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# CAMP CHIEF OURAY 2018 Parent Handbook

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## **NEW IN THE 2018 PARENT HANDBOOK**

1. Childcare Licensing requires that the camper's physical have the office stamp on it, providing Doctor's name, address and phone number.
2. Childcare Licensing requires that camper's immunization record be on the provided Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment Certificate of Immunization form. Even for out of state campers.
3. Campers staying 2 weeks or less should pack accordingly. For those campers who are staying more than two weeks we will offer laundry service.

Camp Chief Ouray is operated by Snow Mountain Ranch, a branch of the YMCA of the Rockies. YMCA of the Rockies is a non-profit organization managed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*YMCA of the Rockies puts Christian principles into practice through programs, staff and facilities in an environment that builds healthy spirit, mind and body for all.*

*We will accomplish this mission by serving conferences of a religious, educational or recreational nature, providing unifying experiences for families, offering traditional summer camping experiences for boys and girls, and serving our staff with leadership opportunities and productive work experiences.*

### **CAMP CHIEF OURAY WILL CELEBRATE 110 YEARS IN 2018**

Founded in 1908 by the Denver YMCA, Camp Chief Ouray was originally built on a site located near Lake Granby. In 1979, the camp was incorporated into the YMCA of the Rockies and moved to its present site. The first summer session at its present site was in 1980. Camp Chief Ouray is dedicated to helping boys and girls grow in spirit, mind and body!

### **ACCREDITATION AND LICENSURE**

The camp is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA) and is visited regularly to assure compliance with the ACA standards. We are also licensed by the State of Colorado Department of Social Services and are visited every year by their representative for license renewal. We are a non-profit partner with Leave No Trace, Inc. (LNT), an organization dedicated to outdoor ethics.



### **STAFF**

Camp Chief Ouray is staffed with a year-round Camp Executive, Summer Camp Director, Leadership Director and Registrar. They are joined on a seasonal basis by college students and graduates, minimum age of 18, to fill many important roles in cabin counseling and specialist positions.

Camp Chief Ouray understands the importance of positive role models for today's young people. We carefully recruit, select, and maintain staff for their enthusiasm, maturity, skills, and ability to display wholesome values for our campers.

Staff members are chosen through a detailed application and interview process. All staff backgrounds are checked against the Central Registry for Crimes Against Children and the Colorado or Federal Bureau of Investigation in accordance with Colorado licensing requirements.

A well-trained, enthusiastic staff is crucial to an exciting and unforgettable camp experience. Each staff member undergoes an extensive and professional training program together in preparation for our campers' arrival. We emphasize group dynamics, child development, hands-on teaching methods, outdoor living skills, and safety and health including certification training in First Aid, CPR and Wilderness First Aid.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

In keeping with our Mission Statement, Camp Chief Ouray is open to all children regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, handicap or ability to pay.

Camp Chief Ouray's programs strive to create an environment that not only allow children a fun week in a beautiful mountain setting, but also help children develop important life skills such as confidence, independence, teamwork, perseverance and tolerance. Furthermore, our programs foster an environment where children can succeed in groups by learning the value of getting along with others who are different from themselves. Children are granted this all important opportunity to unite with peers while experiencing nature at its finest.

Camp Chief Ouray offers scholarships with the hope that no child will miss the chance to spend a terrific summer building memories, meeting new friends, and learning from new experiences.

These scholarships are made possible through the generous donations of many caring people. We invite you to be a part of spreading camp magic to those who could not otherwise afford it. Your monetary donation, of any size, can really make a difference! Contact the camp office to learn more about donating to our Camp Fire Circle Scholarship Program.

## **WISH LIST**

Camp Chief Ouray appreciates donations of any of the following items that could enhance our program or facility:

- Musical instruments (guitars, ukuleles, percussion, etc.)
- Arts & crafts supplies
- Day backpacks/book bags
- Newer internal frame backpacks
- Wigs and costumes
- Horseback riding boots
- Western saddles and tack in good condition
- Tools (hammers, saws, pliers, etc.)
- Lightly used sports equipment (balls, soccer goals, etc.)
- Fishing equipment (in good repair)

## **HOW TO GET TO CAMP**

Camp Chief Ouray is located on the 5,100 acre Snow Mountain Ranch (elevation 8,750 feet above sea level) approximately 80 miles or 1.5 hours northwest of Denver, Colorado.

