



WELCOME TO FAMILY CAMP
HORN CREEK, COLORADO

WELCOME TO SKY RANCH FAMILY CAMP!

Dear Families,

Thank you for the awesome privilege of hosting your family at Sky Ranch Horn Creek this summer! Sky Ranch is a 62 year old camp dedicated to leading youth and families to know and follow Christ, with locations in Texas, Colorado (Horn Creek and Ute Trail), and Oklahoma. Encouraging and strengthening families in their relationships with one another and with the Lord are key to Sky Ranch, just as the case has been with Horn Creek for the past 65 years – cultivating generations committed to Christ.

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, with 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 Horn Creek.

Our desire to serve with excellence extends to all aspects of our ministry, and we look forward to welcoming you and your precious family to Sky Ranch Horn Creek very soon!

In His Grip,



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

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GETTING READY FOR CAMP

PACKING LIST

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	Swim Towel
	Attire for a Banquet Night in the Mountains	

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 AT HORN CREEK

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

* 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

Horn Creek is off of Highway 69. There are signs that will help guide you to camp. Turn onto CR 140, then turn left onto Macey Ln (CR 129). Turn right on CR 130 and follow this all the way to camp. We do not recommend turning off of Highway 69 onto CR 130 because this section of road is not paved. If you are flying into Colorado, we recommend arriving at Colorado Spring Airport, which is 2 hours away.

Mailing Address:

Sky Ranch Horn Creek

6758 CR 130

Westcliffe, CO 81252

719-783-2205

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 Westcliffe 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 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
9:15 am	Family Devotions – Families may spend devotion time together. A suggested daily devotional will be in your cabin.
10:00 am	Connection time on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
11:00 am	Free 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. Rec Center is open at this time.
12:00 pm	Lunch
12:45 pm	Chill Time
1:00 to 5:00 pm	Various Activities Open – These are day specific. Thursday is our off camp adventure day - White water rafting, Royal Gorge, Colorado Springs, and more!
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:15 pm	Round Up
7:15 pm	Night Activities – Western Night, Luau Carnival, Hanging Log, Campfires, Talent Show night, and other exciting activities fill the evening with fun and a special time of family bonding.
9:00 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. While the waters are beautiful and clear, we do not recommend drinking from rivers, lakes, or streams.

REC CENTER - Our great indoor Rec Center includes bowling, indoor climbing walls, basketball court, racquetball court, Wally Ball, running track, weights, workout machines, and a variety of fun sports equipment and games.

HIGH ROPES COURSE* - Our ropes course is a great challenge designed for just about everyone - young or old.

DISC GOLF - Challenge your family and friends on our alpine disc golf course that's set just off the trailhead of Horn Peak.

TRAIL RIDES* - Take a ride on a horse in the beautiful mountains of Colorado. We offer multiple options so everyone can enjoy this activity.

ALPINE SWING - Our Alpine Swing is sure to give you a thrill. Drop from 40 ft in the air and soar above the tree tops.

ZIPLINES - Go 2 at a time and ride down our smooth zipline as you enjoy a view of the mountains.

PEAK VIEW TARGET RANGE - Archery, BB Guns, Hatchet Throwing, .22s, Slingshots - Test your aim with a variety of shooting activities in a frontier setting.

POOL AND WATERSLIDES - Hang out by the pool or take a trip down the waterslides. Don't worry, we'll heat the water so it's not too chilly. We also have a hot tub - a great way to warm up and relax after a day out in the mountains!

FAMILY CHALLENGES - Experience the views from the mountain top! Guided hiking trips are available to Horn Peak, Cottonwood Creek, and Horn Lake. These trips are offered on Tuesday and Thursday.

FISHING - Catch a Rocky Mountain trout in our pond and create memories that will last a lifetime.

CRAFTS - We have several options available, from coloring to rocket building and launching. There is something for everyone to enjoy.

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!

** Additional cost for these activities*

THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND WESTCLIFFE, COLORADO

Westcliffe is a quaint town nestled in the Wet Mountain Valley at the foot of the Sangre De Cristo mountain range and Horn Peak. Here are some highlights of activities and attractions within a 15 minute to a 3 hours drive. For more information about the town, please visit wp.townofwestcliffe.com.

