



**YMCA  
OF THE  
ROCKIES**



**LEARN**



**WONDER**



**EXPLORE**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ESTES PARK CENTER**



**CARING • HONESTY • RESPECT • RESPONSIBILITY • FAITH**

ABOUT US

## YMCA OF THE ROCKIES

YMCA of the Rockies–Estes Park Center boasts 860 acres of natural landscapes and mountain vistas. At an elevation of 8,010 feet, our property offers montane forests, riparian zones, active wildlife and is surrounded on 3 sides by Rocky Mountain National Park.

## OUR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our goal is to provide high quality, academic standards–based educational programs that promote an appreciation of the outdoors. We offer immersive learning experiences with practical skills applicable in everyday life.



FRIENDSHIP

## ECOLOGY AND SCIENCE CLASSES

### Elk Ecology

Observe elk in their natural environment. Learn about herding dynamics, habitat requirements and seasonal behavior changes. *Exclusive to the fall season.*

### Glaciology

Uncover the geologic forces that shape surrounding landscapes.

### Animal Tracking

Engage the senses to identify animal tracks through scat, footprints, markings and gait patterns.

### Fire Ecology

Discover how fire propagates in a forest and delve into the history of past fires around the YMCA.

### Water Ecology

Explore the elements that make a healthy waterway. Conduct water samples, collect macro-invertebrates and discuss the human role in the water system.

### People and the Earth

Learn about communities, past and present, and their relationships with the Earth.



# TEAM BUILDING AND ADVENTURE RECREATION

## Outdoor Living Skills

Develop essential survival and safety skills in the wilderness.

## Low Ropes Team Building Course

Utilize fundamental skills such as communication, goal-setting, problem solving and trust.

## Aerial Challenge Course NEW!

Build self-confidence while 30+ feet above ground.

*Open to students in the 6th grade and beyond, participants must be 4 feet 9 inches or taller.*

## Evening Hike

Discover the nocturnal world where not all animals sleep at night and learn about the remarkable traits that allow creatures of the night to thrive

## More Recreational Fun!

Other activities include basketball, kickball, mini-golf, sand volleyball, Gaga Ball, horseshoes, roller skating, swimming, disc golf, crafts, archery and rock climbing.



**OUTDOORS**



Enjoy convenient on-site dining with buffet-style meals and comfortable hotel-style lodging.





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ADVENTURE

## INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

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