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**YMCA of the Rockies Provides Accommodations & Amenities to
Make Family Reunions Enjoyable for Ages Two to 102!**

Day camps, ADA accessibility, Family Reunion University and more make family reunions memorable and enjoyable for the entire family

Feb. 4, 2010, Winter Park/Estes Park, Colo., ... Over the years, the YMCA of the Rockies has earned a well-deserved reputation as “the” place to hold family reunions. What makes it so great? Aside from the fantastic people, plethora of activities right on the grounds and affordable lodging and meal options; YMCA of the Rockies provides families access to the extras necessary to make a reunion an enjoyable experience for the *entire* family. From the two year-old great grandson to the 102-year family matriarch, YMCA of the Rockies makes everyone feel comfortable, welcome and “at home.”

- **Family Reunion Cabins:** Reserve one of YMCA of the Rockies’ eight-room family reunion cabins, and the entire family can stay close together. Able to accommodate up to 40 people, these cabins feature full kitchens complete with two refrigerators and two ovens to handle mealtimes. Each room includes a private bathroom. There is even a room furnished with several sets of bunk beds perfect for the younger cousins to have late night pajama parties without keeping the rest of the family awake!
- **ADA Accessible Rooms:** Each of the YMCA’s 8-room Reunion Cabins features at least one ADA compliant entrance, room and bathroom. Each lodge has at least two ADA compliant rooms.
- **Day Camps:** Families can take advantage of the YMCA’s Day Camps to fit the needs of their schedule, activities and desires. If the family wants to go white water rafting, but it’s too rough for the youngest guests, they can spend the day adventuring with other kids their age at the YMCA’s Day Camp. Additionally, with advance notification, the YMCA is generally able to serve children with special needs, ages five through 13. All registrants simply need to inform the staff, in writing, if a child has any disabilities or impairments so that the staff can determine their ability to accommodate each child and provide a positive experience.

- **Kidney Dialysis Center:** Located on the grounds of Snow Mountain Ranch YMCA of the Rockies, is the Marcia Lortscher Vacation Kidney Center of the Rockies offering dialysis treatments in a family vacation setting. The center offers family members a chance to slip away from their vacation long enough to receive treatment from the hemodialysis stations. Open during the summer months in conjunction with Camp Chief Ouray, as well as at various times throughout year, the Vacation Kidney Center serves guests of Snow Mountain Ranch.
- **Family Reunion University:** For guests worried about getting all of the details, schedules and family members coordinated for an upcoming reunion, the YMCA of the Rockies offers an annual Family Reunion University (FRU) weekend. Slated for October 22-24, 2010 at Snow Mountain Ranch and November 12-14 at Estes Park Center. FRU is a weekend program that will teach guests how to throw a successful reunion that family members of all ages will enjoy and fondly remember. Attendees stay in one of the many lodges that serve reunion parties, meet the staff and take an extensive tour of the grounds. The cost of Family Reunion University is \$100 plus tax for each participant. The price includes two nights lodging, five meals and fun, helpful activities.

For more information or to make a reservation, call YMCA of the Rockies' reservations teams at 800-777-9622.

Snow Mountain Ranch is located between the Winter Park Ski Resort and the town of Grand Lake, just 80 miles west of Denver. This 5,000-acre ranch provides a secluded and restful destination for families to reconnect. With just 50 cabins and 170 lodge rooms, Snow Mountain Ranch is a true retreat from the every day.

Similar to Snow Mountain Ranch, Estes Park Center YMCA of the Rockies offers a plethora of activities to bring every family closer together. Surrounded on three sides by Rocky Mountain National Park, the YMCA Estes Park Center is just 65 miles northwest of Denver on 860 acres of ponderosa pines. Estes Park Center offers guests the choice of 200 cabins, ranging in size from two to 16 bedrooms, and 600 lodge rooms. The lodges are within walking distance of most activities, and a stay in a lodge room includes complimentary breakfast for two. On-site activities include a zip line, horseback riding, archery, fly-fishing, hiking, mountain biking, a brand new craft center and an indoor swimming pool.

For more than 100 years, families have been drawn to the YMCA of the Rockies Mission and its core values of caring, honesty, respect, responsibility and faith. YMCAs nationwide are 100 percent non-profit charities striving to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

For more information on the YMCA of the Rockies Estes Park Center or Snow Mountain Ranch, visit www.ymcarockies.org. Downloadable press materials are available at www.kruzic.com.

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