



Rocky Mountain TEC

The Fourth Day Newsletter

July 2010

RM TEC #126 is coming July 23rd - 25th!!!!

Mark your calendars and come out in support of TEC 126!

Kick-off: Thursday night, July 22, 2010 – 7:00pm at **St. Thomas More in the Catacombs!!!**
Hoot: Saturday night, July 24, 2010. Please arrive no later than 6:45pm. The Hoot begins at 7:00pm.
Signs will be posted!

Asking someone to go on a TEC retreat

Do you remember that one TEC retreat that changed your whole relationship with God? As you left on Sunday you were so on fire and so ready to start recruiting everyone you ever knew come on this retreat and have a similar experience.

Only when you started talking to people and trying to get them to go on the next TEC retreat you felt like you were trying to physically pull the mountain to Mohammed.

They couldn't go this time, or they didn't think it was for them, even though they didn't know anything about TEC.

We have all been there and we know it's difficult to get people to go on these retreats. So here are a few tips for encouraging someone to come on the retreat.

- **First and foremost in all things PRAY!!!** It is God who calls people to TEC. We are just the radio station he is using at the time.
- **Listen to your person you are recruiting.** They may have legitimate reasons for not making the retreat, family commitments, work, and vacations. If you are really listening to them you will soon be able to determine the legitimate reasons for not going from normal apprehension.
- **Be prepared.** The person you are recruiting may be apprehensive and give you a reason they can't come, such as "I can't afford it". Try to know as much about the program as you can so you can help answer their questions. (i.e. "TEC has scholarships!")
- **Be persistent.** If a person says, "No," listen to their reasons. If it is apprehension, address their concerns in a kind and knowledgeable fashion. If they have a legitimate reason for not coming then make a note and invite them to attend when the next weekend comes around. You may have to invite someone 10 times to get them on once, but as we all know persistence eventually pays off.
- **Happy recruiting!!**

Team for TEC 126

Lay Director:	Lisa Venette
Asst Lay Dir:	Angie McCann
Asst Lay Dir:	Christy Wirtz
Spiritual Dir:	Fr. John Paul Leyba
Asst SD:	Dcn. Steve Stemper
Music Dir:	Monica Archer

Resources

Kathe Burke
Sarah Contreras
Maria Dietrick
Julie Gallegos
Yaremi Jones
Ben Kubier
Brittany Lane
Bonnie Lang
Chris Lang
Amanda Mortus
Adam Pardy
Lacy Rogers
Lauren Sanders
Hannah Sheehan
Lauren Stemper
Carol Zuber

Wheaties

Jim Becker
Kristie Becker
Brad Becker
Tessa Contreras
Drew Cross
Jean Finegan
Rebecca Lindner
Sarah Patzner
Christy Roberts
Kim Zuber

**Come and support TEC 126 at the Kick-off,
Hoot, and write wheat letters!!!!**



WHEAT LETTERS

We need your individual and group wheat letters for TEC 126 by the deadlines below! Please make sure that first and last names are always used as there may be more than one John or Carol on a weekend.

Methods of delivery:

1. Electronic wheat letters by **Noon on Wednesday, July 21st**

Send via email to wheat@rockymountaintec.net.

Please put in the subject line 'Wheat -' with either the first and last name of the person the letter is for (ex. Wheat - Kim Kendrick) or the day name (ex. Wheat - Rise Day). If you have several letters in an attachment, please use subject line as "Wheat - multiple letters".

2. Hand-delivered wheat letters by **Kickoff on Thursday, July 22nd**

3. Snail-mail wheat letters to arrive by **Thursday, July 22nd**

Send to arrive no later than Thursday, July 22nd allowing at least 2-4 days for the post office to deliver depending on where you are in the country. On the outside bottom right hand corner of the envelope please write the full name of the person your letter is intended. (ex. 'Kim Kendrick' or 'multiple')

Mail to:

St. Thomas More
c/o TEC, Kelley Contreras
8035 S Quebec St
Centennial, CO 80112

PLEASE NOTE: TEC will make every effort to forward all letters to the intended recipient, however if wheat letters are not received by the deadlines provided we cannot guarantee the letter will be delivered during the weekend. - Thank you.

