

## Did you know...

### **The YMCA of the Rockies strives to serve those with special needs and disabilities. Here are just a few ways that the Y gives back.**

- SMR partners with Adam's Camp, a nonprofit organization who brings families and children who have developmental delays/functional limitations to Snow Mountain Ranch in the summer for therapy sessions and family support classes.  
<http://www.adamscamp.org/Default.aspx>
  - Last summer Estes Park Center (EPC) Day Camp served 20 campers with special needs ranging from autism, asperger syndrome to cerebral palsy.
  - The Children's Hospital Burn Center from California has been sending approximately 40 people to YMCA of the Rockies since before 2007 for Family Burn Camp.
  - SMR hosts Ski for Light, Inc. an all –volunteer, non –profit organization who teach blind, visually and mobility impaired adults how to cross –country ski in an atmosphere that encourages participants to recognize that they can accomplish much more both on the snow and back home in everyday life, than others may have told them was possible.  
<http://www.sfl.org/aboutsfl.html>
  - EPC has five, two bedroom midsize fully accessible cabins as well as one, four bedroom fully accessible vacation home. Soon to be on the books for reservations are two additional two bedroom midsize cabins and one, three bedroom vacation home.
  - SMR has one fully accessible four bedroom cabin.
  - EPC hosts CNI (Colorado Neurological Institute) Kids Camp. The CNI Cochlear Kids Camps are designed to bring together cochlear-implanted children, toddlers through high school seniors, from all across North America with their families for an amazing experience in the beauty of the Rocky Mountains.  
<http://www.thecni.org/utility/showArticle/?ObjectID=1896&find=yymca&happ=siteAdministrator>
  - SMR has hosted Camp Spirit three times. Camp Spirit is for children suffering from epidermolysis bullosa which is a condition which causes severe blistering of the skin. Each year the EB clinic at the Children's Hospital in Denver sponsors a Winter Adventure Camp (Camp Spirit) for children with recessive dystrophic EB. The camp is held at SMR where campers ski in bi-skis, learn to drive a dog sled, see wildlife and much more.  
<http://www.thechildrenshospital.org/conditions/skin/EB.aspx>
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