**\*Please note that using our physical address for GPS locaters or web tools like MapQuest may not give you the most accurate directions.**

### **Directions to Camp Chief Ouray from Denver:**

Take I-70 West to Exit 232 (road signs will read Winter Park, Granby Ranch, Granby, Rocky Mountain National Park). Take exit 232 onto Highway 40 over Berthoud Pass. After Berthoud Pass, continue driving west on Highway 40 through Winter Park, Fraser and Tabernash. Four miles west of Tabernash turn left off of Highway 40 into the YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch property. Proceed 2 miles to the rear of the ranch grounds and turn right at the Camp Chief Ouray sign. This road will lead you to the center of camp!

### **Directions to Camp Chief Ouray from Boulder: (3 options)**

- 1.)** Take either Highway 36 east from Boulder to I-70 West in Denver and follow the above mentioned directions
- 2.)** Take Highway 93 from Boulder to Golden. At the stoplight in Golden at Junction 6 turn right onto Highway 6 West; stay on Highway 6 to I-70 West; follow remaining directions from above.
- 3.)** (Summer only) The scenic way! Go through Estes Park and access Trail Ridge Road (Highway 34) through Rocky Mountain National Park. Stay on Highway 34 when you exit the Park until you reach the Highway 40 junction sign about 18 miles from Park exit. Turn left or east onto Highway 40 through the town of Granby. Proceed approximately eight miles and turn right onto Snow Mountain Ranch property; follow the remaining instructions from above once on Snow Mountain Ranch grounds. (Plan on a 2-2.5 hour drive from the Front Range area taking Trail Ridge Road)

## **PAYMENT POLICY**

Your statement can be found on your CampInTouch Account under the Financial Management tab. This will indicate your base camp fee, session number and dates, requested transportation, any additional options such as the beginner trail ride, rafting and high ropes course, any appropriate discounts, and deposits. If there are any errors, please contact the office.

All payments are required to be in the camp office by 30 days prior to arriving at camp. Camp Chief Ouray reserves the right to cancel any registration if balance due is not received by 30 days prior to the start of the program.

Most forms and payments are completed online in your CampInTouch account. **We strongly suggest that you make a copy of all forms and checks mailed to the Camp Chief Ouray office.**

## **REFUND POLICY**

**Your deposit of \$100.00 is non-refundable, regardless of when a cancellation is received.** If you cancel your child's camp reservation 30 days prior to your child's arrival date at camp, a 75% refund of any amount paid on your balance will be issued. Any transportation fee paid with your deposit can be applied to your final balance should you cancel this service at least thirty days prior to your child's initial attendance. There will be no refund of transportation fees if notice is given to the camp office less than thirty days prior to your child's arrival at camp.

- There will be no refunds if a child goes home early in cases of illnesses that happen at camp, disciplinary action, bullying or homesickness.
- There will be no refunds should you cancel an additional option (rafting, horseback riding, ropes course) or transportation less than thirty days prior to the child's arrival at camp.
- Refunds will be issued for medical reasons only with written verification from a physician.

## **CAMP FORMS**

There are several **MANDATORY** camp forms you will find in your CampInTouch account. Please be sure to have the following forms completed as soon as possible and no later than 30 days prior to your camper's arrival to camp.

### **Physician's Examination (upload pdf)**

It is essential that this form be completed and returned to the camp office 30 days prior to your camper's session. This form is available on your CampInTouch account. We encourage you to upload it but if that is not possible email or fax it to the office. This information will be saved electronically and not in hard copy format.

The health needs of our campers are diverse, ever-changing, and demanding. Having health forms in hand prior to your camper's arrival for thorough review by our health care staff is critical.

