

SKY RANCH

YOUR GUIDE TO CAMP



UTE TRAIL FAMILY CAMP 2026



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MEET THE LEADERSHIP 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.



MATTHEW MCCULLAR

UTE TRAIL CAMP DIRECTOR

Matthew first served at our Van, TX location as a Wrangler in 2010. It was during that first summer that he met his wife, Sydney, who went through the Sky Ranch Life Map, was saved at camp, and worked at camp – both in Van and at Ute Trail – in various roles. In 2016, Matthew earned a Master of Theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. He then served at Countryside Church in Stillwater, Oklahoma as their College Pastor and most recently as Equipping Pastor, leading adult learning and discipleship efforts. Matthew, Sydney, and their kids Samuel & Gwendolyn have HUGE hearts for the ministry of Sky Ranch, and love using their combined gifts of hospitality, leadership, and genuine love for people to serve at Sky Ranch Ute Trail.



GETTING READY FOR CAMP

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

** Sky Ranch provides linens, pillows, wash cloths and bath towels. The Camp Store has 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 Lake City, 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 7,000 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
8:30 pm	Opening Campfire

Monday-Friday - A Typical Day at Camp

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

Note: Thursday is off camp adventure day! You may want to plan ahead. See page 9 for recommendations.

Saturday - Departure Day

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Departure

*Schedule subject to change

ACTIVITIES AT CAMP

FISHING

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

GIANT SWING*

ZIPLINE* (Limit of 75-250 lbs.)

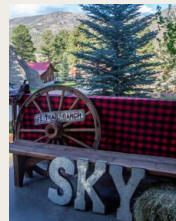
TRAIL RIDES* (Kids must be 8 years old. Pony rides will be available for younger kids to enjoy the horses. Weight limit: 250 lbs.)

KAYAKING/CANOEING

RIVER DAY

SHOOTING SPORTS*

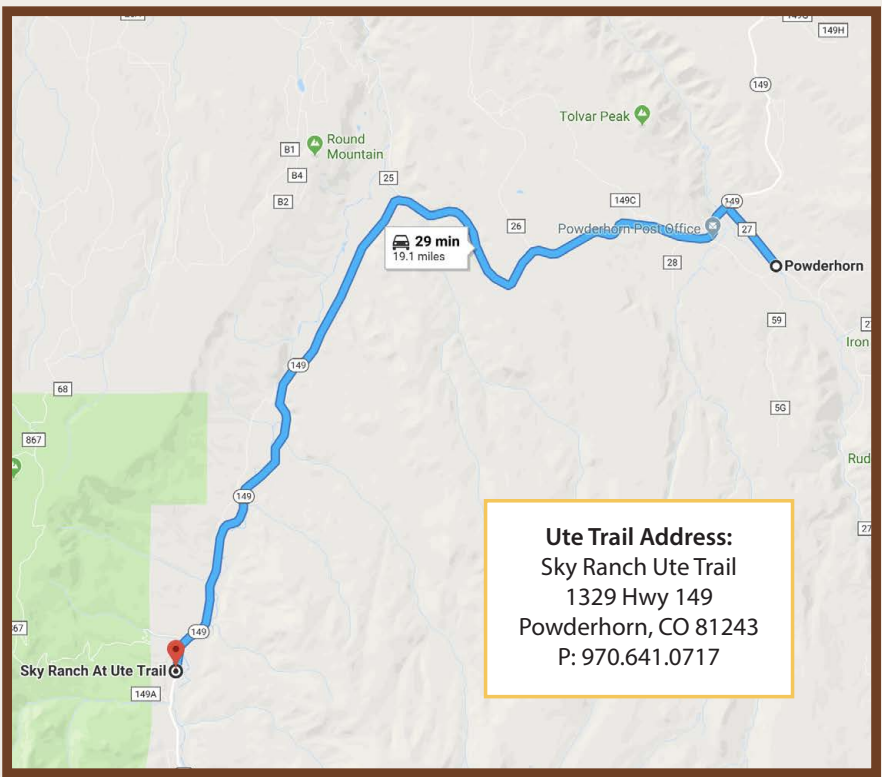
***Closed toe shoes required.**





DIRECTIONS

Please note that when driving south on State Highway 149, you will pass by 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).



