

Family Nature Summits

July 7-13, 2012

YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO

Estes Park Up Close



Can you identify this famous place that is near the site of the 2012 Family Nature Summit?

Send us an email identifying the place and briefly telling why it is important to the local history of the area and the development of environmental tourism and we may recognize you in an upcoming newsletter.

Email us at info@familysummits.org

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December 2011 Newsletter



Focus on Faculty Member: Jim Halfpenny

We are excited to have veteran faculty member Jim Halfpenny back for the 2012 Summit. Please enjoy this brief description of Jim's background and interests and be on the lookout for more highlights on various

Summit faculty members, classes and activities in our upcoming newsletters.

Jim Halfpenny is an author, scientist, educator whose interest in COLD (altitudinal, latitudinal, and seasonal) has taken him to all seven continents and Greenland. Jim's specialties include environmental ecology, animal tracking, and carnivores; his greatest academic love, bears, led to 20 years studying black, grizzly and polar bears. He also works with wolverine, lynx, cougar and wolves. Jim has written over 25 books and videos including Yellowstone Bears in the Wild and Track Plates for Mammals.

Visit Jim Halfpenny's [website](#) to learn more.

Help Us Grow the FNS Family

We know how great the Family Nature Summits experience is but we need your help to spread the word! Our email list has been growing steadily since we became a volunteer-run organization in 2006, but we've set a goal of increasing our contacts by 20% by the end of the year so we're asking your help to spread the word.

How does it work? Have your friends and family sign up for our email newsletter and win a prize! After they have signed up for the newsletter they will be asked to tell us who suggested they subscribe. If you send them this [link](#) they can sign up through our website. We've also just set up a way for people to add in to the email list by texting from their cell phone. Text FAMNATURESUMMITS to 22828 (does not need to be entered in all capitals), and then follow the instructions on the text message received.

It's easy to join our mailing list!

Just send your email address by text message:

Text
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to **22828** to get started.



In January we will contact everyone who has been listed as a referral source before 12/31/11 so you can choose your prizes.

- 1-5 referrals (select 1) - wind chime, recyclable grocery bag or water bottle
- 6-10 referrals (select 2) - wind chime, recyclable grocery bag or water bottle
- 11-15 referrals - \$25 discount on your registration
- 15+ referrals - \$50 discount on your registration

Please also consider posting our new 2012 [flyer](#) on bulletin boards in your area (REI, bike stores, bookstores, etc).



Shop Our Cafe Press Holiday Store

Looking for great gift ideas this holiday season? How about a Christmas ornament or a teddy bear? There is also a variety of other items for purchase such as shirts and mugs.

[2011 Family Nature Summit Cafe](#)

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[Family Nature Summit Cafe Press Store](#)

Early Payment Deadline is December 31st

A reminder the early payment deadline for the 2012 Summit is December 31st in order to receive the \$25/person discount.

Not registered yet or have questions about the 2012 Summit? Visit the registration page [here](#) for more information or [download](#) the registration form.