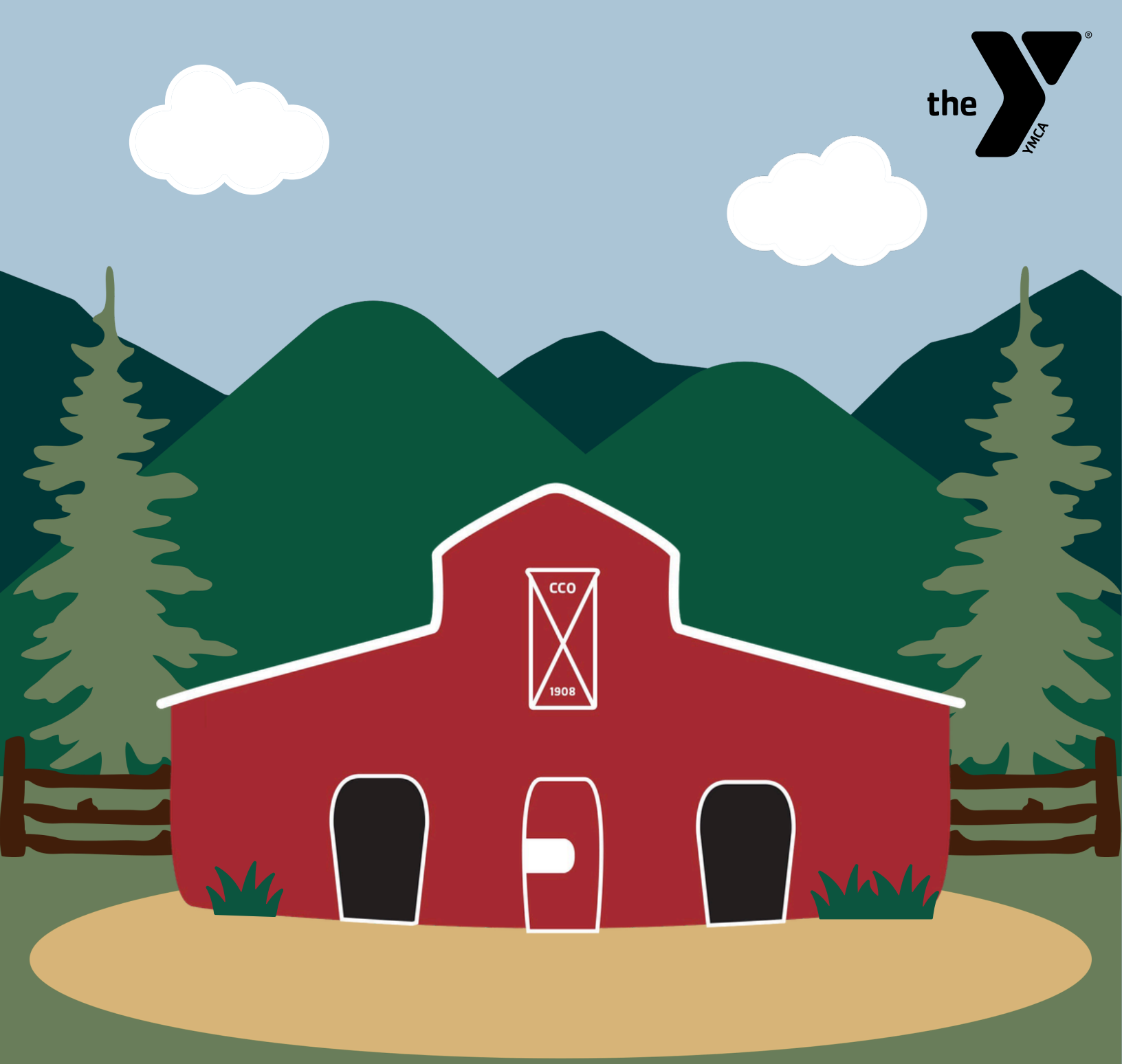


PARENT HANDBOOK

YMCA OF THE ROCKIES CAMP CHIEF OURAY

JUNE – AUGUST 2027

IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS & CHANGES
2027 CCO PARENT HANDBOOK

1. The CCO Parent Handbook will now contain all contents for both Overnight and Day Camp Programs in one central Handbook.

2. Day Camp, if you choose to cancel your registration less than 7 days from your session start date, we will no longer roll payments to future sessions or different campers.

3. Registration model for Day Camp will move to a returning and non-returning camper family status that mimics Overnight Camp.

