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*YOUR GUIDE
TO CAMP*

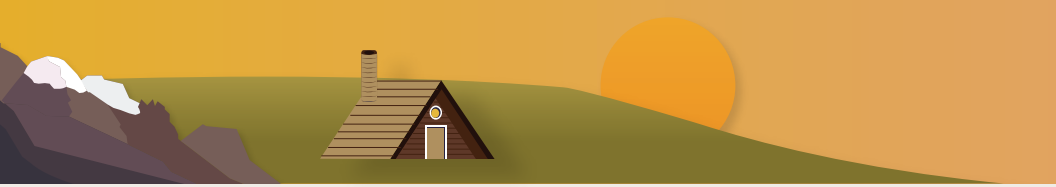
HORN CREEK FAMILY CAMP 2026



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DIRECTORS



KYLE HESS

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES

Kyle grew up in Norman, Oklahoma with a family that valued the importance of faith and family. In the summer of 2007, Kyle fell in love with Sky Ranch working as a counselor in Van, TX. After graduating, Kyle was hired full-time to assist in managing the Operations Assistant Internship Program. In 2010, Kyle married his beautiful bride

Brittany, and they moved to Colorado where he managed Family Camp at Sky Ranch Ute Trail. He now serves as the Director of Family Ministries, leading Family Camp at our two Colorado locations in the summers and coordinating Parent Child Weekends at our Texas site during the school year. Kyle and Brittany have a heart for equipping parents to love and lead their families with God's design in mind. They live in Lindale, TX with their four sons and daughter.



WILL GRAY

HORN CREEK CAMP DIRECTOR

Will was born in Southern Colorado but spent much of his childhood in Germany as a U.S. Army dependent, which is where he came to faith. After serving four years in the U.S. Coast Guard, he began what would become a 30-year career in the fire service, eventually retiring as the fire chief of a small Nevada department. His heart for ministry

has been growing for years, and when the opportunity with Sky Ranch came along, it felt like the perfect fit. Will and his wife, Shannon, have been married for almost 30 years. They have a son, a daughter, and six grandkids—with one more on the way! Will and Shannon live in the hills just north of camp, where they share their home with their three dogs, Cooper, Dexter, and Reece.

MANAGERS



JAKE AUERBACH **MEADOWS MANAGER**

Jake was born and raised in Atlantic, Iowa. He received his undergrad in Public Relations from Northwestern College where he ran track and field competing in the decathlon. During his collegiate summers, he worked at a family camp in Iowa where his love for family camp ministry was born. It was at this camp he met his wife Rachel.

After getting married in 2018, Jake joined Sky Ranch and has served in multiple roles including Sales, Retreats, and now the Family Ministries team. He is passionate about helping equip families to grow closer to Christ and is very excited to get to know you.



CARLIEGH WALKER **LODGE MANAGER**

Carleigh was born and raised in Shreveport, Louisiana. She graduated from East Texas Baptist University where she studied Mass Communications and Worship Studies. She worked as summer staff through college and then did the Fellowship, a yearlong internship at Sky Ranch Van, Texas. After completing the Fellowship, she joined the

Family Ministries Team where she discovered her love for family ministry. In her free time, she likes to challenge her friends to spikeball matches and ride her scooter. Carleigh is excited to step into this role serving and equipping families at Horn Creek this summer!



GETTING READY FOR CAMP

Check-in & Out – Check-in begins at 4:30 pm on Sunday and check-out is at 9:00 am the following Saturday. If you will arrive to camp later than 6:00 pm Sunday, please email Jake Auerbach at JakeA@SkyRanch.org.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

- Bible & Journal
- Backpack or tote bag
- Water bottle
- Sunglasses
- Sun block
- Lip balm
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight
- Camera
- Fishing gear (optional)

CLOTHING

- Warm weather clothing
- Cool weather clothing
- Closed toe shoes for activities
- Hat
- Light jacket
- Sleepwear
- One piece swimwear
- Attire for night events
- Water shoes (optional)
- Rain jacket (optional)

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Alcohol
- Archery equipment
- Climbing gear
- Fireworks
- Illegal drugs
- Paintball gear
- Pets
- Scooters
- Skateboards
- Skeet gear
- Tobacco products
- Weapons

*Sky Ranch provides linens, pillows, wash cloths and bath towels. The Trading Post and Peaks Treats have a variety of sundries and snacks for purchase.

