YAMPA VALLEY SCIENCE SCHOOL is a program of Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC) that was developed in 2000 and serves all Routt County sixth graders (about 300) and 20-30 high school students each year.

Students are immersed in this four-day educational earth sciences curriculum that includes CO Dept. of Education content standards in science, as well as social and civic responsibility, leadership, healthy nutrition, and physical fitness. Junior leaders (high school students) engage as mentors and facilitators of the curriculum which focuses on science but incorporates other academics such as math, writing, history and art. The program also promotes social development and utilizes the connection of youth to the outdoors to attain self-development assets they need at this transitional time, while igniting an excitement for learning.

RMYC staff work collaboratively with Steamboat Springs Middle School (SSMS) teachers to ensure a safe and educational experience. This fall, the SSMS sixth-grade students will be participating in Yampa Valley Science School over one of the following two weeks:

- Monday-Thursday, September 12-15 with an optional overnight the night of Wednesday, September 14.

- Monday-Thursday, September 19-22 with an optional overnight the night of Wednesday, September 21.

More information on this program will be available as the new school year approaches. We look forward to engaging your student in our beautiful natural world in the Yampa Valley!

The curriculum is structured to follow the flow of Ecosystem Interactions in conjunction with the 6th grade science curriculum. The place-based and hands-on nature of Yampa Valley Science School allows students to look at the natural world with curiosity and will lay a foundation for them as they move through the Smithsonian Science and Technology Concepts Curriculum throughout the school year.