a part of yourself that you typically only share with your inner circle, or challenge yourself in a way that's outside your comfort zone. During **RVRN's Family Enrichment Program**, all participants—guests, staff, and volunteers—have these experiences of Love in action, of being cherished and included. *RVRN adapts the program for the families rather than asking the families to adapt for the program.*

This year we hope you'll join us for our 8th season at the **A/U Ranches' 100 Elk Outdoor Center in Buena Vista, Colorado**. This unique experience combines the loving and nurturing qualities of a Christian Science family camp with the specialized activities that 100 Elk offers. And, we customize the entire program for families.

Yes, families like yours! I encourage you to keep reading to learn more about this unique opportunity.

The dates of this year's program are **Monday, October 16 – Saturday, October 21**

Here's a snapshot of what you can look forward to:

- Fun and regeneration while your family participates in adaptive experiential activities facilitated by the skilled and nurturing 100 Elk staff
- Bible Lesson study with fellow Christian Scientists
- Parent and caregiver gatherings in a comfortable, calm space
- Respite care that is available for parents and caregivers for blocks of time
- Christian Science practitioner and nurse available on-site for your care needs

### **Metaphysical theme**

*"Make channels for the streams of Love." (Christian Science Hymnal 182)*

### **What to expect**

Imagine a Christian Science family camp experience where your loved one is joyfully embraced, and all aspects of the program are designed with your family in mind. From the adapted activities to the flexible schedule and personalized housing arrangements, you're in for an unforgettable experience among friends.

A typical day begins with the daily Bible Lesson sermon in a way that reaches everyone. Some enjoy group read-alouds, while others prefer brief discussions and learning activities. Next, there are a wide variety of both indoor and outdoor camp activities led by trained 100 Elk staff. For example, participants have the opportunity to sign up for canoeing, cooking, archery, adapted horse-back riding, and so much more—or less. Maybe you prefer to just spend some quiet time in the lodge—that's available too! We even go off camp property to explore things like a peaceful river walk, an unforgettable soak in a hot springs pool, or shopping on quaint Main St. Evenings are designed for parents to socialize with one another while their loved ones are enjoying fun theme nights such as "Carnival Night" and "Movie Night" with the 100 Elk staff.

Families are encouraged to attend this program and participate alongside their loved ones while skilled staff lead activities, serve as guides, and offer support. Family members look after their loved ones and assist with participation in activities; however, at any time, parents are invited to relax or gather with one another for fellowship, fun, and sharing while their loved ones are cared for by RVRN chaperones. As in years past, we will have additional chaperones to provide extra coverage, and we are happy to work with you in planning blocks of respite throughout the week. Also, while the A/U Ranches is not fully ADA accessible, 100 Elk will accommodate individual needs as much as possible.

### Accommodations

Each family will enjoy their own temperature-controlled cabin. We will work with you to ensure all accommodations are suitable to meet your family's needs. The cabins have twin-size mattresses and private bathrooms. Daytime temperatures range from 30 – 60 degrees and nighttime temperatures are typically in the mid-30s.

### Transportation

Transportation via camp vans to and from Denver International Airport and the A/U Ranches is offered for a modest fee. Those participating in this transportation option will need to arrive at Denver International Airport by 1:00 PM on Monday, October 16 and schedule their departure for after 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 21.

### Registration and Tuition

All registration and information forms are available online. **Please visit the “Events” page on our website at <https://rvrnetwork.org/our-events/family-enrichment-program/> to access and complete the following forms for this program by Saturday, September 16:**

1. Registration Form
2. RVRN Release of Liability (ROL)
3. 100 Elk Acknowledgement of Risk
4. Travel Form
5. Financial Assistance Application

The tuition for the program includes housing, meals, daily activities, and a t-shirt. *Thanks to our generous donors, financial assistance is available through our [online application process](#).*

- \$1425/person
- \$1525/person (includes airport shuttle service)

Sitting near the crackling fireplace during last year's program, a loved one shared, “Life is Love, and Love is for everybody.” That's exactly what this program is about—every participant being loved, cherished, and included. We hope your family will join us!

Warmly,

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