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

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, with lows sometimes 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. 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 if there is lightning.

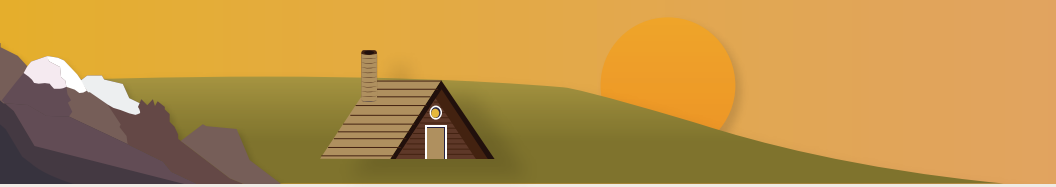
OUTDOORS

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, especially in summer. Be sure to pack insect repellent and use it frequently when you plan on being outdoors. We do not recommend drinking from the rivers, lakes, or streams.

ALTITUDE

Gains in altitude can affect anyone, especially when traveling above 9,200 feet. Sometimes, the effects can include: headaches, breathlessness, fatigue, inability to sleep, swelling of the hands, face, or feet, nausea, or vomiting. You can reduce your symptoms by avoiding strenuous activity for the first day or two of your visit and **drinking extra water** before and during your week of camp. We suggest filling up a water bottle and staying well hydrated throughout the day. Check with your doctor before going to high altitude if you have a heart or lung condition.





SAMPLE SCHEDULE*

Sunday - Arrival Day

4:30 pm	Check-In
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Welcome Orientation
8:00 pm	Activity

Monday-Friday - A Typical Day at Camp

8:00 am	Breakfast
8:45 am	Family Devo
9:15 am	Connection Time
10:30 am	Free Time
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Afternoon Activities
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Night Events - more details on page 9
9:00 pm	Free Time

Wednesday (Lodge) and Thursday (Meadows) is off-camp adventure day. See page 8 for recommendations.

Saturday - Departure Day

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Departure

*Schedule subject to change

ACTIVITIES AT CAMP

ALPINE SWING* (Weight limit: 250 lbs.)

BASKETBALL

BOWLING

CLIMBING WALL* (Weight limit: 250 lbs.)

DISC GOLF

FISHING

GAGA BALL

HANGING LOG

HOT TUB

JUMPING PILLOW

NINE SQUARE IN-THE-AIR

PLAYGROUNDS

POOL

RACQUETBALL

TARGET RANGE*

TRAIL RIDES* (Additional cost to participate. Weight limit: 250 lbs. Kids must be 8 years old. Pony rides will be available for younger kids to enjoy on Western Night.)

TUBING HILL*

VOLLEYBALL

WALKING TRACK

WATERSLIDES

ZIPLINES* (Weight limit: 50-250 lbs.)

