



## AUGUST FAMILY CAMP

# Planning Guide

### Greetings from the Ranches!

We're excited that you're joining us for camp this summer. Our Family and Adult programs are a wonderful opportunity for each one of us to be challenged, nurtured and blessed by camp and to reconnect with the child within, the child of God. We are looking forward to embracing each participant this summer and helping you find the experiences that will be perfect for you.

With all of our camp experiences, the focus of our time together is creating opportunities to deepen our relationship to God and explore our spiritual identity as we trust in the Lord and progress spiritually. Below is the spiritual theme that we chose for summer camp, as well as all our family and adult programs.

“When we wait patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs our path.” – S&H 254:10

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” – Ps. 119:105

“All the way that we must go, we will take at Thy direction. Where the floods of trouble flow, find Thy perfect, calm reflection; on the path that has no turning, patience, courage, meekness learning.”  
– Hymn 83 vs. 3

We'd love for you to join us in praying with these passages as you prepare for your trip. We are challenging ourselves to make sure we are casting on the right side, with God, listening eagerly and expectantly for our direction.

This Camp Planning Guide will help you get ready for camp by answering questions about what to pack and what to leave behind, transportation, laundry and lots more. After reading it through, if you have additional questions please call us at 888.543.4849.

We look forward to seeing you this summer,

*AU Ranch Staff*

### In This Planning Guide

This guide is for you to plan your stay at the Ranches this summer. If at any time you have questions not answered by this booklet, feel free to call or email us. We're glad you'll be joining us!

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### The Adventure Unlimited Purpose

To provide recreational adventure, leadership, service, education and community activities that foster spiritual growth and healing in an environment where Christian Science is lived.

# Packing List

This list is based on the average person's needs for a one-week stay at the Ranches. Although there are not laundry facilities available at the Ranches, there are two Laundromats in Buena Vista if you need them. If you are planning on cycling, a more detailed list will be sent for cyclists.

## ESSENTIALS

- Blue jeans or outdoor wear pants
- Shorts ( at least one pair nylon/quick-dry/ Umbro style for rafting)
- Cotton tops
- Warm shirts (one wool, fleece, or synthetic blend for rafting)
- Sweaters or fleece jacket
- Light jacket or sweatshirt
- Wind breaker/nylon jacket
- Warm jacket
- Rain wear (ponchos are great)
- Casual Sunday type outfit
- Underclothes
- Socks (include wool or SmartWool for rafting/hiking)
- Pajamas
- Hats (1 warm, 1 for sun shield)
- Swim suit
- Hiking boots or heavy soled shoes (for day hikes)
- Tennis shoes
- Cowboy boots (if you plan to ride), we also have all sizes available for use
- Slippers
- Suntan/sunscreen lotion minimum SPF 30 (the sun is much closer in the mountains)
- Toiletry articles
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Bible, *Science and Health*, and Quarterly

## OPTIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER

- Fly fishing equipment
- Camera & film (available in camp store)
- Day pack
- Musical instruments
- Props for the variety show
- Alarm clock
- Sports equipment
- Water bottle (available in camp store)

## A/U PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

Sheets  
Blankets  
Pillows  
Towels  
Soap

## THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME

Pets  
Firearms  
Fireworks  
Knives larger than 3"

# Transportation Planning

Please fill out the online [August Family Camp Transportation Form](#).

## Arrival Information

### DRIVING TO THE RANCHES

Please plan on arriving at the Ranches **between 2 and 5 pm** on Arrival day. Before 2:00 p.m. we are doing preparation work in camp in order to warmly welcome you. We are a 2-hour drive from Vail (if you're coming from the west), 3-hour drive from Denver, 2 hour drive from Colorado Springs, and a 4-hour drive from Santa Fe (from the south). Maps are on page 8 for your reference.

### FLYING INTO DENVER

We are located approximately 3 hours from the Denver Airport, so we ask that you please adhere to our time frames for flying in and out of the airport.

For those using A/U's shuttle from the Denver airport, please plan on making your flight reservations to arrive **into Denver by 12:30 pm** on Arrival day. To meet us, follow signs to Baggage Claim - you will take a short tram ride to the main terminal - and our staff will be waiting at the top of the escalators when you get off the tram. Our staff will be holding an A/U sign. Please check in with the

A/U staff as soon as you can after you arrive.

We will only provide transportation to and from Denver International Airport.

## Departure Information

### DRIVING TO THE RANCHES

For those driving away from the Ranches, please plan on departing **by 9 am** on the last day of your session. We ask this early departure in order to prepare camp for the next program. If you'd like to stay in the Buena Vista area, a listing of local hotels and bed & breakfasts is provided inside the back cover of this booklet.

### FLYING INTO DENVER

On the last day of the session, A/U's shuttle will leave the Ranches so you will be able to make a flight scheduled for **12:30 pm or later**. Please do not book flights for before 12:30 pm; between the time needed to drive and the security regulations, this is the absolute earliest we are able to make flights.

## Train or Bus

If you are traveling to A/U by either Train or Bus, please call Linda at the Ranches to make the necessary arrangements for shuttle pick up if needed.

