



WELCOME TO FAMILY CAMP
UTE TRAIL, COLORADO

WELCOME TO SKY RANCH FAMILY CAMP!

Dear Families,

Thank you for the awesome privilege of hosting your family at Sky Ranch Ute Trail this summer! Our desire is to provide a vacation experience that is full of incredible activities and family connection time. The team is in place, ready to serve your family while you are making memories that will last a lifetime.

Sky Ranch has prepared a setting that offers a laid back atmosphere of activities and programs for all ages filled with modern accommodations, great food, a passionate staff that is ready to serve, and a relaxed schedule that allows you the flexibility necessary for your family to have the best experience.

In an effort to help you prepare for family camp, this booklet contains up-to-date information, frequently asked questions, and other material that will help ensure you have a safe, fun-filled, enriching adventure this summer. We encourage you to read over this information carefully, and please do not hesitate to contact our Guest Services specialists at 800.962.2267 with any questions you may have.

Prior to your arrival, you will receive a "Family Camp Travel Package" to help you get your trip off to a great start. We hope you enjoy the package and have a safe and memorable trip to Sky Ranch Ute Trail.

With locations in Texas, Colorado (Ute Trail and Horn Creek), and Oklahoma, our desire to serve with excellence extends to all aspects of our ministry. We look forward to welcoming you and your precious family to Sky Ranch Ute Trail very soon!

In His Grip,



Linda S. Paulk
President and CEO of Sky Ranch Christian Camps

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GETTING READY FOR CAMP

WHAT TO BRING		
TOILETRIES*	CLOTHING	MISCELLANEOUS
Toothbrush	Shorts	Bible
Toothpaste	Sweatpants	Flashlight
Soap	PJ's	Camera
Shampoo	Hat	Journal
Hair Dryer	Jeans	Backpack or Tote Bag
Personal First Aid Kit	Rain Jacket	Fly Fishing Gear
Other Personal Items & Toiletries	Swimsuit	Bug Spray
Allergy Medication	Tennis Shoes or Walking Shoes	Sunglasses
Headache/Fever/Pain Meds	Water Shoes	Sun Block
Prescription Medications	Light Jacket / Fleece	Lip Balm
	Attire for Talent Show & Western Dance	

WHAT NOT TO BRING
Tobacco Products
Fireworks
Illegal Drugs
Archery Equipment
Paintball Guns or Gear
Skateboards
Skeet Shooting Gear
Alcohol
Climbing Gear
Scooters
Weapons
Pets

FAMILY CAMP 2017 DATES	
Session 1	May 28 - June 3
Session 2	June 4 - June 10
Session 3	June 11 - June 17
Session 4	June 18 - June 24
Session 5	June 25 - July 1
Session 6	July 2 - July 8
Session 7	July 9 - July 15
Session 8	July 16 - July 22
Session 9	July 23 - July 29
Session 10	July 30 - August 5
Session 11	August 6 - August 12
Military Family Camp	August 14 - August 18

* Sky Ranch provides linens, pillows, wash cloths and bath towels. The Camp Store has a variety of sundries and snacks.

Sky Ranch cannot be responsible for lost or broken articles. Please do not bring anything that would break easily or cause loss if misplaced.

DIRECTIONS

Maps and directions to Sky Ranch locations are available on our website at www.SkyRanch.org. Please note that when driving south on State Highway 149 you will pass through Powderhorn, CO and proceed to **mile marker 83**. Some of the online mapping systems do not provide accurate directions. If you are flying into Colorado, we recommend arriving at Colorado Springs (3 Hours and 30 minutes), Montrose Regional Airport (1 hour 30 minutes) or Denver International Airport (5 hours).

Mailing Address:

Sky Ranch Ute Trail
1329 Hwy 149
Powderhorn, CO 81243
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CLIMATE AND WEATHER

WEATHER – We enjoy over 300 days of sunshine every year and a cool, dry climate. Summer daytime highs are typically in the 70s or low 80s. Lows in the summer are in the 40s or even 30s. Temperatures at higher elevations are usually lower than in town. A warm jacket and/or sweater will be necessary for your visit during the summer.