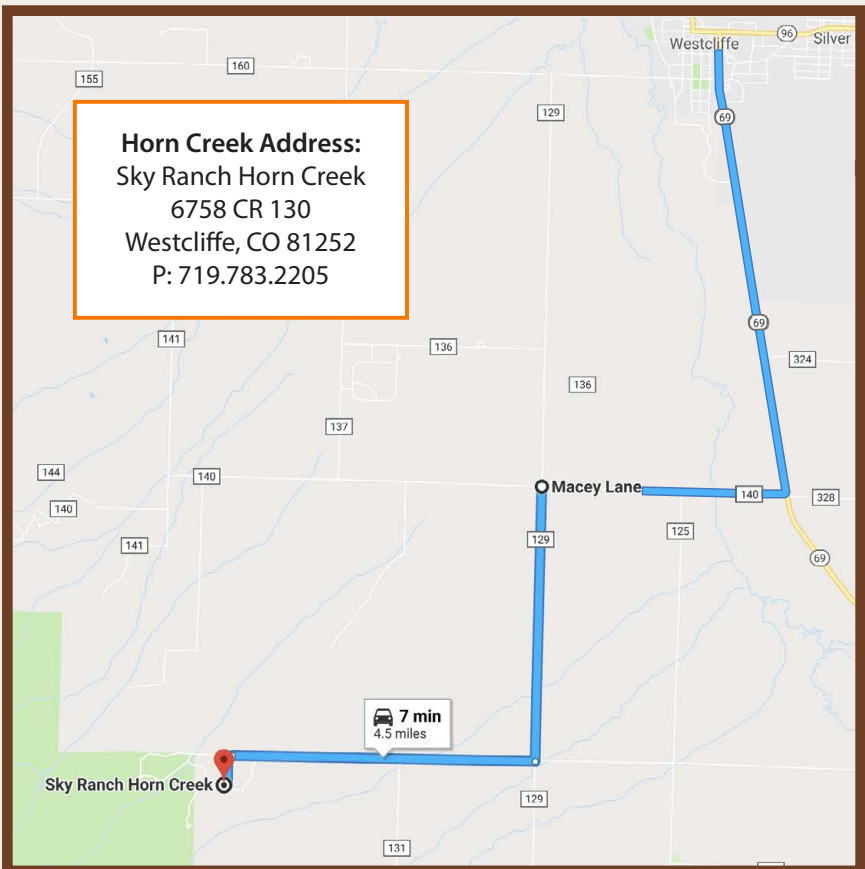
***Closed toe shoes required.**





DIRECTIONS

Horn Creek is off of Highway 69. There are signs that will help direct you to camp. From Westcliffe, 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 Springs Airport, which is two hours away.



OFF CAMP ADVENTURE DAY

Wednesday (Lodge) and Thursday (Meadows), 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. Take time before camp to find a fun outing that your family would enjoy while visiting the area. Remember to make a reservation if needed. Off camp day is encouraged but optional. You are welcome to stay on camp if you wish.

WHITEWATER RAFTING

Take a guided adventure on the Arkansas River. With options for the whole family, Journey Quest, Noah's Ark, and Arkansas River Tours are all exceptional rafting companies with a focus on faith. Be sure to mention that your family is camping with Sky Ranch to receive a discounted rate.

- Visit journeyquest.org or call 719.276.2227.
- Visit noahsark.com or call 719.395.2158.
- Visit arkansasrivertours.com or call 800.321.4352.

ROYAL GORGE

At 1,250-feet deep, the Royal Gorge in Cañon City is one of the deepest canyons in Colorado and often called the "Grand Canyon of the Arkansas." Spanning 955 feet above the river, the suspension bridge is the highest in North America. You can walk across the Royal Gorge Bridge at the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park, where jaw-dropping views and extreme adrenaline rides await.

- Visit royalgorgebridge.com or call 719.275.7507.

GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE

The tallest dunes in North America are the centerpiece in a diverse landscape of grasslands, wetlands, forests, alpine lakes, and tundra. Enjoy hiking, sand boarding, sand sledding, splashing in Medano Creek, visitor center, and more.

- Visit nps.gov/grsa or call 719.378.6395.

BISHOP CASTLE

Jim Bishop bought two-and-a-half acres of land in central Colorado in 1959, when he was just 15 years old. When a passersby suggested his cabin resembled a castle, that's what he decided it would be. That cabin is now a three-story medieval castle in the middle of the Wet Mountains. Complete with large gothic windows, steel walkways, stained glass, and a stainless-steel, fire-breathing dragon, this Dementia Concretia is a spectacular, must-see sight.

- Visit bishopcastle.org or call 719.564.4366.