OFF CAMP ADVENTURE DAY

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 LakeCity.com to start planning early.

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 everyone! There are age and weight requirements depending on the level of difficulty. Most trips cost between \$70-\$90. 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! You must have a high clearance vehicle 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.



2026 NIGHT EVENTS

GET UP IT'S GAMEDAY! – Monday

Camp is transformed into the Game Day experience. Team colors are worn, music is up, chants, cardboard signs, etc. Families aren't just spectators but active participants in the games. You will work as a team to participate in challenges and events. Focused on teamwork, creativity, and a shared experience more so than showing off your athletic prowess.

BARN DANCE – Tuesday

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

KID'S NIGHT – Wednesday

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.

JOIN THE CIRCUS – Thursday

Step into the spotlight for our Circus themed Talent Show. You can perform, sing, act, dance, or whatever talent you would like to share. This will be a fun night cheering for each other and enjoying time together. If you don't have a talent be ready to enjoy the show!

NUKE 'EM & FAMILY BLESSING NIGHT – Friday

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 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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SUMMER CAMPS

For Grades 1st - 9th






**COME THIS SUMMER AND GET HALF OFF
ANY REMAINING SESSION OF SUMMER CAMP**

SAVE up to \$925!

Use code: **FCHALF26**

For new registrations only. To be used where space is available.

An incredible week of camp includes:

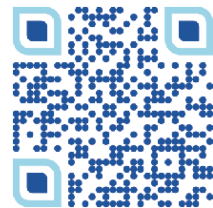
-  Exciting activities
-  Bible study
-  Parties every day
-  Community
-  Relational counselors

And so much **MORE!**

REGISTER TODAY!

SESSIONS FILL QUICKLY

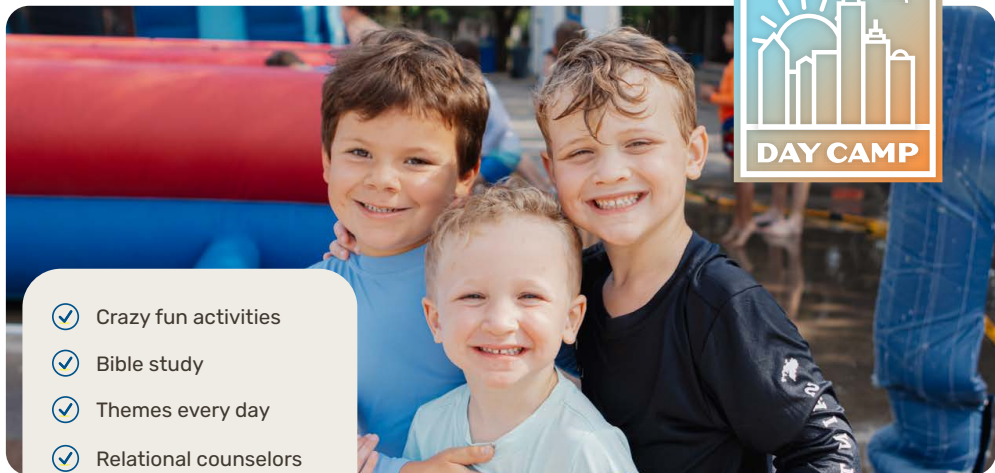
[SkyRanch.org](https://www.SkyRanch.org)



*Scan here for
more info!*

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CRAZY FUN • POWERFUL PURPOSE • BEST WEEK EVER



- ✓ Crazy fun activities
- ✓ Bible study
- ✓ Themes every day
- ✓ Relational counselors
- ✓ New friends
- ✓ And so much MORE!

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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