



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Planning Guide

Greetings from the A/U Ranches!

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

With every camp experience, the focus of our time together is creating opportunities to deepen our relationship to God and explore our true identities as we trust in the Lord and progress spiritually. Below is the metaphysical theme that we chose for summer camp, as well as all our family and adult programs this year.

“Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and bestowals. It is the open fount which cries, ‘Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters.’”

– Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 13

We'd love you to join us in praying with this passage as you prepare for your trip, knowing that each and every one of us is loved by our Father-Mother God and thirsteth for the water! This Planning Guide is designed to help you prepare for your stay at the A/U Ranches. Please read it thoroughly.

If you have any questions, 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 A/U 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're 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° F during the day and sometimes dipping into the 20s overnight.

There could be snow on the ground (but not likely this time of year), so bring **warm boots**. We recommend a pair of **slippers or shoes** to wear in Valerie Lodge so you don't have to wear your boots all day. If you'd like, you can call us right before your departure from home and we'll 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 changes. 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** or **headlamp** helpful for walking to and from Valerie Lodge at night.

WE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

Mattress pad
Sheets
Blankets
Pillows
Towels
Soap

THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME

Pets
Firearms
Fireworks
Knives larger than 3-inches

Transportation Planning

Please fill out the online [Bible Transportation Form](#) **before October 20th.**

Arrival Information

DRIVING TO THE A/U RANCHES

Please plan to arrive at the A/U 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 TO 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. We will send more information about the meeting time and place as the date of Bible Study gets closer. Please pickup something to eat in the airport since the Shuttle will not stop for lunch on the way.

Departure Information

DRIVING FROM THE A/U RANCHES

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

FLYING FROM DENVER

The Shuttle will leave the A/U Ranches so you can make flights scheduled for **12:30 pm or later.** Please do not book flights before 12:30 pm. As mentioned earlier, we have to hire shuttles, so departure time cannot be before 12:30 pm.

Please call the A/U Ranches if you are having trouble finding a flight with these parameters.

A/U Ranches Shuttle

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

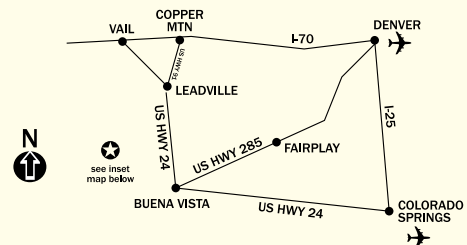
On Departure day, the shuttle will leave in time for you to board an early afternoon flight. There will be an early breakfast for everyone, then ALL shuttles will leave together at approximately 7:30 am. We apologize if you have a late afternoon flight and have to wait at the airport, however, we have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

Since we are using a private shuttle company, the cost of the shuttle cannot be determined until we know how many guests will be using it. As the time gets closer, and we know how many guests, we will be in touch about cost. we estimate between \$125 and \$200 for round trip at this time. Because we currently have to hire shuttle service, we won't be able to reimburse your transportation fee if your plans change. We have to pay in advance per guest for the shuttle and will not get reimbursed if you cancel your shuttle ride.

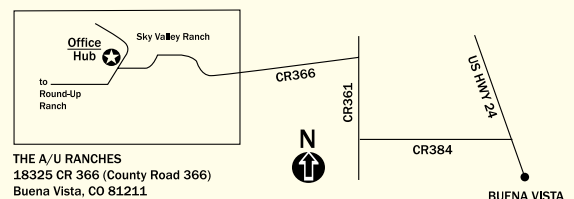
Directions

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 (CR) 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 A/U Ranches. Follow the signs to the Hub/Ranch office (approx. 2 miles from the gate) to check in.



NOTE: Maps are NOT to scale



Helpful Tips

CELL PHONE SERVICE & INTERNET ACCESS

Due to the geography of where the A/U Ranches is located cell phone service is limited. It is strongest with AT&T, but other carriers do work some. If you get service, we ask that you not use your cell phone or leave it on while in Valerie Lodge or in program.

If you bring your own laptop, there is wifi internet access available at The Hub and Valerie Lodge.

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 the A/U Ranches 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, fleece jackets, 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 and 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 and 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 or shared bath, children of all ages ok; pets ok.

Buffalo Peaks B&B – 719.395.3313

Private bath, wifi internet, full breakfast.

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

We look forward to seeing you soon!



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