- Colorado state law requires each camper to have a physical **within 12 months of your child's last day at camp.** The physical form must be completed, signed and dated by a licensed physician, P.A. or nurse practitioner including the examiner's address and telephone number or **by state law the camper cannot remain at camp.**
- **Medications**
  1. **COLORADO STATE LAW** stipulates that only medications prescribed by your health care provider may be dispensed at camp. The medication section acts the same as a prescription when completed properly by your provider. This does mean that your physician, P.A., or nurse practitioner must complete this section in the same manner that he/she would write a prescription. Make certain that the lower

Doctor's signature section is entirely completed, signed and dated. Please read further information listed below regarding your child's medications:

- **Any medications** your child takes, including but not limited to, any maintenance medications; behavioral disorder medications; antibiotics; herbal/homeopathic medicines; vitamins; eye/ear drops; inhalers; epinephrine "epi" pens, etc. must be listed (including dosage) on the Physician's Exam. Any prescribed medication or non-prescription, \*over-the-counter medication **MUST** be noted properly in the Physician's Exam. Please send all medications to camp in their **original container** noting the RX number and physician name.
- **Medications added or changed after exam:** For any medication prescribed or changed for your child after his/her exam, you will need to bring the medication in the original pharmacy container noting the RX number and physician name. If this is not possible, you or your health care provider will need to provide us with a prescription.
- **Over the counter (OTC)** medications for the common cold, stomach ailments, headaches, cuts and abrasions are stocked in our Health Center and administered by our Health Center staff according to our camp physician's standing orders. Call the camp office if you need more specific information.
- **All medications are required to be turned into the Health Center staff at check-in.** The only exceptions are inhalers and epi pens which are allowed to be carried by the camper.

#### **Immunization Record (upload pdf)**

The immunization record is required. Dates may be written on the form provided in your CampInTouch account or a copy of your child's official record may be uploaded.

#### **Healthcare Authorization (upload pdf)**

This form would accompany your child to the medical center, giving permission and insurance information. Please attach a copy of both sides of your insurance card to this form. Make sure you sign and date the bottom. We have a limited coverage camper health insurance policy for campers without insurance. We will file with our carrier to cover any expenses up to the limits of the policy. This policy is of no cost to you.

#### **Behavioral Agreement (submit electronically)**

This form must be completed by campers ages 13 and older on your CampInTouch account. This establishes expectations of conduct while participating in our special teen programs. CCO has a zero tolerance for bullying.

#### **Information for Counselors (submit electronically)**

This is a simple "fill in the blank and submit" form that is given to your child's counselors before they arrive. Please give the counselors as much information as possible to make your child's camp experience the best.

#### **Rafting Waivers (upload pdf)**

Campers participating in the one-day rafting trip on Thursday **MUST** have the Mad Adventures Rafting Agreement completed and signed by both the participant and a guardian. This includes Counselor-in-Training participants.

Campers doing overnight rafting including Adventure Rafting and Specialist-in-Training programs **MUST** have the Colorado River Center Waiver completed and signed.

**These forms will be saved electronically and not in hard copy format.**

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY AT CAMP**

### **Facility and Staff**

- Our program is designed with camper health and safety in mind. We have a well-equipped Health Center on camp grounds with a resident nurse in charge of medications and first-aid needs.
- Middle Park Medical Center is 15 minutes away from camp. It offers 24 hour care and consultation.
- Our health care staff are seasonal and reside in the Health Center during each camp season between the last week in May through Labor Day (until the camp season ends). They may be contacted during this time. The year-round administrative staff can make notations regarding specific health needs for your child's records during the remainder of the year.
- Parents are contacted by our health care staff if a camper's illness or injury requires treatment by the camp's clinic physicians or the camper is retained in our Health Center for a period of 24 hours. Our resident camp nurse will be in communication with both the clinic and parents regarding the diagnosis, any necessary medications, and after care treatment. Camp staff will communicate with parents if other issues come up during the session.

### **Health Care on Check-In Day**

- Make sure your camper's Health History, Physician's Exam, Immunization Record and Healthcare Authorization are completed in your CampInTouch account prior to check-in.
- All campers will receive a health screening. This consists of, but not necessarily limited to; a lice check, temperature check, and questions regarding your child's current health condition.
- All medications brought to camp are to be turned in to the Health Center staff in the original container at check-in. The only exceptions allowed by Colorado state law are an inhaler and an epinephrine pen, which will be decided by the nurse.