WHITewater RAFTING – If your family is up for some whitewater adventure, then think about signing up for a trip on the Arkansas River. You can pack a sack lunch and head out to Noah's Ark. Remember your sunscreen, water bottles, towel, and 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.

ROYAL GORGE – Visit the world's highest suspension bridge that spans a quarter mile across this canyon. Enjoy amazing panoramic views from almost 1000 ft above the river. A little over an hour from camp, the park opens at 7am with attractions opening at 10am. Cost is \$22 for adults and \$17 for children (4-11).

SALIDA – A wonderful Colorado mountain town right on the Arkansas River with plenty of shopping, restaurants, and local hot springs. Enjoy the day exploring all that Salida has to offer.

MOUNT PRINCETON HOT SPRINGS – Take a relaxing dip in these natural hot springs set in the beautiful mountains. Just north of Salida, treat yourself in these wonderful waters. The hot springs are an hour and a half away from camp. The hours are 9am-10pm and cost is \$18 for adults and \$12 for children (4-15).

CAVE OF THE WINDS – Step inside the caves of the Rockies and experience the coolness of underground. With a variety of tour options and adventure rides available, you're sure to be wowed. A two-hour drive from camp, tours start at 9am. The cost is \$21 for adults and \$15 for children (6-12).

SEVEN FALLS – Called "The Grandest Mile of Scenery" in Colorado, this canyon has great waterfalls that travel all the way from Pikes Peak. This awesome hike, just two hours from camp, will surely inspire. Open from 9am-8pm, the pricing is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (2-12).

THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND WESTCLIFFE, COLORADO (CONTINUED)

OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER – Check out where Olympic athletes train for team USA. Take a tour and if you're lucky, you might even see a member of Team USA. A two-hour drive from camp, the the training center is open from 9am-4:30pm. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children.

GARDEN OF THE GODS – This public park in Colorado Springs, which is jsut 2 hours from camp, is home to magnificent towering sandstone rock formations. Check out the visitor center to learn about how these red rocks came to be and explore this national landmark. Hours are 5am-11pm and admission is free.

PIKES PEAK/MANITOU COG – Conquer a 14er from the comfort of a train car and experience the magnificent panoramas that inspired the song America the Beautiful. Located 2 and a half hours away in Manitou Springs. Adults are \$15, children age 6-15 are \$5, or a carload up to 5 passengers is \$50.

GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK – The tallest dunes in North America are the centerpiece in a diverse landscape of grasslands, wetlands, conifer and aspen forests, alpine lakes, and tundra. Experience this diversity through hiking, sand sledding, splashing in Medano Creek, wildlife watching, and more! The park is 2 and a half hours from camp, and has a \$15 per car entrance fee.

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN ZOO – Located in Colorado Springs, this zoo is built into the mountains and has great views of the city below as well as giraffes, lions, elephants, and even a moose. A two-hour drive, the zoo is open from 9am-5pm and costs \$19.75 for adults and \$14.75 for children (3-11).

BISHOPS CASTLE – This unique castle is the dream of one man and has been built over the decades (and keeps growing). Explore and climb all over the structure for a matchless experience. Located 45 minutes away from camp, the castle is free and open for self-guided tours.

MISSION: WOLF – Just 45 minutes from Horn Creek, this is a peaceful sanctuary for wolves and wolf-dog crossbreeds. Tours are free and donations are accepted. Hours are from 9am-4pm, with recommended ages of 6 and up.

AREA RESTAURANTS

The following list is just a sample of restaurants located in Westcliffe & Silver Cliff, CO.

Note: Days & Hours of Operations of local restaurants and businesses vary during summer months; please contact to confirm hours of operation.

SUGAR & SPICE BAKERY 411 MAIN ST. WESTCLIFFE – 719-783-4045 - This bakery is a great place to stop by and pick up a homemade brown butter iced cookies, or try one of their enormous cinnamon rolls, or enjoy a pumpkin chocolate chip muffin, or try all three!

