Preparing a safe and fun outdoor mountainous campsite for individuals with disabilities

Overview: Easter Seals is a national organization that originated in 1919 as the National Society for Crippled Children in Elyria, Ohio. After the success of its Easter “seals” campaign, the organization took on the name Easter Seals in 1967. Rocky Mountain Village is an Easter Seals camp near Empire, Colorado, used by over 800 children and adults with disabilities in the summer season. During the week, campers come to enjoy swimming, fishing, camping, hiking, music, and drama, among many other constructive activities. Throughout the year, Rocky Mountain Village also operates as a respite camp and offers weekend R&Rs.

Day-to-day: Volunteers will assist camp directors to restore the camp from its winter conditions and prepare the camp for the summer season. Rocky Mountain Village is on the edge of Arapaho National Forest near many outdoor recreational sites including hiking trails, waterfalls, and lakes. Outside of service hours, participants will have the opportunity to explore the Rocky Mountain sites and the surrounding area.

The Nitty-Gritty Details: Service work may include outdoor projects in the snow, so warm clothing and footwear are encouraged. Students should expect to bring additional funds for some meals or activities.

SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Empire, CO
Price: $475

Trip Price includes:
- Transportation
- Housing
- Program Fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

Transportation: Participants will travel by a 10 person van to the destination. The van will be used for local transportation throughout the week.

Housing: Cabins

Meals: Meals provided

Social Justice Issue:

Physicality Level: Medium

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