

Registration Packet

Greetings from Sky Ranch!

Camp changes lives! We are so excited you will be joining us for a life changing experience this summer. Preparation is crucial to a seamless week at Sky Ranch. This packet includes the necessary forms and information you will need to successfully prepare for your week at Sky Ranch. Please ensure you read all information carefully – even if you have been to Sky Ranch before! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to seeing you at camp soon!

This packet includes:

- General Information about Sky Ranch and Onsite Programs
 - Packing List
 - Registration Information
- What to Expect – Arrival & Departure, Schedule, Accommodations, & Meals
 - Driving Directions
 - Participant Release*
 - Participant Health Form*

***Forms and full payment are due three weeks prior to your arrival at camp.**

We know you work hard to get your kids to camp—so please let us know if there is anything we can do to help facilitate the planning process. We look forward to spending a week with you in the mountains living out God's love!

Peace of Christ,

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General Information about Sky Ranch

Each of our programs are unique and consist of different activities in a variety of locations. However, here are some things you can expect for your week with Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp.

Covid-19 Updates: Policies regarding Covid-19 will be continually updated and released. Please ensure you continually check our website for most up to date policies; policies are updated frequently to meet State and County guidelines! Our current policy is attached at the end of this packet.

Qualified and Trained Staff: Our staff participate in two and a half weeks of intensive training, including Wilderness First Aid and CPR, Child Development and Safety, Risk Management, and Lutheran Theology. All campers are supervised by caring young adults who are selected for their leadership, responsibility, and trustworthiness.

Partnership in Ministry: You work hard to bring your youth to Sky Ranch – thus we want to give you a week that is rejuvenating and fulfilling. Bible Study, worship, and meaningful conversations are critical pieces of our program. Our staff facilitate all programming, so you can simply participate and grow in relationship with your youth.

A Place Apart: Sky Ranch is a remote, wilderness location. There is no cell service and limited internet connection. Youth and adults consistently share that stepping away from the busyness of their regular lives to be in community with each other and God is one of the highlights of the week.

Committed Hospitality: We are here to help. If there is anything we can do to assist you, whether before arriving or while at camp, please let us know! It is our absolute joy to serve you in any way we can.

A few things to note:

- Sky Ranch is located at 9200'. Because of the altitude, please ensure that your group drinks lots of water and wears sunscreen! The altitude can be a challenge, but most folks adjust within 24 hours.
- Sky Ranch always has a Registered Nurse onsite. The Camp Nurse keeps and administers all camper medications. The nurse also has over-the-counter medications and treatment supplies for a variety of health issues. Sky Ranch has emergency medical services on retainer and can be reached by helicopter in less than an hour. If you have chronic concerns, difficulty with physical activity, or other health questions, please call us prior to your arrival! We can accommodate a variety of medical conditions, but we need time to prepare.

Onsite Youth Programs

Lower Elementary (Completed 1-3) (Formerly Round Up!)

Come to camp for a three-day introduction to Sky Ranch! Make new friends, do arts & crafts, worship, and more. Lower Elementary campers spend time in community and explore all that Sky Ranch has to offer. This program is perfect for the youngest campers who haven't been to camp before.

**** Lower Elementary runs Sunday through Wednesday; campers leave Wednesday before lunch at approximately 11:00am.**



Upper Elementary (Completed 3-5) (Formerly Homesteaders)

Ready for a full week of camp? Upper Elementary participants participate in a sleep out, go on day hikes, create in the Art Pod, and have plenty of time with their counselors learning, growing, and having fun in community!



Middle School (Completed 6-8) (Formerly Mountaineers)

Whether it's your first time at camp or you've been returning for years, there are always new experiences to have at Sky Ranch! Sleep under the stars, challenge yourself on high ropes, lead worship, and enjoy a day hike in your new community.



Seekers Confirmation Program

Congregations are invited to build community through intentional confirmation programming. Experience camp programs—high ropes, day hikes, worship, and more—and meet new friends in cabin groups. Our staff will lead worship and Bible Study according to our summer curriculum, but time is set aside each day for congregations to gather!

