





# WELCOME TO SKY RANCH FAMILY CAMP!

Dear Ute Trail Family,

Thank you for the awesome privilege of hosting your family at Sky Ranch Ute Trail this summer! Our desire is to provide a vacation full of incredible activities and family connection time to strengthen your relationship with God and your family. We believe that now, more than ever, an environment focused on family fun, community, and our relationships with God and each other is so valuable and necessary. We have prepared an intentional encounter that offers a relaxed and hospitable atmosphere, allowing you the flexibility necessary for your family to have the best experience possible. Our Family Camp team is ready to serve your family while you are making memories that will last a lifetime.

To help you prepare for Family Camp, this booklet contains up-to-date information, a sample schedule, and other materials to 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 Guest Services at 800.962.2267 with any questions you may have.

With locations in Texas, Colorado (Horn Creek and Ute Trail), and Oklahoma, our desire is to serve your family with excellence and purposeful moments that create an experience which will forever enhance your family bond through Christ. We look forward to welcoming your precious family to Sky Ranch Ute Trail very soon!

In His Grip,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda", written in a cursive style.

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

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# GETTING READY FOR CAMP

## PACKING LIST

### WHAT TO BRING

#### TOILETRIES\*

- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Hair dryer
- ☐ Personal first aid kit
- ☐ Other personal items & toiletries
- ☐ Allergy medication
- ☐ Headache/fever/pain meds
- ☐ Prescription medications

#### CLOTHING

- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Sweatpants
- ☐ PJ's
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Jeans
- ☐ Rain jacket
- ☐ Swimsuit
- ☐ Tennis shoes or walking shoes (close-toed shoes required)
- ☐ Water shoes
- ☐ Light jacket/fleece
- ☐ Attire for Talent Show, Sky Secret Service, and Barn Dance

### MISCELLANEOUS

- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Journal
- ☐ Backpack or tote bag
- ☐ Fly fishing gear
- ☐ Bug spray
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Sun block
- ☐ Lip balm
- ☐ Water Bottle

### 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 2021 DATES AT UTE TRAIL

Session 1	May 30 - June 5
Session 2	June 6 - June 12
Session 3	June 13 - June 19
Session 4	June 20 - June 26
Session 5	June 27 - July 3
Session 6	July 4 - July 10
Session 7	July 11 - July 17
Session 8	July 18 - July 24
Session 9	July 25 - July 31
Session 10	August 1 - August 7
Session 11	August 8 - August 14

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

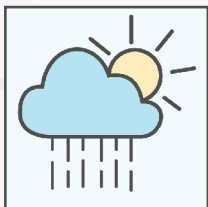
*Sky Ranch cannot be responsible for lost or broken articles.  
Please do not bring anything that would break easily or cause loss  
if misplaced.*



# DIRECTIONS

You will find maps and directions to Sky Ranch Ute Trail by going to [www.SkyRanch.org](http://www.SkyRanch.org) and clicking on locations in the main menu. 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 Montrose Regional Airport (1 hour 30 minutes), Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport (1 hour), Colorado Springs (4 hours) or Denver International Airport (5 hours).

# CLIMATE AND WEATHER

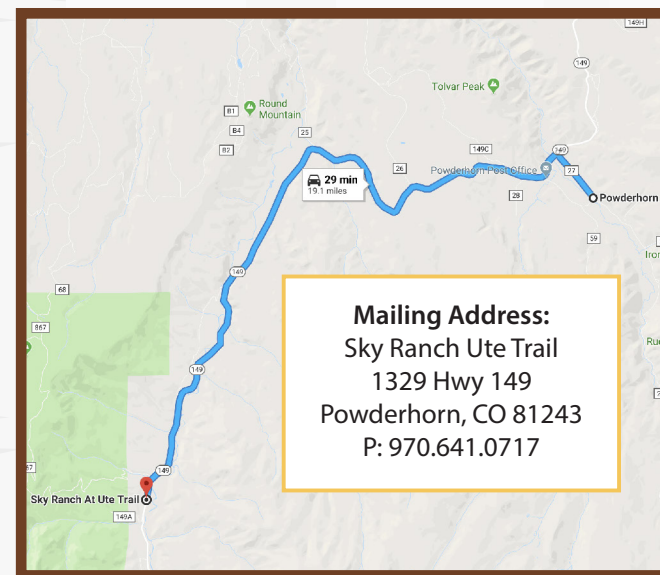


**WEATHER** – We enjoy over 300 days of sunshine every year and a cool, dry climate. Summer daytime highs are typically in the 70s or low 80s. Lows are in the 40s or even 30s. Temperatures at higher elevations are usually lower than in town. A warm jacket and/or sweater will be necessary for your visit 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 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, especially in the summer. Be sure to pack insect repellent and use it frequently when you plan on being outdoors. While the waters are beautiful, we don’t recommend drinking from the rivers, lakes, or streams.