Thunderstorms are typical daily occurrences during the summer, especially during July and August. Locally, we refer to this as the “monsoon” or rainy season. Stay off of ridges and away from open ground to avoid lightning strikes. Longer hikes are best started early in the morning so that you can be down off the mountain when the lightning starts.

OUTDOORS – It is essential to wear eye protection, a hat, and sunscreen when outdoors. The sun is much more intense here than in areas of lower altitude. Insects and mosquitoes love Lake City as much as people, especially in summer. Be sure to pack insect repellent and use it frequently when you plan on being outdoors.

ALTITUDE – Gains in altitude can affect anyone, especially when traveling above 7,000 feet. Sometimes, the effects can include: headaches, breathlessness, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, inability to sleep, or swelling of the hands, face, or feet. Some ways to reduce your symptoms: avoid strenuous activity for the first day or two of your visit, and drink extra water. Check with your doctor before going to a high altitude if you have a heart or lung condition. If your symptoms worsen, consult a doctor immediately.

DURING CAMP WEEK

Sample Daily Schedule	
8:30 am	Breakfast in the Lodge
9:15 am	Family Devotions – Families may spend devotion time together. A suggested daily devotional will be in your cabin.
9:45 am	The Connection – Parents will spend time with our camp Host talking about family-related matters. The children will go with our camp counselors and have an age-appropriate Bible study.
10:30 am	Chill Time – There are no planned activities during this time – it is designed for your family to hang out, take a nap, or just enjoy being together.
12:00 pm	Lunch in the Lodge
12:45 pm	Chill Time
1:30 pm	Afternoon Activities – The exciting mountain activities are open for everyone. These activities include: hiking, kayaking, horseback riding, ropes course, fly fishing and more. Guests especially enjoy tubing down the river on River Day (available when water levels are not too high). There are multiple opportunities for activities in and around the Lake City area as well (not all activities are open each day).
5:30 pm	Chill Time
6:00 pm	Dinner in the Lodge
7:15 pm	Night Activities – Western Dance, Parents Night Out, Campfires, Talent Show night, and other exciting activities fill the evening with fun and a special time of family bonding.
8:30 pm	Chill Time – During this evening chill time, families can hang out, go to campfires, play board games, socialize or go to bed early.

THINGS TO DO AT SKY RANCH FAMILY CAMP

All activities are optional. You are free to leave camp whenever you would like or need to. Maintaining a safe and fun environment is our top priority. It is for this reason that we ask that you please do not play on or enter any activity sites unless staff is present. Also, please watch your children when near the camp's irrigation ditch. While the waters are beautiful and clear, we do not recommend drinking from rivers, lakes, or streams.

FISHING - Sky Ranch Ute Trail has several hundred yards of river frontage perfect for fly fishing. We also have a stocked pond for beginners and some fishing poles available for your use. We can refer you to several local fishing outfitters for licenses, equipment, and bait. They also offer guides and lessons.

ROPES COURSE, SWING, AND ZIPLINE - The Ropes Course activity provides great challenges designed for just about everyone. We also have a 60 foot Alpine Swing, and a double zipline that takes you across our beautiful valley.

KAYAKING - Take an excursion to Lake San Cristobal for an afternoon of kayaking. The water is cold and clear and there are plenty of places to explore.

TRAIL RIDES - Trail rides originate across the road from the main camp. From the stable, we will ride up the mountain side, across the river, through the pastures and trails. It's just amazing!

FAMILY PICNIC/RIVER DAY - Picnic alongside a beautiful river located on the campgrounds. You may also participate in hiking, tomahawk throwing, archery, skeet shooting and more. We may even tube down the river if the water isn't too high.

WESTERN NIGHT - Starting with dinner and ending with western dancing – bring your cowboy boots and duds!

TALENT NIGHT - Talent Night is your chance to be a star! Singing, dancing, skits – get creative and show your stuff!

THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND LAKE CITY, COLORADO

Lake City, Colorado is a quaint town nestled in the Colorado Rocky Mountains. For more information about the town and additional activities, please visit www.LakeCity.com. Here are some highlights of activities available in the area.

WHITewater RAFTING – If your family is up for some whitewater adventure – then think about signing up for a float trip on the Gunnison River. You can pack a sack lunch and head out to Scenic River Tours on Thursday morning. Remember your sunscreen, water bottles, towel, secure sandals or tennis shoes (which will get wet), and get ready for a fun ride with your family. More detailed information is located on page 10.

HARD TACK MINE MUSEUM – On County Road 20, up Henson Creek/Engineer Pass Road. Underground gift shop, museum and mine tour. We recommend bringing a jacket, because the mine can be cold.

FISHING MUSEUM AT DAN'S FLY SHOP – 723 N. Gunnison Ave (970) 944-2281. Open spring and fall, 10 am to 5 pm; summers 9 am to 6 pm. Admission is free. See fishing paraphernalia, tools, photographs, and more, from 1886-1960, highlighting Lake City's fishing heritage. Items include equipment used by Lake City old-timers like Henry Hoffman, Homer Harlan, Hank Roberts, Brice Pavich, H.E. Lunn, and others.

HINSDALE COUNTY MUSEUM – Take a step back in time and get a glimpse of what it was like for Lake City in its booming mining days. Learn about some of the rich history that makes up the town's past.

LAKEVIEW MARINA – 14' boats with 8hp motors for fishing, pontoon boats for comfortable family outings, canoes and paddleboat rentals. A great way to enjoy beautiful Lake San Cristobal – "THE Lake" of Lake City! Call ahead to reserve a boat for a day or half-day trip.

JEEP & ATV RENTALS – Rent a jeep or a Razor ATV and ride the off-roads.

TOWN PARK – One block west of Highway 149 on Silver Street. Established playground and grassy area – great place for playing Frisbee, ball, etc.

COUNTY PARK – Behind Poker Alice Restaurant – one block east of 149 – adjacent to the river – fun bridges to cross – great place to 'wade' in the river, for kids to fish and throw rocks.

SHOPPING – Throughout downtown Lake City – most within walking distance of each other.

CAR TRIPS – There are many beautiful places to explore – some that require four wheel drive vehicles. There are also possibilities for drives if you have a 'high clearance' vehicle.

THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND LAKE CITY, COLORADO (CONTINUED)

BIG BLUE WILDERNESS – A beautiful drive just behind camp via the Alpine Plateau Road. This is a bumpy road but can be done in a low clearance car and is about a 45 minute drive to the top. Beautiful beaver ponds – great fishing and walking. Really nice, gentle hike at the “Big Blue Wilderness Trail Head.”

LITTLE ELK TRAIL – Approximately 1 mile behind camp via Alpine Plateau Road – with a pretty good hill about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile into it.

ALPINE GULCH TRAIL – Up CR 20 or Engineer Pass Road about 8 miles from Lake City. Good hike for family with older children or kids in a backpack. There are multiple stream crossings.

NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT TOURS – Get a detailed look at the people, stories, architecture, and notable builders behind Lake City’s historic structures.

INTERIOR TOURS OF HISTORIC HOMES – These thematic tours of some of Lake City’s most interesting homes will take you right inside for a rare glimpse of our mountain heritage.

FOUR WHEEL AND OFF-ROAD DRIVES

ALPINE LOOP – Start up CR 20/Engineer Pass Road and head up high where the views are beautiful! Come all the way around if you like and you will head back down Cinnamon pass. Both start and end in Lake City. If you just have a high clearance vehicle, you can head up either road.

CINNAMON PASS OR ENGINEER PASS – Enjoy the view about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way up the pass, and see beautiful flowers and waterfalls, then just head back down when it gets too much for your vehicle.