CHAPPY'S BAR & GRILL 213 MAIN ST., WESTCLIFFE - 719-783-0813 - Tasty local-beef burgers & hand-cut fries in a casual setting. Try the Rancher Burger topped with a fried egg, or the Western Burger with thick cut bacon and cheddar cheese. A favorite hangout among locals and visitors alike!

TONY'S MOUNTAIN PIZZA 630 MAIN ST., SILVER CLIFF - 719-783-9300 - A great variety of appetizers, specialty pizzas and salads in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Build your own pizza with a wide variety of fresh toppings, or select one of their signature specialty pizzas, including the Buffalo Chicken Pizza, or the Conquistador with green chile and chorizo!

RANCHER'S ROOST CAFÉ 25 MAIN ST., WESTCLIFFE -719-783-2147 - Located inside of the Cliff Lanes bowling alley, the café boasts a large selection of sandwiches, burgers and salads for all tastes and has a great selection of ice cream at the counter. Enjoy good food and great views of the Sangre De Cristo Mountain range!

ALPINE LODGE 6848 CO RD 140, WESTCLIFFE - PHONE:"(719) 783-2660 - Peaceful atmosphere and good food in the beautiful Sangre de Cristo mountains! Excellent dinner restaurant and lounge offering steaks, seafood, pasta, sandwiches, homemade soup and pies.

LETTER DROP INN 6654 COUNTY RD 328 (ROSITA BLVD), WESTCLIFFE – 719-783-9430 - A fine dining experience in an unassuming setting. The Letter Drop Inn boasts an impressive menu, including several great pasta dishes, fresh seafood and excellent steaks.

SANGRE' HOME DÉCOR 202 MAIN ST. WESTCLIFFE – 719-783-0479 - 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." This is the best place for a hot or cold coffee to drink too!

SILVER CLIFF MOUNTAIN INN & RESTAURANT 700 OHIO ST SILVERCLIFF – 719-783-2688 - A casual spot for one of the best breakfasts or lunches in town. This restaurant has a small-town appeal, and you will meet Willy, who is the owner. You'll know him when you see him.

WHITewater RAFTING INFORMATION

Noah's Ark in Buena Vista provides great rafting options for Horn Creek families. The age and weight requirements depend on the season and level of the water.

COST:

Horn Creek's special camp rate of \$57.86 per adult and \$56.30 per child for the Brown's Canyon trip is a great deal. Brown's Canyon is the most popular whitewater rafting adventure on the Arkansas River, the #1 rafted river in the country! This is a 10 mile, 2-3 hour trip on Class III whitewater.

AGE AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS:

Age and weight requirements depend on the week that you are at camp and how the river is flowing. We will let you know what the current conditions are when you arrive.

DIRECTIONS TO NOAH'S ARK WHITewater RAFTING:

Go north out of Westcliffe on Highway 69 towards Highway 50. Turn west on 50 towards Salida. In Salida, you'll go north on 291 to 285 towards Buena Vista and the boathouse will be on your right before you get into town.

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 Custer County Medical Center.

IF THERE IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY:

Dial 911 on your cell phone or by using the phone outside of the Rec Center. 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 Horn Creek. You should meet the ambulance in front of the office. Please inform a staff member if there is an emergency and if an ambulance has been called.

IF TRANSPORTING TO MEDICAL SERVICES:

Follow CR 130 down the hill to Macey lane. Turn left onto Macey and then right onto CR 140. Turn left onto Highway 69 and follow this into Westcliffe. The medical center will be on the right as you enter town. The phone number for the medical center is (719) 783-2380. Their hours of operation are Monday - Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 9am-12pm with emergency services 24hr a day.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN IS CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT?

Check-in begins at 4:00 pm on Sunday and check-out is at 9:30 am the following Saturday. If you arrive at Westcliffe before 4pm, we highly suggest getting some ice cream from Sangre Coffee Shop and Home Decor. Located at 202 Main Street.

HOW DO I RESERVE ACTIVITIES?

Sign Up For Activity and Adventure Days: Your family camp staff will be available upon arrival to help answer questions, help sign your family up for activities and assist with any scheduling of off-camp adventures that require reservations.

WHO IS THE FAMILY CAMP STAFF?

