



FAMILY CAMP

Planning Guide

Greetings from the A/U 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.

“Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded,
having the same love,
being of one accord, of one mind.”

–Philippians 2:2

We'd love for you to join us in praying with these passages as you prepare for your trip. We are challenging ourselves to really pray about the meaning of having that same love that God has for each of us as his children, for each other and being of one accord.

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,

A/U Ranches Staff

In This Planning Guide

This guide is for you to plan your stay at the A/U 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 A/U Ranches. Although there are not laundry facilities available on property, there are two laundromats in Buena Vista if you need them.

ESSENTIALS

- Masks
- 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 head lamp

- Bible, *Science and Health*, and Quarterly

OPTIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER

- Fly fishing equipment (we also have 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)

THE A/U RANCHES 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 [Family Camp Transportation Form](#)

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 our Shuttle from the Denver airport, please make your flight reservations to **arrive into Denver by 12:30 pm** on Arrival Day. As soon as you have landed and have picked up your luggage, please go to Baggage Claim 19 and check in with our shuttle staff. They will be wearing an A/U Ranches shirt.

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

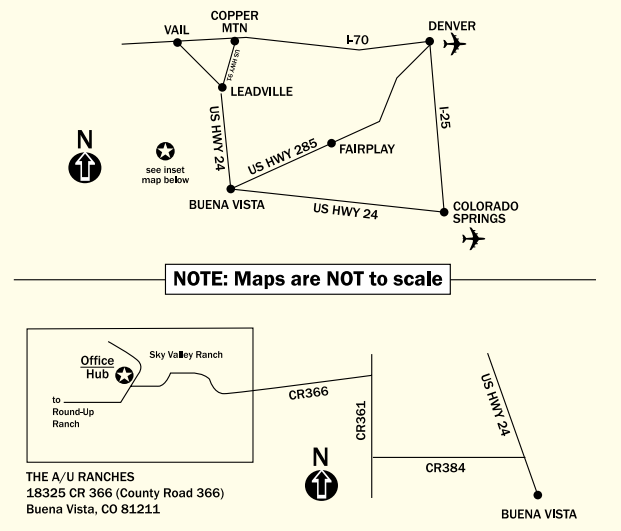
The Shuttle will leave the A/U Ranches so you can make flights scheduled for **12:30 pm or later**. Please do not book flights before 12:30 pm.

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

Directions

from Denver International Airport to Buena Vista

- Exit the Airport on Pena Blvd
- Take I-70 West
- Exit on to C470 (towards 285)
- Exit 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.



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.

The cost of the shuttle is \$140.00 per person round trip, and \$75.00 one way.

Helpful Tips

CELL PHONES & 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.

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.

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 apparel, gifts and souvenirs, water bottles, sunscreen, toiletries and more.

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 we 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.

Lodging in the Buena Vista Area

HOTELS, MOTELS & LODGES

The Surf Hotel – 719.966.7048
River Front, in-house restaurant, internet.

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

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 okay.

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

BED & BREAKFASTS

Forest Creek Cabins – 719.395.4819
Private bath, owned & operated by A/U Ranches 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 okay, pets okay.

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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