



Dear 8<sup>th</sup> grade Parents,

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be attending Snow Mountain Ranch (SMR) Outdoor Education Program, April 30 - May 4th, 2018. It is an exceptional program, in beautiful Granby, Colorado.

General information about SMR is attached. The need-to-know details are listed below.

**Where:** YMCA of the Rockies, Snow Mountain Ranch is located in Granby, Colorado at an elevation of about 9,000 feet. We are 90 miles from the Colorado capital of Denver. Our center boasts 5,200+ acres of forested mountain land, which makes for an ideal outdoor classroom.

**Duration:** 5 days and 4 nights

**When:** Monday, April 30, 2018 – Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Cost:** \$235.00 per student for tuition and transportation.

**Transportation:** We will be taking a Jefferson County School Bus to SMR and on the return trip as well.

**Course of Study:** A blend of scientific inquiry with hands-on exploration in a fun-filled outdoor educational experience.

**Lodging:** Outdoor Education groups typically stay in the Aspenbrook and Silver Sage Lodges. Silver Sage room includes 1 queen bed, 2 sets of bunked beds, private bath, telephones in hallway and fire alarm with sprinkler system. Aspenbrook rooms include 2 queens, 1 set of bunk beds, private bath, telephones in hallway and fire alarm with sprinkler system. Towels and linens are provided. Most groups will have 5 people per room (4 in bunk beds and one in double bed).

**Meals:** Breakfast is served from 7:00am to 9:00am  
Lunch is from 11:30am to 1:00pm  
Evening meal is from 5:00pm to 7:30pm

While you are staying at the YMCA of the Rockies you will be eating your meals in our dining rooms.

**Chaperones:** Two RMAE, middle school staff members will chaperone this trip.

**Forms:** During our SMR meeting, you will be given an informational packet for your child. Please fill out the last page of the SMR packet which is the Liability Waiver by November 17<sup>th</sup> along with your committal deposit in the amount of \$125.00. There is much planning that goes into this trip and the deposit ensures that your child will be going. The Jeffco paperwork will be messengered out and will be available on the website.