TEC Core Team

The TEC Core Team is responsible for serving the TEC community and planning events. If you have any ideas or requests for something that we should try and do better, please feel free to contact us. We thank you for the opportunity to serve our great community.

coreteam@rockymountaintec.net

Angie McCann Sean Roe
Bernadette Herrera Angie Ibsen
Ed Herrera Al Zuber
Tim McCann

Couldn't attend TEC 126?

Well mark your Calendars now for TECs 127, 128, and 129!!!

TEC 127 – Fall 2010

(NEW dates)

Applications Due by – Sept 16, 2010

- 1st Team Meeting – Oct 2nd – 9am–3pm – Catacombs
- 2nd Team Meeting – Oct 16th – 9am–12pm – Youth Center
- 3rd Team Meeting – Oct 30th – 9am–3pm – Catacombs
- Kick-off – November 11th – 7pm
- Weekend – November 12-14, 2010

TEC 128 – Spring 2011

Applications Due by – February 3rd, 2011

- 1st Team Meeting – Feb 19th – 9am-3pm - Catacombs
- 2nd Team Meeting – Mar 5th – 9am-12pm - Catacombs
- 3rd Team Meeting – Mar 19th – 9am-3pm - Catacombs
- Kick-off – March 31st – 7pm
- Weekend – April 1-3, 2011

TEC 129 – Summer 2011

(Tentative dates)

Applications Due by – May 26th, 2011

- 1st Team Meeting – June 11th – 9am-3pm - Catacombs
- 2nd Team Meeting – June 25th – 9am-12pm - Catacombs
- 3rd Team Meeting – July 9th – 9am-3pm - Catacombs
- Kick-off – July 21st – 7pm
- Weekend – July 22-24, 2011

Remember life gets busy quickly, so make your plans now!!!

*Unless a
grain of
wheat falls
to the
ground
and dies...*



Letter from the Lay Director of TEC 125:

Dear TECites,

I can't believe that it has already been three months since TEC 125. All of you from 125 have been in my prayers like in Philippians 1:3-12. God has begun a great work in each of you. Many of you arrived not really wanting to be there, but God handpicked each of you to encounter Him on the weekend and you did. I often reflect on the powerful stories you shared on the weekend and even after. I continue to pray that your faith will grow each day. Please take time to pray for all on TEC 126. God has great things planned for them and you can be part of it by praying. I hope to see you at the hoot. I love you all.

Mary Ann Mahoney

TEC Picnic Plans

We are working to plan a TEC picnic in the next few weeks. Information will be made available via evites, emails, and the TEC website once plans and reservations are finalized.

Please be on the lookout for information. The plan is to provide the main meal and drinks with pot luck items for side dishes and desserts.



This will be open to the family and friends of TEC community members. We look forward to seeing you all there for a fun afternoon.

Fertilize Them Oh Lord:

I was in really line for Reconciliation recently and while I was waiting my mind started to wander. Okay I know you are supposed to be contemplating your sinfulness and preparing for confession, but after about 15 minutes of that and then another 10 getting caught up with Jesus in the Tabernacle it's tough for me to maintain focus. Don't get me wrong I love to see long lines for Reconciliation. It's great to see so many people coming to the cross for the only other sacrament you can frequent. I'm just saying my mind has trouble maintaining focus in long lines.

So as my mind wandered I thought about friends, then family, then my mother, and then "Everybody loves Raymond." Raymond is one of my mom's all-time favorite shows, and on the show Peter Boyle plays Raymond's father. Now his catch phrase on the show is "Holy crap." If you have even seen one episode you know what I mean. I hate that expression, and it's more explicit cousin. My response is normally, "There is nothing Holy about it." It's not even useful...except as fertilizer.

Now I've had priests tell me to give my sinfulness as an offering to the Lord, and He will turn it into grace for those who need it most. Honestly I thought they were all crazy. I mean sin is nothing more than spiritual crap and, "There is nothing it's good for except fertilizer? Or grace!!" So the next time you go to Reconciliation don't hold anything back no matter how bad you think it may be, the worse the sin the stronger the grace, just like fertilizer.

I still don't like the expression, and I'm sorry you had to see how my mind works. Nobody should have to suffer that, but I hope it helps you to go deeper in your next Reconciliation. Have a great summer, and hopefully we'll see you at Kick-off or the Hoot for TEC 126.

