

CAMP P.O.S.T.C.A.R.D.

Program at a Glance

Benefits of Camp



Community
Involvement



Relationship
Building



21st Century
Life Skills
Development



Stress & Time
Management
Skills



Inaugural Date
June 26th, 2016

Camp P.O.S.T.C.A.R.D.: *Peace Officers Striving To Create And Reinforce Dreams*

11 & 12 year olds from the City/County of Denver will be participating in a week-long summer camp that will be held at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park Center. Campers have the opportunity to participate in hiking, archery, hands-on science programs, campfire, team building activities, and a challenge course.

Emergency personnel and law enforcement officials are the youth's camp counselors, guiding them through activities and classes that are intentionally designed to develop 21st century life skills, improve self-esteem through individual success, and construct positive relationships between the campers and counselors. The guiding principles and values we want youth to learn throughout camp come from James P. Owen's *Cowboy Ethics*. This includes the 10 guiding principals from the Code of the West and the understanding of TRY. The word TRY is a noun in cowboy culture meaning the burning desire to accomplish something, coupled with the belief that you can do it, and the determination to give it 110% effort every day.

CAMP POSTCARD BEGINS

June 24th, 2016

Location: YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park Center

Date: Adult Volunteer Training June 24th and June 25th

Camp starts June 26th through July 1st

Cost: \$0 For ALL campers and volunteers

Available spots: 36 girl and 36 boy camper spots from the City/County of Denver., for a total of 72 campers.

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Pictures provided by YMCA of the Rockies and Camp POSTCARD of Wyoming.

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*ADDITIONAL INFO

For Emergency Personnel to participate in Camp POSTCARD, they have to interview in front of a panel along with completing a rigorous application process. We select the best personnel that can demonstrate positive role modeling ability, have been through the highest levels of Crisis Intervention Training, along with other trainings that are necessary for working with our vulnerable clientele.

Youth are identified through a nomination process by teachers, guidance counselors or community members and families will be interviewed to determine the most deserving youth from Denver.

Contact the Project Manager at cmernin@voacolorado.org

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