



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Planning Guide

Greetings from the Ranches!

We're excited that you're joining us for Bible Study this fall. Our adult programs are a wonderful opportunity for each one of us to be challenged, nurtured and blessed by camp. We are looking forward to embracing each participant at Bible Study!

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.

“Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.”

– 1 John 3:18 (NLT)

“True prayer is not asking God for love; it is learning to love, and to include all mankind in one affection.”

– No & Yes 39:17

We'd love you to join us in praying with these passages as you prepare for your trip, knowing that each and every one of us are loved by our Father/Mother God. By loving each other the world will know that we are his disciples!

This Planning Guide is designed to help you prepare for your stay at the Ranch. Please read it thoroughly. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 719.395.2468 X101, or email Linda@adventureunlimited.org.

We look forward to seeing you,

A/U Ranch Staff

In This Planning Guide

This guide is for you to plan your stay at the Ranches this fall. 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.

What to Bring

Bring all that you'll need for 3 days plus travel. The weather during this time of year can be a grab bag of options, with temps between 30 and 45 degrees during the day and possibly dipping into the 20's at night.

There could be snow on the ground (but not likely this time of year), so bring **warm boots**. A pair of **slippers or shoes** to wear in the lodge is recommended so you don't have to wear your boots all day. If you'd like, you can call us just prior to your departure from home and we'd be happy to give you the 5-day forecast (but we won't guarantee it) and let you know if we have snow on the ground.

If you are planning on participating in any of the outdoor activities during the afternoon "free time", **layering** is an excellent way to stay warm. Simply put, dressing in several light layers rather than one heavy layer allows you more flexibility as the weather and your activity level change. Wool is a time-tested favorite of backcountry enthusiasts because it retains much of its insulating quality when wet. Many of the new synthetics are even better: pile, polar fleece, polypropylene, and Capilene. These synthetics, like wool, insulate when wet, but weigh less and dry more quickly. They are also more comfortable next to the skin.

We may go to the local hot springs for a soak, so you should pack a **swimsuit** if this is an activity you would like to do.

You might consider bringing an **alarm clock** and a **camera**. Most guests find a **flashlight** helpful for walking to and from the lodge at night.

A/U PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- Mattress pad
- Sheets
- Blankets
- Pillows
- Towels
- Soap

THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME

- Pets
- Firearms
- Fireworks
- Knives larger than 3"

Transportation Planning

Please fill out the online [Bible Transportation Form](#) before **October 15th**.

Arrival Information

DRIVING TO THE RANCHES

Please plan to arrive at the Ranches **between 2 and 5 pm** on Arrival Day. We are a 2-hour drive from Vail, 3-hour drive from Denver, 2 hour drive from Colorado Springs, and a 4.5-hour drive from Santa Fe (from the south). **Our arrival day dinner will start at 6:30 pm.**

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 make your flight reservations to **arrive into Denver by 12:30 pm** on Arrival Day. Again, this time is **very important** as we have to schedule the hired shuttles and they do not have any wiggle room. Everyone will have to meet them at a designated location and time at the

airport. I will send more information about the meeting time and place as the time gets closer. Please grab something to eat in the airport as the vans will not stop for lunch on the way.

Departure Information

DRIVING FROM THE RANCHES

For those driving away from the Ranches, please plan to depart by **9 am** on Departure Day.

FLYING FROM DENVER

The 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 p.m. As mentioned above, we have to hire shuttles so departure time cannot be before 12:30.

Please call the Ranch if you are having trouble finding a flight in these parameters.

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

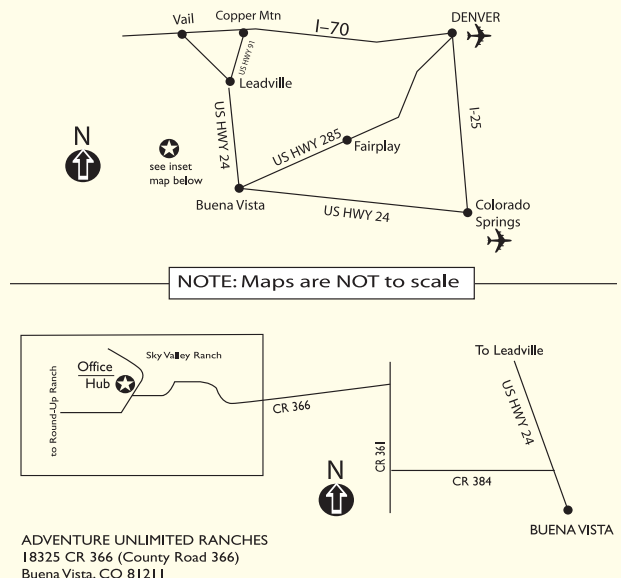
at approximately 7:30 am. We apologize if you have a late afternoon flight and have to wait at the airport; however, we have found this system works best and are unable to offer later vans.

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. and mail or fax the form before October 15th, even if you are driving. We like to know how all our guests are arriving. Because we have to now hire shuttle service, we will not be able to reimburse your transportation fee if your plans change. We have to pay in advance per person for the shuttle and we will not get reimbursed should you cancel your shuttle ride.

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.

CAMP STORE

The camp store is located in the lower level of Valerie Lodge. It will be open during your stay and the 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.

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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