2026 NIGHT EVENTS

GAME DAY! (Meadows: Monday - Lodge: Tuesday)

Get ready to bring the stadium energy to our ultimate Game Day Party! Throw on your favorite team's jersey, rep your colors loud and proud, and join us for a night packed with friendly competition, good food, and nonstop team spirit. Whether you're a die-hard fan or just in it for the fun, this event is all about community, competition, and unforgettable game day memories!

WESTERN NIGHT (Meadows: Tuesday - Lodge: Monday)

Join us outdoors at the arena for Western Night! The evening kicks off with a delicious outdoor BBQ and western-themed games. After a knee-slapping melodrama performed by our staff, our boots are going to hit the dance floor to a mix of classic country songs that all ages can boot-scoot to. Round up your cowboy hats, boots, and denim and get ready to "yee-haw" all night!

KIDS NIGHT (Meadows: Wednesday - Lodge: Thursday)

KIDS ONLY night event! We will play fun games, eat snacks, and party without our parents. Parents have the option of enjoying a personal picnic dinner or dining in town. Some parents go in groups, others make it a date night. Either way, enjoy your evening! We will take care of the kids.

THE GREATEST SHOW (Meadows: Thursday - Lodge: Wednesday)

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls — welcome to The Greatest Show! Step right up as the most incredible circus acts from around the world gather right here at Horn Creek! Prepare to be amazed by jaw-dropping feats, unbelievable talent, and nonstop excitement. The spotlight is on, the stage is set, and you are part of... THE GREATEST SHOW!

CAMPFIRE (Meadows: Friday - Lodge: Friday)

After a time of Family Blessing, we will conclude an extraordinary week of Sky Ranch Family Camp by gathering around the campfire to reflect on what the Lord has done in our families and in our own hearts. We will worship in song and have the opportunity to reflect and share meaningful moments from the week.

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



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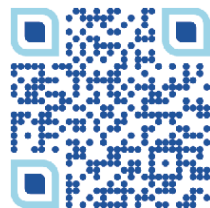
-  Exciting activities
-  Bible study
-  Parties every day
-  Community
-  Relational counselors

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Age
Entering Grades K-4

Price
\$359 Per Camper

Weekly Sessions
Monday-Friday
9:00am-4:00pm

Launch Camp 2026 Locations

Locations are added throughout
the year - keep checking!



READY...SET...LAUNCH INTO CAMP!

We're bringing the intentional fun to you - inflatable ziplines, daily themes, relational staff, and bubbles like you've never seen bubbles. With locations throughout the DFW metroplex and East Texas, it's the perfect experience for kids not quite ready for overnight camp.

BEST (LAUNCH) CAMP EVER!

Your kid will have so much fun, they won't even realize crucial development is taking place under the surface. We encourage: practicing social and communication skills, trying new things, building trust, learning who Jesus is. Campers come home exhausted and enthusiastic with so many stories to tell!



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PARENT CHILD WEEKENDS | LOCATED IN VAN, TX



FATHER SON WEEKEND

The Heart of a Father Son Warrior Weekend is about affirming connections between Father and Son. It's purposefully designed to help each boy find the strength he needs to fight the good fight of becoming an honorable man.

FATHER DAUGHTER WEEKEND

Father Daughter weekend is created to be a meaningful weekend between a father and his daughter. Full of relevant speakers, intentional moments, purposeful play, and fun - this weekend is sure to be a memory-maker and a blessing to both a daddy and his girl.

MOTHER DAUGHTER WEEKEND

This purposeful weekend is a chance for moms and daughters to laugh, listen, talk, and get away from things that normally distract both of you. Intentional moments of connection and play offer moms and daughters the chance to see that you share the same desires to enjoy life, have fun, and be loved.

MOTHER SON WEEKEND

This weekend is a chance for moms to connect with their sons in an environment that includes more "doing" than "talking". Opportunities abound for sons to see their mother not only as 'Mom', but as a woman that has excellent insights and someone who will be their number one fan for life.

DATES AVAILABLE
THROUGH THE FALL
AND SPRING!



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