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CHALLENGE ASPEN INVITES CHILDREN WITH AUTISM TO ROCKY MOUNTAIN FUN JUNE 25-29, JULY 23-27



Snowmass, Colo. (June 5, 2007) - - Rafting, rock climbing, scavenger hunts, swimming, hiking, fishing, horseback riding and gondola rides are only a part of the Rocky Mountain fun offered by Challenge Aspen to children with autism (8-21) during Challenge Aspen Outdoor Adventure Day Camps this June 25-29 and July 23-27.

Participants gain a sense of personal growth and self-empowerment and are given the opportunity to learn and socialize with other children with autism. Challenge Aspen professionals create a safe setting for children with autism to experience a sense of wonder and adventure, establishing a community of friends in a supervised, structured program. Each camp provides four days of recreation, meals and activities for a cost of \$550, inclusive.

An Individualized Therapeutic Recreation Package is available for an additional cost of \$120 for the week. Challenge Aspen Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialists (CTRS) provide individualized assessments, help set personal goals for each child and

offer after care planning and evaluation, specific to each child whose family is interested in that assessment.

Register online at www.challengeaspen.com, call Laine at 970.923.0578 extension 23 or email laine@challengeaspen.com.

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About Challenge Aspen

Since 1995, Challenge Aspen has provided adaptive recreational and cultural opportunities to thousands of individuals with disabilities from around the world. Based in Aspen, Colorado, Challenge Aspen is an internationally established charitable organization. As a leader and innovator offering participants' safe, expert instruction and the best competitive ski-racing and educational programs available in the world, Challenge Aspen also provides outstanding summer therapeutic art and drama camps to children with physical and mental disabilities. In addition, Challenge Aspen creates adaptive wilderness experiences and provides elite race training for Veterans with disabilities. Critical partnerships with sponsors like Aspen Ski Co. combined with the generous support of the Founders' Circle, National Council members and annual fund raisers, provide the funding necessary for Challenge Aspen to empower all participants through its outdoor and cultural experiences, regardless of financial status. For more information visit www.challengeaspen.com