

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## Matt Harrison, Volunteer



**When Not at Camp I am a:** Environmental Manager for the Transit District in Denver.

**Volunteer at Roundup River Ranch since:** 2014

**Favorite Camp Activity:** Wild and Wackies

**Favorite Meal at Camp:** Anything with bacon

**How would you describe camp in three words?** Delightful, organized chaos

**In what volunteer role(s) do you serve at Roundup River Ranch?** Cabin Counselor during Summer Camps and Cabin Buddy during Family Camps.

**What motivates you to volunteer at Roundup River Ranch?** Kids with serious illnesses deserve to have fun, and forget their challenges and if I'm a small part of that, all the better.

**What do you like to do when you are not volunteering?** I volunteer in a pediatric intensive care unit and for The Denver Hospice. In my spare time I play lots of golf, fly fish, hike, and keep my dog in shape.

**What is your favorite memory as a Roundup River Ranch volunteer?** It was Stage Night, Oncology week in 2014. I was in the older boys cabin and the glimpse I had of their talent, honesty and vulnerability, I will never forget that.

**How has your Roundup River Ranch volunteer experience impacted your life?** What most of us take for granted, kids with serious illnesses struggle with. Life is too short to be caught up in what you define as "your problems". They pale in comparison to what kids with serious illnesses deal with every day.

**Why would you encourage others to volunteer at camp?** Gee...spend a week goofing around with kids, great food, wild games, laughter, smiles; what's not to like?

**What would you like to say to those who may be interested in volunteering at Roundup River Ranch?** Just do it. The smallest act of giving trumps the greatest intention.

**What is the biggest challenge that Roundup River Ranch volunteers face at camp?** Pacing themselves. getting adequate sleep and not having too much fun.