Sean Roe

Welcome TEC #125

Mary Ann Mahoney
Natalia Fletcher
Fr. Joseph Tran
Ange Ibsen
Enrique Acosta
Mike Anderson
Hannah Anderson
Wynona Campbell
Sr. Alison Conemac
Ed Contreras
Tony Cruz
Matt Deanda
Monica Dominguez
Ashley Dye
Joseph Espinoza
Lydia Fletcher
Julie Gallegos
Akacia Garcia
Brian Gonzales
Kendra Gonzalez
Theresa Graham
Erik Hanson
Jana Harlow
Bernadette Herrera
Chris Huyer
Isabella Kenny
Dan Langfield



Joseph Lopez
Maddie Lyall
Monica Malinowski
Zach Manzanares
Dan Marquez
Angie McCann
Tricia McCarthy
Neely Meeks
Mark Morel
Annie Murphy
Norma Olmedo
Adam Pardy
Mark Pedler
Amanda Quintana
Nick Reinicke
Christy Roberts
Tyler Rupp
Connor Rust
Desi Salazar
Luis Salazar
Emerald Salazar-Cordova
Melanie Sanchez
Eric Sandoval
Kayla Schaff
Andrea Shatto
Sarah Shinnars
Steve Shinnars

The Blessings of Community

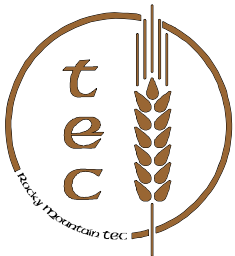
Tim McCann

Helping to serve a community like our TEC community comes with so many blessings. You get to meet the people who come in and out, and your life is changed because of the contact that you have with these brothers and sisters in Christ. Seeing people apply and say yes to serving on team is quite a joy because I can see in each of those people the desire to love someone else and to once again encounter Christ. For this upcoming TEC weekend, I was floored at the outpouring of love that was displayed. We had nearly enough applications for team to do two weekends! Every person who applied was and continues to be Christ with skin. On behalf of the whole community, I thank all who applied, and feel sorry for the fact that not all of you could serve on team. There are so many other ways that they – and all of you reading this can serve and participate in this community. The retreat weekend offers the opportunity to give prayers and write wheat letters. It gives the chance to pray together at the kickoff and to celebrate and dance with the community at the Hoot. It gives the chance to help in the kitchen to feed and nourish the bodies and souls of the candidates.

I've heard from people who come from other TEC centers who have moved here and want to belong to our TEC community. (I know this well as I followed this path into Rocky Mountain TEC.) I've talked to people who say, "Oh, it's only for the young and young at heart." Or they say, "It's been too long, and I can't go back. I won't know anyone or remember what to do." The blessings of our community include the fact that age and time and personal connections do not define our relationship. What does define it is our love of God and our understanding that our church is a community of love. We are each able to contribute as much or as little as we can offer. If we choose to jump in, we are all welcomed with Christ-like love – even if it has been as long as 10 years or as short as 10 months since TEC was a part of our lives. This is YOUR community and participation in it blesses you, and your presence and participation blesses the community in return.

To do what needs to be done within the community takes a lot of work and a lot of effort to make everything go smoothly. There are eleven people on the Board and on the Core Team who are responsible for the direction and execution of everything Rocky Mountain TEC needs to do. While eleven people can do a lot of things, there is much more work than we can do and want to do to better our community. There are certain tasks that people have volunteered to do to help – like Monica Archer leading our weekend registration process and Carole Engler and Kimmy Kendrick leading our wheat letter gathering. They are not the only people who contribute and make our community better. Each personal gift of service is a blessing to the community – no matter how big or how small. Gifts range from serving on team to making sure that supplies are purchased to spending time in prayer for our community. There are other areas like this and several other smaller roles that might only take an hour or so every few months to accomplish.

We are working towards organizing these pieces so that others in the community can help, but we need volunteers who are interested in helping serve the community. What is God calling you to? Do you want to learn more about TEC or are you looking for a chance to connect with other community members? Our community grows stronger when the members step up in big and small ways. Keep an eye out for opportunities coming soon. If there is something you would like to do, let me or the Core Team know. Each of you is already a blessing to this community, and anytime you share that gift you are, you bring God's love into the world more fully.



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