AMERICAN BASIN – Up Cinnamon Pass Road (past Lake San Cristobal), about a 45 minute drive from Lake City is one of the most beautiful places on earth. Wildflowers like you can’t imagine! Waterfalls that your kids can hike up to and other trails from there! Minimum of a high clearance vehicle needed to make it to American Basin.

CARSON CITY – Interested in seeing a preserved ghost town/mining town? Then rent a 4 wheel drive jeep and head up to this really cool destination where you can see preserved historic structures. Head up Cinnamon Pass Road – look for the signs about 10 miles past the Lake.

AREA RESTAURANTS

SPORTSMAN BBQ STATION – Amazing Texas-style BBQ: brisket, chicken, pork ribs, pulled pork, brisket tacos, and stuffed baked potatoes. Homemade sides of coleslaw, potato salad, and beans also complement the best burgers in town.

SOUTHERN VITTLES – If you are in the mood for some good southern food, Southern Vittles is the way to go! The best hand-breaded fried catfish, chicken, and shrimp you've ever tasted!

CHILLIN' INTERNET AND COFFEE HOUSE – A Ute Trail staff favorite hang out in town where the coffee and treats are great, the staff loves Ute Trail Ranch and the Internet is free!

CANNIBAL GRILL – On Silver Street, one block north of the town park between the Storm Front Gallery and Uncompahgre Trading Company. Tasty burgers, buffalo burgers and brats, chicken, hot dogs, and more.

LAKE CITY BAKERY – Incredible food, anything for breakfast, snacks, desserts and lunch, including: pizza, calzones, pockets and more.

POKER ALICE – Great menu with wide variety including salads, pizza by the slice, coffee and dessert. On Hwy 149 about 2/3 of the way through town, on the left.

BRUNO'S GRILL AND RESTAURANT – Bruno is a wonderful chef from France (and then Texas!), and the grill side tends to be a little less expensive – the fine dining side is a little more pricey with better atmosphere. It is in the Alpine Moose Lodge/Restaurant right at the top of the Hill on Hwy 149 before you drop into Lake City. Reservations required.

RESTLESS SPIRITS SALOON – You'll find a variety of tasty foods, from pecan crusted chicken salad to burgers and sandwiches to chicken pot pie. The atmosphere is casual, comfortable, and family friendly. This is a staff favorite.

LAKE CITY CAFÉ – Located in the heart of historic Lake City, the Lake City Café offers fine dining meals for reasonable prices. With a casual and comfortable atmosphere, outside seating, and great food.

SAN JUAN SODA FOUNTAIN – The cute and nostalgic feel of this soda fountain makes the ice cream taste even better! We suggest the "ice cream sodas" or "cherry limeades."

WHITewater RAFTING INFORMATION

Scenic River Tours has several whitewater rafting tours available. There are levels from Class 3 whitewater to scenic family float trips. Age and weight requirements depend on the level of difficulty.

COST:

Current prices are \$35 per person for the scenic Class 1 & 2, \$51 per person for a Class 2 whitewater two hour trip, and \$67 per person for Class 3 whitewater three hour trip.

AGE AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS:

Gunnison River: Minimum of 3 years old

Lower Taylor (Class 2): Minimum of 8 years old and weighing at least 50 lbs

Upper Taylor (Class 3): Minimum of 10 years old and weighing at least 90 lbs

THE MEETING PLACE DEPENDS ON WHICH TRIP YOU CHOOSE. IT IS A BEAUTIFUL DRIVE TO BOTH:

Directions to Scenic River Tours Gunnison Boathouse:

For scenic family trips - Gunnison River Boathouse at 703 West Tomichi Avenue in downtown Gunnison

Turn left out of camp onto Hwy 149. Follow about thirty minutes until you come to a T intersection for Hwy 50. Turn right onto Hwy 50 and follow into Gunnison. The boathouse will be on your right-hand side a few miles into town.