Packing List



CLOTHING

- 2-3 Pairs of Shorts
- 2-3 Pairs of Long Pants (At least one pair of athletic or hiking pants)
- 3-4 Long Sleeve Shirts
- 3-4 T-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Underwear
- Socks (Bring at least one pair of thick, wool hiking socks)
- 1-2 Fleece Jacket or Sweatshirt
- Light Jacket
- Rain Jacket or Poncho
- Cap or Hat with Brim
- Stocking Cap
- Gloves or Mittens
- Tennis Shoes
- Sturdy Hiking Boots
- Sandals (Sandals MUST have heel strap-Chacos, Keens, and Tevas are popular)

OPTIONAL

- Camera
- Books or Cards
- Day Pack (We also have backpacks for campers to borrow)
- Money for Camp Store

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Bible, Notebook, & Pen
- Toiletries
- Towel
- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Water Bottle (a 32 oz bottle is best!)
- Flashlight or Headlamp
- Sunscreen & Bug Spray
- Medication/ Vitamins (IN ORIGINAL BOTTLES)

WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME

- Cell Phones & other electronics
- Snacks, Candy, or Soda
- Lighters, matches or fireworks
- Weapons

Registration Information

Important Deadlines

- After securing your spot—sign and return your contract with a \$100 deposit for each spot reserved.
 - April 15—Early Registration Discount Deadline
 - Three weeks prior to your arrival at camp—All paperwork due
- All participants (both youth and adults) must have a complete set of forms! You may mail, scan, fax, or email your forms to us—be sure to keep a copy for your records.**

Paperwork Reminders

Each participant will need:

- 2024 Participant Release (signed by parent if under 18 years old)
- 2024 Health Form (signed by parent and MD, DO, NP, or PA)

The Doctor's signature is required! Due to CO state law, we cannot allow participation in our programs until the camper has a doctor's signature on the Sky Ranch Health Form.

You can access detailed registration instructions, copies of forms, and more at:
www.skyranchcolorado.org/registration-forms

**** All participants (youth and adult) must register online in addition to filling out paperwork****

Please return forms to (we encourage you to make copies for yourself!):



Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp
805 S. Shields St.
Fort Collins, CO 80521



Fax: 970-493-7960



Scan/Email: Registrar@skyranchcolorado.org

Arrival & Departure

Plan to arrive between 2:00 and 4:00 PM on Sunday afternoon. Upon arrival, participants will check in with staff, receive a nametag and housing assignment, and be introduced to their camp counselors and cabin mates. Your counselors will help you get settled and answer any questions you may have as you start your week at camp!

Camp concludes on Friday after closing worship and before lunch. Parents and family members are able to join for closing worship at 11AM. Lunch is provided to eat either at camp or take down the mountain following worship. **Campers need to be signed out by a parent, guardian, signed out by a parent, guardian, or other designated adult BEFORE leaving!**

**** Lower Elementary program concludes on Wednesday before lunch, camp ends at 11:00am ****

Schedule

Here is an example of a typical day at Sky Ranch:

7:00AM	Wake Up
7:45AM	First Word Worship
8:00AM	Breakfast
9:00AM	Bible Study
10:15AM	Morning Cabin Activity
Noon	Lunch
1:00PM	Rest and Relaxation
2:00PM	Afternoon Cabin Activities
6:00PM	Dinner
7:00PM	Cabin Activities/Electives
8:30PM	Evening Worship
10:00PM	Lights Out

Daily Activities will include Low Ropes, High Ropes (Middle School and Seekers), Day Hike, Bible Study, and more

Bible Study, Worship, and More!

We work hard to develop Bible Study curriculum and worship experiences that are meaningful to youth and adults of all ages. Our staff is fully prepared to incorporate faith formation into each aspect of daily camp life. Campers also have opportunities to plan and lead worships with their peers. Adults are always welcome to participate!

Accommodations

Youth will stay in cabins with bunk beds and twin mattresses. The Shower House is centrally located within the Cabin Area. Adults will stay in the Lodge.

Meals

We pride ourselves in providing delicious and nutritious food for our participants. Most meals will be eaten buffet style in the lodge or outside picnic area. We are more than willing to make accommodations for dietary restrictions and food allergies. Please indicate these on your health form in advance.