We have an amazing team of college-aged and young adults who will be serving you and your family this summer. They will be helping make your week amazing in everything from running programs, serving at meals, and offering 'Connection Time' for kids. They will come alongside you in any way that would be beneficial for your family.

WHAT IS CONNECTION TIME?

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings we will be offering 'Connection' for both kids and parents. We are excited about offering this optional time where kids can connect with other kids and camp staff, having fun with games and a time of age appropriate Bible study. The adult Connection time is for anyone who would like to participate and will be an informal 'round table' time where we will discuss various issues. This will be lead by our host couple and will last for one hour.

WHAT IS ROUND UP?

At night, all of the families will gather together in the meeting room for a time of fun, worship and a message. We have amazing hosts who are joining us with their spouses and families to help lead this time. Our Family Camp staff will help facilitate the Round Up time and will be available to take children out during the Host's message.

WHAT IS WESTERN NIGHT?

This is a great Horn Creek tradition where all families gather together at the Arena for a old fashioned cookout with all of the fixin's. Get your boots and hat and come ready for what is sure to be a highlight of the week! There will be lots of fun and games for the family, as well as pony rides and a campfire. From there, we'll move into the Arena for a Western Show complete with singing, fun, a Horn Creek tradition of an original melodrama, and ending the night with a goold ol' fashioned barn dance!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

WHAT IS BANQUET NIGHT?

Friday night is a very special evening at the end of an extraordinary week. Some families like to dress up a bit for our banquet dinner. We will join together for a time of worship, final message, and Family-style communion. This night concludes with a campfire and special time of sharing what God has done.

IS THERE A CAMP STORE?

The Horn Creek camp store and snack bar are located inside the Recreation Center. The snack bar has everything from sodas and candy to Frappuccinos! The camp store is fully stocked with souvenirs, Sky Ranch Horn Creek apparel and special treasures!

IS THERE INTERNET AVAILABLE?

We do have limited internet on camp. There is also free wi-fi available on Main Street in Westcliffe.

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

Our hope is to provide food for the entire family. 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 at least one week prior to your arrival what your needs will be, so that we can prepare for you. Please contact our Food Services Manager Ryan Kenyon at RyanK@SkyRanch.org.

ARE OUR KIDS TOO YOUNG FOR THE ACTIVITIES?

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

TRAIL RIDES: Kids must be 8 years old to go on a trail ride, but we will have an option for pony rides and games for younger kids so they can enjoy horse experiences as well.

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.

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

Yes! The Family Camp counselors are ready and willing to help in any way, including playing with or watching your kids! Just let us know how we can help.

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR?

Parents' night out. Tuesday night is our Parents' night out, or if the kids ask... Kids' Night! Parents will have the opportunity to go into town for a meal together as a couple or with a group of parents without kids! Kids will eat a kid-friendly meal, spend time playing with the counselors, and watch a movie to end the night.

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 DINING HALL:

- 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 fuller bellies and bigger smiles. You'll hear our famous dinner bell, once when there are 10 minutes left until the meal and one more time when we are getting ready to sit and chow down.
- Water and hot drinks are always available in the dining rooms. Drink up! Here in the mountains it is extremely important to stay hydrated. If we are running low, please let us know.
- Need a midnight snack? No problem! Located in the dining hall, our Cereal Bar is always available for a quick snack with the family and friends.
- If you can help us by keeping the dining hall 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 OR ROOM:

- You will be contacted about your actual room or cabin assignment two weeks prior to your visit.
- We will visit your cabin or room to take the trash out and provide fresh towels on Wednesday.
- If you have any concerns regarding your cabin or room, please let one of our staff members know.
- If you have an emergency during non-business hours, please visit the concierge desk and use the radio there to inform the Family Camp Manager of your needs.
- If your bedding needs to be cleaned or changed, please do not hesitate to let us know.
- Heating 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.
- All bedding, towels, and wash cloths are provided.

WHEN IT COMES TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS:

Your safety is important to us!

- Please be aware of the public camping areas next to camp.
- Please shut doors behind you as you enter and exit buildings. We have a lot of mountain critters in the area that would like to get inside.
- 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.

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