Directions to the Taylor River Boathouse:

For whitewater trips - Taylor River Boathouse at 7049 County Road 742 in Almont

Turn left out of camp onto Hwy 149. Follow about thirty minutes until you come to a T intersection for Hwy 50. Turn right onto Hwy 50 and follow into Gunnison. Once in Gunnison, follow Hwy 50 until you reach the intersection for Hwy 135. Turn left (north) on Hwy 135 and follow for 10 miles to Almont. Turn right onto County Road #742 and follow for 7.25 miles. You will pass "Harmels Ranch Resort" on your right-hand side, and ¼ mile beyond this, the Taylor Boathouse will be on your left-hand side.

WHAT TO BRING:

You must bring a full change of dry clothes with you for after the trip. You will be wet when you get off of the river. Shorts and a shirt that can get wet, and a sturdy pair of tennis shoes or a sport sandal with a heel strap are mandatory. They will have everything else you need, including wetsuit rentals, if the weather is less than perfect. Don't worry, rafting is fun rain or shine!

EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROCEDURES

In the event of a medical emergency, guests should immediately call for emergency medical services. Please do not wait for a staff member. Call first, then inform the staff.

If medical care is needed for instances other than an emergency, guests should arrange for their own transportation to Lake City Medical Center.

IF THERE IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY:

Dial 911 by using the phone in the main office. Pick up the receiver and dial '9' to get an outside line. After dialing '9' proceed to dial 911. Tell the dispatcher that you are at Sky Ranch Ute Trail on Hwy 149, directly in front of mile marker 83. You should meet the ambulance in front of the Lodge. Please inform the Camp Director if there is an emergency and if an ambulance has been called by using the radio in the office.

IF TRANSPORTING TO MEDICAL SERVICES:

Follow Hwy 149 south (turn right out of the front gate) into Lake City. When entering Lake City, there will be signage to the Lake City Medical Center. Turn left on Henson Street, just past the Conoco Station. The Medical Center will be one block down on the left. The phone number for the Lake City Medical Center is 970-944-2331. Their hours of operation are Monday to Saturday 10am-4pm, and Sunday 2pm-4pm. If you need non-emergency medical assistance outside of these hours, please inform the Camp Director who will make arrangements with the Medical Center.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN IS CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT?

Check-in is at 4:00 pm on Sunday and check-out is at 9:30 am the following Saturday. If you are arriving late please let us know.

WHAT ARE THE CABINS LIKE?

Each cabin is equipped with a queen-size bed and two bunk beds (linens and pillow cases provided), sleeps up to six and has its own small refrigerator. The private bath is furnished with wash cloths and towels. Our staff will take out the trash and provide fresh towels for your cabin on Wednesday. Each cabin has several floor heaters. They will heat up quickly, so keep this in mind if you plan on leaving them on during the night. It is our heart for you to be comfortable during your stay. If for any reason you are not comfortable, have any concerns regarding your cabin, or if you need anything during your stay please contact a staff member.

HOW DO I RESERVE ACTIVITIES?

No reservations are necessary before arrival for any of the camp activities. We will be happy to help you arrange any off-camp activities – just let a staff member know what activities you'd like information on, or reservations for, and it will be our pleasure to assist you. All on-camp activities are included in the price of your week.

CAN I BUILD A CAMPFIRE?

If you would like a campfire, please ask a staff member and they will be happy to assist you. Then sit back, relax, and enjoy the crackling sounds and fragrant aroma of an evening campfire. The campfire site is up the mountain, above the camp. The view from there is incredible and inspiring. We also have a nice campfire site near our pond. Fun for the whole family – and we will provide the s'mores!

WHAT IS CONNECTION?

Connection is an informal time with adults where important family topics are discussed and ideas are exchanged. The kids have their own connection time as well. Our family counselors will spend time with them discussing different Bible passages and stories and how to apply them to their lives.

WHAT IS THE LODGE?

The Sky Ranch Lodge is a gathering place designed for relaxation and fellowship and is where all meals will be served. The comfortable sofas and chairs make the perfect resting spot. Water and coffee will be available beginning at 6:30 AM. When it's meal time, you'll hear the famous dinner bell, once for when there are 5 minutes left until the meal and one more time when we are ready to serve.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

IS THERE A CAMP STORE?