Sending Camper Mail

Options for getting you camper mail are:

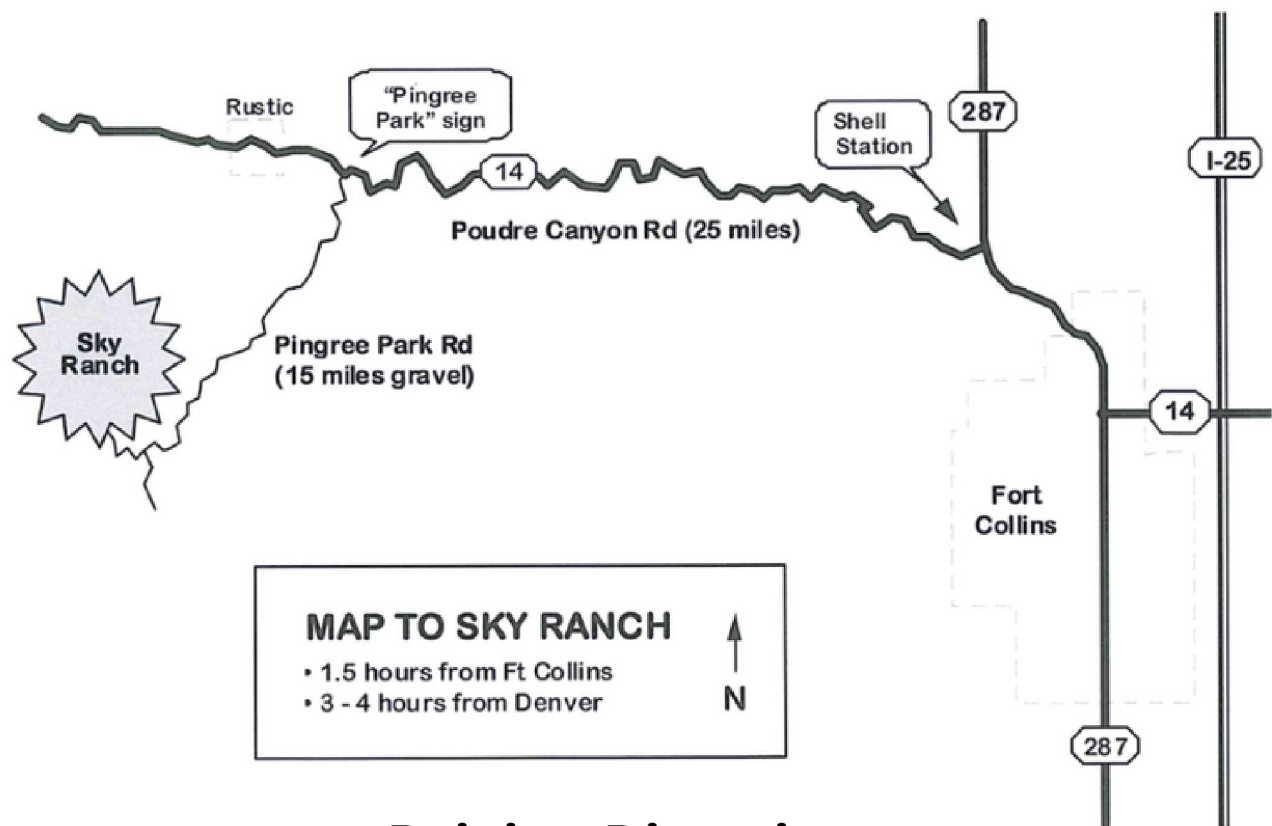
- 1) Send in advance, your camper's mail to 805 S Shields Street Fort Collins, CO 80521. We suggest two weeks out from arrival at camp.**
- 2) Bring those letters for you camper up to camp with you for check-in. Once your camper has been introduced to her counselor and fellow cabinmates, drop off with the registrar your camper's mail and we will distripute during the week.**

When dropping off mail instead of addressing the envelope, please use the following template so we make sure your camper gets their mail!

If sending mail, address as normal making sure to include camper's name



Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp
Camper - Ingrid Johnson
Program Name



Driving Directions

We can't wait to see you at Sky Ranch!

Because of our remote location, there is no cell service on the drive to camp. Please ensure you know where you are going before leaving Fort Collins.

Some helpful hints:

- The Loaf N' Jug at the intersection of Hwy 287 and Hwy 14 is the last gas stop. Please ensure you have gas for another 100 miles.
- The turn-off for the Pingree Park Road is at mile marker 96 on Hwy 14. If you arrive in Rustic, you have gone approximately 5 miles too far.
- The Pingree Park Road is gravel and narrow. The road has sharp curves, so please drive carefully. We recommend planning to arrive before dark.
- The final turn is marked by a large USFS sign for Tom Bennett Campground and Sky Ranch. If you arrive at CSU's Mountain Campus, you have gone 1/4 of a mile too far.
- GPS systems are not reliable when driving to Sky Ranch. Print directions before making the drive. The physical address of Sky Ranch is: 1600 Forest Road 145, Bellvue, CO 80512