### **Health Care during Your Camper's Stay**

- Medications are dispensed by our Health Center nursing staff or specially trained staff at the Health Center daily after breakfast, lunch, dinner, and before evening vespers. **Camp Chief Ouray will supply all necessary over-the-counter medications for common ailments and illnesses per standing orders from our camp physician.**
- The Middle Park Medical Center is fully staffed 24 hours a day. Transportation to and from the clinic is provided by our camp travel staff for non-emergency trips. Ambulance service is provided by Grand County EMS services for emergencies. A staff member will be with your camper at all times during his/her transport and throughout their entire clinic visit.
- Your camper usually is seen through the emergency room portion of Middle Park Medical Center. The clinic portion cannot always schedule appointments for our campers. The only exception is for any type of maintenance injections such as allergy shots. If your camper requires this type of medical treatment, please call the camp office.
- While campers are out on the trail with Adventure/Trekker Trips and Leadership Training Programs, the following emergency procedures are in place.
  1. Staff members are trained in Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder.
  2. Staff are trained in evacuation procedures and equipped with maps that identify closest ranger stations.
  3. Staff members carry a GPS Spot Detector.
  4. If staff members are unable to tend to an emergency, 911 is called.

*If you would like to see the wilderness evacuation procedure, please contact Camp Chief Ouray office.*

- The following are the clinic billing procedures:

1. Your insurance company will be directly billed by the clinic. As the primary provider, you will receive statements. It is **your responsibility** to get payment to the clinic according to their terms. If your camper is seen in the emergency room, you will receive a physician's fee statement and an emergency room fee statement separately. If seen in the clinic portion, all procedures are on one statement. If ambulance transportation was provided, a separate fee statement for the Grand County EMS will be mailed to you. Fees charged will vary depending upon the medical services provided. **Emergency room fees are substantially higher than the clinic fees to which you are accustomed.** In non-emergency cases, you may wish to take your camper home. You are welcome to discuss this option with our camp nurse.
2. Pharmacy services will be provided by the local City Market Pharmacy. If your camper requires prescribed medication, the pharmacy staff will bill your insurance directly whenever possible. If the pharmacy cannot bill your insurance company, the prescription cost for your camper will be charged to the Camp Chief Ouray account. The RX receipts for individual charges will be mailed to you. We request re-imbusement payment upon receipt (checks payable to Camp Chief Ouray).

### **Health Care on Check-Out Day**

- Check-out day (Saturdays) are buzzing with excitement! REMEMBER you will need to pick up any medications your camper brought from the Health Center Staff.
- Campers traveling home by air or bus are to have their medications returned to them for their trip home. Any medications left at camp may be mailed home to you.

Most licensed facilities make every effort to provide a safe and healthy environment for children. Unfortunately, on rare occasion, an incident of physical or sexual abuse may occur. If you believe that your child has been abused, you should seek immediate assistance from the county Department of Social Services. The telephone number to report child abuse in Grand County is 970-725-3331.

Child care services play an important role in supporting families, and strong families are the basis of a thriving community. Your child's education, physical, emotional, and social development will be nurtured in a well-planned and well run program. We invite you to observe our program, especially with regard to children's health and safety, equipment and play materials, and staff.

Please visit the following link to our website to read our Code of Conduct:  
[http://www.campchiefouray.org/documents/YMCA\\_Code\\_of\\_Conduct.pdf](http://www.campchiefouray.org/documents/YMCA_Code_of_Conduct.pdf)

For additional information regarding licensing or if you have concerns about a child care facility, please consult the Colorado Division of Child Care at 1575 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203-1714, 303-866-5858.

### **ADVENTURE/TREKKER & LEADERSHIP PACKING LISTS**

Please refer to our website for a more in-depth list

### **TRADITIONAL/CHALLENGER PACKING LIST**

One suitcase or duffel bag and a sleeping bag are sufficient for packing for a week of camp. Space is limited in the cabins, please do not over pack.



**CLEARLY MARK EVERYTHING WITH YOUR CAMPER'S NAME not just initials!** We suggest that you send old clothes and linens with your camper. Some items may be lost or damaged. Please remember that we are in the heart of the Rocky Mountains and our weather can be unpredictable!

