



Colorado Association of Conservation Districts

CAMP ROCKY PRESS RELEASE

Outdoor Environmental Adventure for Youth Register by June 25, 2010; Program runs July 4 - 10, 2010

Camp Rocky is an outdoor educational opportunity for youth ages 14 through 19 who are looking for an outdoors adventure. Camp Rocky, sponsored by the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts (CACD), U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Colorado State Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service and other partners, will be held July 4-10, 2010 in a mountain setting above Colorado Springs near Divide at the foot of Pikes Peak. The camp provides a great opportunity for teens who enjoy the outdoors and are interested in learning more about Colorado's natural resources. The program is entering its 48th year!

Camp Rocky staff members are professionals in their respective resource fields. These professionals help participants learn about their environment while working in teams and meeting other students from across Colorado. Each year, new and returning students choose one of the following resource fields for their area of focus:

- **Forest Management:** The forestry team learns about different forest types, how to determine the overall health of the forest, how to find a tree's age without cutting it down, why trees can be "dangerous," and how fire can be "good" for forest health and safety.
- **Soil and Water Conservation:** This team learns about two primary components of nature – soil and water. They will "create" a river and learn how different types of soil affect plants, wildlife, and humans.
- **Rangeland Science:** The rangeland science team learns about the "fitness" of rangeland and forage. They will study how rangelands provide a healthy environment through sustainable grazing lands conservation, habitat for wildlife, open space with natural beauty for humans to enjoy, and clean water for drinking and recreation.
- **Fish and Wildlife Management:** The wildlife biology team identify fish, track radio-collared animal and learn how different types of Colorado wildlife survive the elements.
- **Recreation Management:** Leave no trace techniques and interaction with nature are being taught in this newest principle; just added this year.

Additional activities include instruction in GIS, volleyball games, hiking, archery and trap shooting, a campfire, the Camp Rocky Challenge, and a dance. At the close of camp, students will receive a Camp Rocky Certificate of Achievement.

Eligible youth include those who have completed eighth grade by June 2010 through age 19. The cost is \$300, all inclusive (meals, lodging, tours, equipment, supplies are all included.) **Scholarships are available through local conservation districts statewide.** A map or your conservation districts may be obtained from CACD or for detailed information and an application, contact your local Conservation District or the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts, phone (719) 686-0020 or e-mail darlene@cacd.us Also please see the Camp Rocky website at www.camprocky.colostate.edu for applications and further details on this exceptional Camp.

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