

The YMCA of the Rockies reaches out to those of diverse nationalities as well as promotes cultural exchange and understanding among our guests, staff, and community. Here are a few examples:

### **Did you know...**

- the only time the World Alliance of YMCAs held their conference in the U.S.A. was at the Estes Park Center in July of 1981?
- there are 19 employees in the YMCA of the Rockies 2010-2011 International Training Program who represent 11 countries? They also represent the YMCA Temuco in Chile, the Kobe YMCA College in Japan, the YMCA in Senegal, the Sao Paulo YMCA in Brazil, and the YMCA Colombia.
- the YMCA of the Rockies International Training Program staff share their culture with our communities through volunteering in the Kremmling and Estes Park School systems?
- the YMCA of the Rockies has board leadership at the International Branch of the New York City YMCA?
- the Summer 2010 work and travel staff at both the Estes Park Center(EPC) and Snow Mountain Ranch(SMR) represent 25 countries?
- SMR hosts 10 Colorado Heritage Camps whose mission is to “provide educational, cultural, and family related experiences, which support the healthy development of families formed by adoption with children from diverse heritages?”
- the Mwangaza Children's Choir , a Christian missionary and fund-raising branch of Africa Renewal Ministries in Uganda, performed at SMR this summer?
- the Watoto Children’s Choir which raises awareness and funding for Watoto Child Care Ministries in Uganda, performed at EPC?
- the YMCA of the Rockies pays a portion of the visa fees for returning staff and the International Training Program in order to make these opportunities more accessible?
- the EPC Day Camp has an “international” week to give campers an opportunity to learn about different countries?
- each season at both the EPC and SMR, the international staff host a cultural event for guests and staff to attend?
- Camp Chief Ouray has hosted camp counselors from Japan and Jamaica as well as campers from Mexico, Russia and England?
- Great Commission Ministries Leadership Training staff are providing weekly conversational English classes for the international staff at EPC?

- YMCA of the Rockies staff members have gone on to serve in YMCA's in Spain and Hong Kong?

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