Our temperatures usually reach 75 to 80 degrees in the daytime all summer and drop to 25°-40° at night. Our summers offer beautiful, sunny days with occasional afternoon showers and cool, crisp evenings and nights.

**Essential Items:**

- Sleeping bag (lightweight but warm with a rating of *15-20 degrees*; filled with synthetic fibers or down, cotton is **not** advised).
- Sleeping pad (thin roll-up pad for camp-out night)
- Day pack (book/school pack size) with:
  - 2 water bottles (screw top lids that don't leak-such as Nalgene brand)  
**CCO water bottles available for purchase at Check-in**
  - rain gear (poncho or coat/pants combination)
  - sweat pants or wind pants
  - medium weight jacket (warm-long sleeved fleece works well)
  - stocking cap, gloves
  - sunscreen
  - lip balm with SPF
  - baseball cap or bandana
  - sunglasses
  - flashlight
- T-shirts (no sleeveless, tank or tube tops for guys and/or girls)
- Sweatshirts or sweaters
- Jeans, long pants or sweatpants
- Shorts (no short shorts for guys and/or girls)
- Appropriate sleeping attire
- Swimming suit
- Socks
- Underwear
- Laundry bag (for dirty clothes)
- Hiking boots or sturdy tennis shoes
- Water shoes or sandals w/strap across heel for rafting (**cannot wear during regular camp**)
- Toiletries: toothbrush/paste, deodorant, soap/shampoo, comb, towel/washcloth, flip flops

**Optional:**

- extra blanket for warmth
- Long underwear
- Camera
- Stationary, pre-stamped envelopes and pens
- Insect repellent (non-aerosol is preferred)
- Crazy Creek (it's a chair)

**Horseback Riding Instruction & Beginner Trail Ride**

- MUST have long jeans or pants, and suitable boots for riding. Sturdy boots with a flat smooth sole with 1/2" heel are best. Hiking boots and tennis shoes are allowed for the trail ride but are not the safest footwear.

**Do Not Bring These Items to Camp**

\*alcohol \*tobacco \*drugs \*weapons \*expensive items \*money \*skate boards \*pets

\*tank/tube/sleeveless tops \*short shorts \*food/candy/gum \*soda \*snacks \*vehicles

We strive to offer children a unique outdoor experience. Please help support us in this mission by *not allowing campers to bring* cell phones, MP3 players, iPods, iPads or electronic games as they detract from the experience.

We realize in this age of instant connectivity that it may be uncomfortable if your child does not have their cell phone with them. We ask that if you need to contact your child to please call the camp office and we will arrange for that conversation to take place. We strive to have the kids disconnect electronically so they can not only reconnect with nature but also with themselves. Check out this Ted Talk on the value of disconnecting while at camp:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4rI3oIRHxP4>

Our camp fees include all meals and daily snacks, a camp tee-shirt and camp photo. Camp store items (water bottles, hoodies, etc.) will be available for purchase at check-in and check-out only.

**Camp Chief Ouray is not responsible for lost or damaged items.**

### **CAMP CHECK-IN**

**Check-in Sunday:** returning "alumni" campers check-in between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. New campers check-in between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.

PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE ANY EARLIER THAN 2:00 p.m. We need the time prior to 2:00 to properly prepare for your child's arrival. We ask that you try to arrive no later than 4:00 p.m., and we would appreciate you letting us know if you expect to be late. The first meal served to all campers is dinner at 6:00 p.m.

**ALL campers are required to check-in.** Upon arrival in the camp parking lot, proceed to the check-in tables located inside the upper level of the main camp building. Our check-in includes receiving the camper's cabin assignment and a health screening including a temperature and lice check (as required by Colorado state law). Any campers arriving with medications need to be prepared to hand them over to the Health Center staff in their original containers. You may hand over heavy luggage to our crew who will tag and deliver heavy items to far away cabins. Campers will take their sleeping bag, pillow and daypack with them to the cabin to set up their bunk bed.

We make every effort to make this check-in as efficient as possible, but **you should plan on spending approximately 30 minutes at check-in.** We encourage you to visit your child's cabin and meet his/her counselors after you check-in.

We do ask that you plan to say good-bye to your child by 4:00 p.m., as most children will be at camp by that time, and the cabin groups will begin their camp tours and "getting acquainted" activities.