Yes! Our Camp Store is a great place to visit and explore. In addition to shirts, caps, souvenirs and a selection of sundries and personal items, the store has a wide variety of snacks and beverages for purchase that will keep you going between meals.

IS THERE INTERNET AVAILABLE?

For extended use, we can recommend several locations in Lake City that offer free WiFi. Due to our satellite internet, our service is limited. However, we do have a computer that can be used to access emails for short periods of time.

MY CHILD HAS FOOD ALLERGIES; DO I NEED TO BRING SPECIAL FOOD FOR THEM?

Our hope is to provide food for the entire family, but if you choose to bring some of your own food, each cabin is equipped with a mini-fridge for your convenience. If you have dietary restrictions, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your family's needs. We would ask that you let us know what your needs will be at least one week prior to your arrival, so that we can prepare for you. Please contact Angie at AngieT@SkyRanch.org or Amy at AmyG@SkyRanch.org.

ARE OUR KIDS TOO YOUNG FOR THE ACTIVITIES?

We have activities for all ages, however some do have restrictions.

TRAIL RIDES: Children must be at least 8 years old and able to hold onto the saddle horn. Ability will be assessed by our Wrangler. If they are 7 years old or younger we can set aside a time for a pony ride.

HIGH ROPES: Our High Ropes course is restricted by size. If you are able to fit into the harness, you can participate. Typically a 5 year old is around the cutoff on participation.

KAYAKING/CANOEING: No restrictions. We have life jackets that range from infants to grandparents.

WILL SOMEONE BE ABLE TO ASSIST US DURING ACTIVITIES IF SOME OF OUR CHILDREN WON'T BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE?

Yes! Each family is provided with a counselor that will be their Family Counselor for the week. They will play with your kids, go to activities with your family, and even eat some meals with you. They are there for any needs you may have while you are at camp.

I STILL HAVE A QUESTION. WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

Contact our Family Ministries Manager, Amy Gammenthaler, at AmyG@SkyRanch.org.

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Our staff is here to serve you with excellence and make your week of family camp as enjoyable and meaningful as possible. A few helpful things to remember...

WHEN IT COMES TO THE LODGE:

- Coffee will be available beginning at 6:30 am. We will set it out at the coffee bar with all the fixin's.
- The kitchen is for our staff only. Please let us know if you need something – we would LOVE to help you get what you need.
- We love to eat around here and hopefully you do too. If you could help us by being on time to meals, we can all have more full bellies and bigger smiles. You'll hear our famous dinner bell, once when there are 5 minutes left until the meal and one more time when we are getting ready to sit and chow down.
- Water will always be available in the lodge. Drink up! Here in the mountains it is extremely important to stay hydrated. If we are running low, please let us know.
- If you can help us by keeping the lodge free from lots of personal items, we would greatly appreciate it. This will help us keep things looking nice and tidy.

WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR CABIN:

- We will visit your cabin to take the trash out and provide fresh towels on Wednesday.
- If you have any concerns regarding your cabin, please let one of our staff members know.
- If you have an emergency during non-business hours, please visit our office and use the office radio to inform the Family Camp Manager or Camp Director of your needs.
- If your bedding needs to be cleaned or changed, please do not hesitate to let us know.
- There are several floor heaters in all of the cabins. They can be turned on by turning the dial located on each unit. They will heat up quickly, so keep this in mind if you plan on leaving them on during the night.

WHEN IT COMES TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS:

Your safety is important to us!

- Please help us by watching your children when near the irrigation ditch located here on camp.
- While they may look clean, please refrain from drinking from our rivers, lakes, streams, etc. Remember – looks can be deceiving!
- Please do not play on or enter any activity sites unless one of our staff is present.
- The fences along our camp serve a very important purpose – they help distinguish what is our property. Please refrain from climbing on or over these fences.
- While the big rock located on camp may be world famous, please do not let your children climb on it. The view from the top is pretty special, but the fall down is certainly not worth it!

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