**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. You can reduce your symptoms by avoiding strenuous activity for the first day or two of your visit, and **drinking extra water**. Check with your doctor before going to a high altitude if you have a heart or lung condition.



# DURING CAMP WEEK

## SUNDAY - ARRIVAL DAY

4:00 pm	Check-In
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Parent meeting
8:00 pm	Opening show
8:30 pm	Opening campfire

## A DAY AT CAMP

8:30 am	Breakfast in the Lodge
9:15 am	Family Devotions
9:45 am	Connection Time - more details on page 9
10:45 am	Free time*
12:00 pm	Lunch in the Lodge
12:45 pm	Free time
1:30 pm	Afternoon activities
6:00 pm	Dinner in the Lodge
7:15 pm	Night Events - more details on page 7
8:30 pm	Free time

\*Thursday is our off camp adventure day! You may want to plan ahead. See page 8 for recommendations.





# THINGS TO DO AT 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 paramount to Sky Ranch. For this reason we ask that you please do not play on or enter any activity site unless staff is present.

## FISHING

**HIGH ROPES COURSE\*** (Must be able to fit in the harness)

**GIANT SWING\***

**ZIPLINE\*** (Limit of 75-275 lbs.)

**TRAIL RIDES\*** (Kids must be 8 years old. We will have pony rides and games for younger kids to enjoy the horses. Weight maximum: 250 lbs.)

**KAYAKING/CANOEING**

**RIVER DAY**

**SHOOTING SPORTS\***

\*Close-toed shoes required.



# NIGHT EVENTS

**SKY SECRET SERVICE** – Come dressed in your best spy gear, camouflage, or secret service uniform and get ready for a night of fun, competition, games, and treats!

**BARN DANCE** – Starting with dinner and ending with western dancing – bring your cowboy boots and duds!

**KID'S NIGHT** – Kid's night at camp is a blast! On Wednesday evening, parents get to go into town for dinner while kids play at camp. We offer dinner, movie, and sleeping under the stars to end the evening, for those who choose to participate.

**UTE TRAIL'S GOT TALENT** – Talent Night is your chance to be a star! Singing, dancing, skits – get creative and have fun!

**NUKE EM' & FAMILY BLESSING NIGHT** – Friday night is a very special evening to end an extraordinary week. We will have our traditional Nuke Em' tournament, then join together for a time of worship and Family Blessing. This night concludes with a campfire and special time of sharing what God has done.

**\*A note about costumes:** Some families go all out. Some come as they are. Either is great! We encourage you to do what fits your family best.





# 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:

**COVID-19** – To learn about how Sky Ranch is mitigating the spread of COVID-19, refer to our website at [www.skyranch.org/pages/covid19](http://www.skyranch.org/pages/covid19)

## UTE TRAIL IS YOUR HOME FOR THE WEEK:

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

**Linens** – All bedding, towels, and wash cloths are provided. If your bedding needs to be cleaned or changed, please let us know. We visit your cabin to take the trash out and provide fresh towels on Wednesday.

**Laundry** – There are laundry units in most of the cabins. If there is not one in your cabin, Wednesday will be laundry day - if your family needs it.

**Dietary Restrictions** – If you or your child has any dietary restrictions, please let us know at least one week prior to your arrival what your needs will be, so we can prepare for you. Please contact Mary May Molitor at [MaryMayM@SkyRanch.org](mailto:MaryMayM@SkyRanch.org).

## CAMP LIFE:

**Connection Time** – On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings we will be offering Connection Time for both kids and parents. Kids will connect with other kids through an age-appropriate Bible study, and parents will have an informal round table discussion time led by our host couple. This year's discussions will center around marriage and other godly relationships.

**Camp Store** – The Camp Store is located across from the Lodge, and is fully stocked with souvenirs, Sky Ranch Ute Trail apparel, and special treasures!

**Contact:** For any pre-camp needs or questions, please contact Mary May Molitor: [marymaym@skyranch.org](mailto:marymaym@skyranch.org); 970.641.0717

# OFF CAMP ADVENTURE DAY - THURSDAY

Thursday, your family will have the opportunity to spend the day off-camp together. There are many things to do in and around the area. We've listed a few below; however, you will receive a comprehensive list upon arrival at camp. Visit [www.LakeCity.com](http://www.LakeCity.com) for more info.

## WHITE WATER RAFTING

**SCENIC RIVER TOURS** – Scenic River Tours has several whitewater rafting tours available. Whether you are experienced rafters or not, there is something for you! Age and weight requirements depend on the level of difficulty. Most trips cost between \$45-\$60 depending on length and level of difficulty for the trip. We can help you make reservations when you arrive.



## FOUR-WHEEL AND OFF-ROAD DRIVES

*If your vehicle does not have 4-wheel drive, you will want to rent a vehicle for these.*

**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 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. You'll find waterfalls you can hike up to and walk 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 four-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.











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