### **CABIN ASSIGNMENTS & CAMP LIFE**

All children will be living in cabin groups with children of their same age or grade. The youngest campers will live in three dormitory-style lodges. There are bathrooms on each floor of these buildings. The youngest age depends on the campers registered for that session of camp. Because registration is first come first served, there is no guarantee of being placed in either a lodge or a cabin.

The older children will live in eighteen rustic cabins (nine for boys/nine for girls). There are two centrally located toilet/shower facilities, one designated for boys; one designated for girls. Responsibility for the cleanliness and basic up-keep of the cabins and bathroom facilities is divided between the cabins. The cabin unit is our basic and most important group at camp; they

play, work and eat together the whole week. Here your camper will learn about the “give and take” of group living, understanding others and making new friends.

It is our belief that each camper will have a significantly better camp experience by **not** requesting a cabin-mate. Our counselors are trained to build cabin unity and make each camper feel welcome from the moment the session begins. This encourages our campers to expand their comfort zone and make new friends while at camp. However, we do recognize that going to camp with a friend may make the adjustment process easier for some campers.

- Traditional campers age 7-12 may make **one** cabin-mate request. Go to your [CampInTouch](#) account and then "Forms and Documents" and then "Bunk Request"
- Cabin-mates must be no more than 12 months apart in age
- Also, the cabin-mate request must be mutual between campers
- Requesting more than one cabin-mate may void any request
- We do not guarantee placement

All meals are served family-style in Chipeta Dining Hall. A well-balanced, varied menu is served and a vegetarian menu is available. **Special restricted dietary needs should be documented in the camper’s on-line Health History and the Physician’s Exam.** Campers will share in the responsibility for setting the table for their cabin and for post-meal clean-up. Each cabin is supervised by its counselors at meals.

**Possible Freedom of Choice Activities:**

Archery	Climbing Wall & Rocks	Ceramics
Riflery	Gaga Ball & Carpet Ball	Dance
Outdoor Survival	Campfire Cooking	Drama
Birding	Ukuleles	Sports & Games
Mad Science	Fishing	Arts & Crafts

**Possible General Camp Activities:**

Low Ropes Course	All Camp Game
Swimming	Dinner over a Fire
Canoeing	Camp-out Night
Hiking	All Camp Dance & Carnival
Archery	Talent Show
Arts & Crafts	All Camp Campfire

**ADDITIONAL OPTIONS (additional fee)**

**Rafting (ages 9 and older) \$80.00**

Those children going on the one-day rafting trip will be on the Gore Canyon stretch of the Colorado River near Kremmling, Colorado. This trip is offered through an experienced and licensed guide-outfitter. Their staff members are certified in First Aid and CPR and are skilled in whitewater rescue techniques. Their rafts are manned with a licensed guide and camp staff member along with campers. U.S. Coast Guard approved life vests and a paddle are provided for campers and staff, along with a safety orientation. **A waiver is required.**

**High Ropes Course & Zip Line (ages 12 and older) \$50.00**

Campers will discover their inner strengths and increase self-esteem by participating in this exciting program. Campers work to develop trust in themselves and others as they climb to new heights on our high ropes course. This Additional Activity takes a half-day.

Due to safety precautions, the High Ropes Course activity may be cancelled with inclement weather conditions (usually in the case of heavy rain or lightning) and will not be able to be rescheduled. Our ropes staff are belay certified and receive additional training and safety orientation.

**Horseback Riding Instruction (all ages) \$250.00**

Within each camp session of Horseback Riding Instruction there are 4 different levels according to ability and experience. Campers will spend 2 hours out of their day at the stable and rotate through traditional camp programs with their cabin mates the rest of the day.

**\*Please note** that if you have registered for both horseback riding instruction and rafting, your camper will miss a full session at the stables because they will be on the river all day Thursday.

Those campers invited to participate in the High Rider level will be in their riding class for all activity periods and will not rotate into other daytime activities.

**Beginner Trail Ride (all ages) \$35.00**

This is a one-time, 30 minute horseback trail ride perfectly suited for the camper who has **not** been in riding instruction all week but would like a simple trail ride. Rides will be canceled for safety reasons such as heavy rain and/or lightning.

