



**Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center is located just off I-25 between Denver and Colorado Springs and is the perfect spot for a retreat! They are owned by the Colorado Baptist General Convention and are a 501C3, but Ponderosa fully staffs and programs 6 camps for youth and children throughout the year. They are a year-round rental facility available to churches, school groups, and various organizations. There are 6 private cabins, 13 private rooms, and 5 lodges with dorm-style accommodations with the capacity to sleep up to 350. During our stay, you'll get to partake in some of the best food you've ever had at a camp! The buildings total 40 in number and we sit on 650 acres with oak brush, Ponderosa pines, and aspen trees and plenty of wildlife as well. Missions groups typically adopt a variety of projects including sewing, painting, vehicle maintenance, facility repairs, and building enhancements. They call them *VIPs for Volunteers Improving Ponderosa...* and they couldn't exist without the sacrificial gift of hours and service from mission teams and volunteers throughout the year.**

**The projects for this year include replacing a new concrete walkway, stairway, and retaining wall, which will provide our guests easier access to the building, help with drainage, and create an improved outside meeting space. There will be painting and clearing out debris around the grounds also.**

**Costs: \$50 (includes lodging, meals and transportation). You will be responsible for your own meals when we are on the road.**

**Dates: May 4 – 9, 2020. We are planning on leaving at 5am on May 4 and return early evening on May 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Registration Deadline: March 15, 2020. The trip cost and Mission Trip Application are due at registration. Contact Jill Lane or French McLemore in the church office to register.**

**What to bring: Comfortable work clothes that you don't mind getting messed up.**