## A/U Shuttle

The A/U Shuttle provides service between Denver International Airport and the Ranches on Arrival and Departure days.

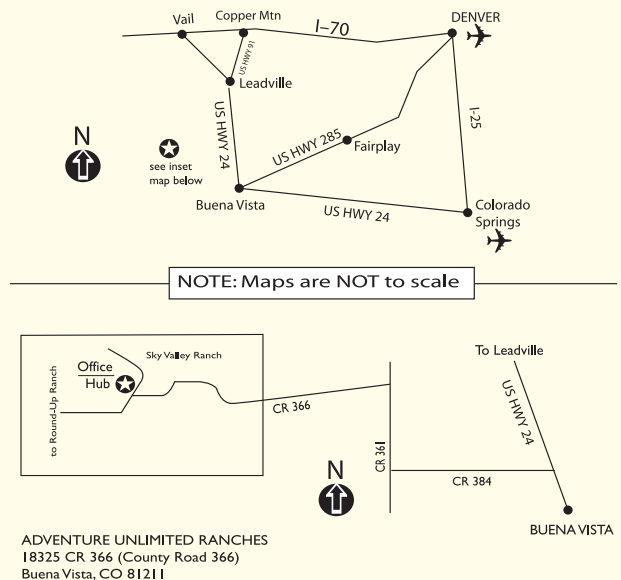
On Departure day, the shuttle will leave in time for you to board an early afternoon flight. There will be an early breakfast for everyone, then ALL vans will leave together at approximately 7:30 am. We apologize if you have a late afternoon flight and have to wait at the airport; however, we have found this system works best and are unable to offer later vans.

The cost for the shuttle is \$55 for a one-way trip and \$95 for round-trip, per person. Please include payment with the Transportation form included in this packet.

## Directions

from Denver International Airport to Buena Vista:

- Exit the Airport on Pena Blvd
- Take I-70 West
- Exit on to C470 (towards 285)
- Exist onto 285 (towards Fairplay)
- Turn right after Johnson Village at 285/24 intersection towards Buena Vista
- Go through Buena Vista to County Rd 384 and turn left (at big yellow Jumpin Goats Dairy sign)
- Then go to the first (and only) stop (CR361) and turn right. A/U is the very next left. You will see the cross bar over the drive to the Ranches. Follow the signs to the Hub/Ranch office (approx. 2 miles from the gate) to check in.



## Helpful Tips

### CELL PHONES, FAX & INTERNET

Cell phone service is also limited due to the geography of where the Ranches are. It is strongest with AT&T, but other carriers do work some. If you do get service, we ask that you not use your cell phone or leave it on while in the lodge or in program.

If you find yourself in need of a fax, please come to the Hub.

The Hub is also the place to access the internet. If you bring your own laptop, wireless internet is available. We do have one computer available with internet connection.

### LABELING OF PERSONAL ITEMS/LOST & FOUND

We suggest that you label all your clothing and personal items so that they may be identified.

Even though A/U can't be responsible for lost items, we will make an effort to help you recover items left or misplaced at camp.

Any found items will be kept at the Ranches to be claimed by their owners until September 30th. After that, all remaining items will be donated to a local charity.

### CAMP STORE

The camp store is located in the lower level of Valerie Lodge. It will be open daily during your stay, hours will be announced when you arrive. You can purchase a wide variety of items including t-shirts, fleeces, hats, stuffed animals, mugs, water bottles, sunscreen, toiletries and more.

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## Lodging in the Buena Vista Area

### HOTELS, MOTELS & LODGES

**Best Western Vista Inn** – 800.809.3495 / 719.395.8009  
Includes breakfast, non-smoking rooms, indoor pool, hot tubs, pets ok.

**Super 8 Motel** – 719.395.8888  
Includes breakfast, non-smoking rooms, indoor pool & hot tub.

**Pinon Court Motel** – 719.395.2433  
Kitchen, non-smoking rooms, pets ok.

**Thunder Lodge** – 719.395.2245  
Kitchen, non-smoking rooms, pets ok.

### BED & BREAKFASTS

**Forest Creek Cabins** – 719.395.4819  
Private bath, owned & operated by A/U alumnus.

**Liar's Lodge** – 719.395.3444  
Private bath, some rooms good for families, some rooms have Jacuzzis.

**A Bed on the Arkansas** – 719.395.2528  
Private bath.

**Hahns Haven** – 719.395.8432  
Private bath or shared bath, child of all ages ok, pets ok.

**Buffalo Peaks B&B** – 719.395.3313  
Private bath, wireless and full breakfast.

Your stay includes lodging—we just wanted to share this information in case you were interested in coming in early or staying a few extra days in the area. There are many more hotels in Salida, about 45 minutes away to the south, as well as Leadville about 45 minutes to the north. You can call the Chaffee County Lodging Association (covers Buena Vista and Salida) at 719.539.8822 for more information and suggestions.

# We look forward to seeing you soon!



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All or part of this operation is conducted on Public lands under a Special Recreation Permit from the Department of the Interior BLM.

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