**\*These Additional Options can fill-up, don't wait until check-in day to add them.**

**BUS TRANSPORTATION (\$30 each way)**

Bus transportation is offered on the opening and closing day of each session from **Exit 259 (Golden/Morrison) on I-70** the **Hogback Jurassic Park-n-Ride Woolly Mammoth Lot, row HH.**

On opening day, **SUNDAY**, check-in for the bus begins at 11:30 a.m. and the bus leaves Exit 259 at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

On closing day, **Saturday**, the bus arrives at Exit 259 between 12:15 and 12:30 p.m. A staff member always accompanies the campers on the bus. The camp office will contact you if any changes to bus transportation times and location occur. Please call the office within 10-days of your camper's arrival with changes, additions, or cancellations of bus services.

**AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION (\$75 each way)**

Detailed flight information for your camper must be into the office 10-days prior to your camper's arrival. It is a **requirement** that all parents of campers arriving and or departing through Denver International Airport (DIA) **call the camp office one week prior** to your camper's flights to confirm flight information, any changes and final instructions.

- Campers **MUST** have a photo I.D and a ticket (**MUST** carry copy of e-ticket if not a paper ticket).
- Campers are to use their "Day Pack" as described on the Packing List as their carry on. Any money, identification, tickets, cell phone, medications, or paperwork must be in this carry on. Limit checked luggage to only one piece and your sleeping bag/gear as a second piece.
- Time spent in DIA will vary widely depending upon flight changes and delays. DIA is a 2 ½ hr. drive to/from camp. Expect a long day!
- You **MUST** pay the unaccompanied minor fee for both arrivals/departures in advance if your camper is 12 or under for us to accompany your camper to and from their arrival/departure gates. If your airline allows an exception to the age limit for this service, notify our office.

- Your child is to give their cell phone to our staff upon arrival to be stored in the office safe. Medications will be turned into the camp nurse.

### Airport Arrivals

**Campers arriving at DIA should arrive between 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. Mountain Time on the day your session begins.** Our staff can ONLY accompany your camper to and from their arrival/departure gates if they are 12 and under and you have paid the round trip escort service fee. CCO Staff are only allowed to meet campers who have not paid for escort service at the top of the escalator on LEVEL 5 (Baggage Claim Level).

**Directions are as follows:** Upon leaving the plane at the gate in DIA, follow the electronic signs overhead to "Baggage Claim/Terminal" along Concourse A, B or C to the escalator going down to the Train Level. The train will take you to the baggage claim and main terminal. De-board the train at the prompt, "Baggage Claim / Terminal". Proceed up the escalator to Level 5. Remain here (do not proceed alone to luggage carousels) and our staff member with staff shirt, nametag, and I.D. will be at the designated pick up location at the top of the escalator, greet your camper and proceed to baggage claim.

### Airport Departures

All campers departing by plane will leave camp on Saturday morning. **All departure flights should be between 12:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. Mountain Time Saturday.** Our staff will escort your child to the airline check-in counter and if your camper is 12 and under our staff will accompany your child to their gate until he/she boards their flight. For campers over 12, our staff will escort your child to the check-in counter and remain with them until he/she proceeds to the main security area. Campers who will not be accompanied proceed through the main security area and down the escalator to the train and board at the prompt. They will de-board the train on the appropriate concourse by following the train's voice prompt and continue to their departure gate. Departure gates are clearly marked. There are arrival/departure screens on each concourse that your unaccompanied camper should check and make certain that their gate assignment and departure time received at their airline check-in counter is still correct.

### **CAMPER COMMUNICATION**

**U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (Best Option):**  
 Camper Name & Cabin or Program  
 Camp Chief Ouray  
 PO Box 648  
 Granby, CO 80446-0648

**UPS, FED EX, DHL OR AIRBORNE EXPRESS:**  
 Camper Name & Cabin or Program  
 Camp Chief Ouray  
 1101 County Road 53  
 Granby, CO 80446-0648

**Please do not send packages with candy, gum, or snacks.** Campers are not allowed to take food to their cabin or group areas. A great alternative is to send things that can be shared among cabin mates; magazines, games, glow sticks, playing cards, dollar store items, etc. To avoid postal delays and expense, bring letters and **no more than one small** package per camper per week with you on check-in day. These can be distributed to your camper throughout the week. Remember that over communicating with your camper can create undo homesickness.

Send a one-way email to your camper and they will receive a printed copy of it the next day. This is found on your CampInTouch account under "Email". There is a nominal fee for this service. However, a portion of these fees go to the Camp Chief Ouray Scholarship Fund.

The Camp Chief Ouray Office number is 970-887-2648. In an emergency situation after hours, dial 970-887-2152 and press "0" for the 24 hour operator.

**Please do not tell your children to call you if they are homesick!**

Please help us with our request that your child not bring their cell phone to camp. We understand that for many parents (if not all), it is an expectation to have instant access to communicate with their child. We ask that you help us help your child develop the independence that comes with a session of camp. You may call the office any time if you are in need of speaking with your child and we will do everything in our power to make that happen. For campers traveling before and after camp, please allow us to store their cell phones in the camp office safe during their stay.

**WEEKEND CAMP - BETWEEN SESSIONS (\$85.00)**

Children registered for more than one session are welcome to stay at camp between certain sessions. This additional option needs to be added to the camper's registration. Please see the website for available weekends. We have an appropriate number of staff who will supervise our weekend campers. These campers and staff will enjoy a relaxed time doing activities at a slightly slower pace than the regular camp session. Hikes, games, swimming, volleyball, miniature golf, and more!

Campers staying up to 2-weeks should pack accordingly. **Laundry:** For those campers who are staying more than two weeks laundry service will be offered. (We supply all laundry detergent.) This includes campers staying for more than two consecutive sessions and campers in our Leadership Training Programs. Each camper's clothing is placed in an individual mesh bag and washed in cold water and dried. Sometimes these bags break open; make certain ALL of your camper's clothing is well marked so that we may return all items to your child should this occur.

**DISCIPLINE**

We have high but reasonable expectations about our campers behavior. If a child's behavior becomes disruptive enough to disturb the experience of other campers, a decision may be made to remove him or her from our program.

While the goal for our staff is to create a rapport with campers which encourages campers to talk over and seek ways of handling the pressures they face growing up in today's society, we do not have sufficient staff resources to deal with dependency on alcohol, tobacco or other drugs. Campers should expect to give up established habits in these areas while they are at camp out of respect to the camp goals and their fellow campers. Those who do not comply will be sent home **at parents' expense and with no refund.**

**LOST AND FOUND**

Camp Chief Ouray is not responsible for lost items. We will do all that we can to ensure that your child returns with all of the items brought to camp. **Please be sure to mark ALL of your camper's belongings with their full name (not just initials).** Be sure to send only older, non-valuable clothing with your camper.

Due to limited storage, camp will only keep unclaimed items for one week at which time they will be donated to charity.

### **CAMP CHECK-OUT**

\*If someone other than the parents/guardians listed on registration will be picking up your camper please make sure you listed their legal name on the "Allowed to pick up" section of your registration.

All sessions end on **Saturday morning** (except Mini Camp); **you are required to show your ID and sign out your camper(s)**. We will **open the gates at 10:00 a.m.** and there will be a short 15 minute show in the main building before you head to the cabins.

- In the Camp Dining Hall a staff member will check your photo ID and ask which camper(s) you will be picking up. You will be given a piece of paper that will act as your "ticket" to pick up your camper(s). **Hold on to this ticket!** Collect any camper medications from the Nurse and check the Lost & Found! The Camp Store will be open for purchases.
- If you have time, you may grab luggage from the Pavilion before the parent show.
- You will have the chance to dialogue with your child's counselors and meet their new friends. You will receive your camper's cabin photo from their counselor.
- Heavy luggage will be in the Pavilion sorted by cabins. **Please take a little extra time to make certain that you have collected all of your camper's items prior to your departure.** Though we do have a "Lost and Found" we cannot guarantee that any of your child's missing items will be turned into our camp office.

Early pick-ups must be done before 7:00 pm Friday night. **Please call the office (970-887-2648) to arrange early pick-ups!** If your child is leaving camp by alternate transportation, please see the BUS and AIR TRANSPORTATION section for that detailed information.