4. There is now a system to schedule a temporary check out for overnight campers.

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WELCOME TO CAMP CHIEF OURAY!

Camp Chief Ouray (CCO), established in 1908, has grown to be a premiere overnight camping option for youth from all over the United States and the World. We are committed to developing five core values in everything we do: Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Faith. CCO is a part of the YMCA of the Rockies, located at Snow Mountain Ranch in Granby, CO (elevation of 8,750 feet). 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.

GOALS OF CAMP CHIEF OURAY

Our goal is to offer challenging experiences to build leaders through life-long skill development in a safe, imaginative, natural setting. We instill confidence through independence and interpersonal skills. We challenge our campers to discover their true selves.

DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND GLOBAL INNOVATION STATEMENT

The YMCA of the Rockies will reach out to and welcome all people and organizations of good will and ensure that the rich gifts of diversity are reflected and respected at all levels.

OUR COMMITMENT TO ALL PEOPLE

We will serve a diverse population, inclusive of all people of good will. Reflecting our Christian Mission, we will be inclusive and welcoming of all people of good will. Our activities and facilities will be inclusive, accessible, and available to the diverse worldwide community we serve.

YMCA OF THE ROCKIES CORE VALUES

CCO programs focus on our core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, and Faith.

CAMP CHIEF OURAY HISTORY

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 our present site was in 1980 and we celebrated 110 years in 2018. Camp Chief Ouray is dedicated to helping youth grow in spirit, mind and body. In 2020 Camp Chief Ouray absorbed the Day Camp program from the Snow Mountain Ranch Programs Department.

ACCREDITATION AND LICENSURE

Camp Chief Ouray 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 **Colorado Department of Early Childhood** and are visited every year by their representatives for license renewal. Both Colorado childcare licensing and ACA accreditations consist of a list of rules and regulations to follow that prioritize child safety including regulations around staffing, supervision, facilities, and activity facilitation. CCO is a designated Gold Standard Youth Program and non-profit partner with **Leave No Trace, Inc.** (LNT), an organization dedicated to outdoor ethics. By promoting the seven principles of Leave No Trace alongside the Core Values of the YMCA, Camp Chief Ouray can ensure that camp stays beautiful for future generations. We instill Leave No Trace ethics in all parts of camp, from our dining hall to our backcountry trips. We believe that every child deserves a high- quality and nature-filled camp experience. The YMCA of the Rockies is certified through **Praesidium**. Praesidium is an organization that ensures our policies pertaining to child abuse prevention are not only written but practiced daily for the safety of our participants.





OUR PROGRAMS

Camp Chief Ouray includes the following programs. For more information about each program, please visit campchiefouray.org

- **Traditional Day Camp: Ages 5–14**
- **Traditional Overnight Camp: Ages 7–12**
- **Two-Week Traditional Camp: Ages 10–14**
- **Challenger Program: Ages 13–14**
- **Adventure/Trekker Trips: Ages 13–17**
- **Leadership Training Programs: Ages 14–18**

STAFF

CCO is staffed with a year-round Executive Director, Overnight Camp Director, Leadership & Trips Director, Business Manager, Office Assistant, and Youth Development and Compliance Director. To learn more about our full-time team, select here. They are joined on a seasonal basis by qualified, passionate, and responsible staff, minimum age of 18, to fill many important roles as counselors 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 our core values for our campers. Staff members are chosen through a detailed application and video interview process. All staff must complete and pass multiple background checks as required by Colorado State Childcare Licensing requirement.

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. All staff have at least a CPR and First Aid certification and specialized staff have additional certifications based on position.





SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Camp Chief Ouray's programs strive to create an environment that not only allows children a fun week in a beautiful mountain setting, but also helps children develop important life skills such as confidence, independence, teamwork, perseverance and empathy. 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.

APPLY

We accept scholarship applications on an ongoing basis and there is no deadline to submit an application. Please do not let the cost of summer camp prevent your camper from an experience at CCO. Thanks to the continuous generous support of our donors, we are able to offer a variety of ways to help offset the cost of a week of summer camp for anyone interested. To apply for a Scholarship, click here. You can also submit the scholarship application online by registering first and then completing the 'Scholarship Application (optional)' under 'Forms and Documents' of your CampInTouch account.

HELP MAKE CAMP MAGIC

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 or visit our website to learn more about donating to the Scholarship Program.

DONATE

Camp Chief Ouray appreaciates donations of any of the in-kind items that could enhance our program or facility. If you are interested in donating, please contact the CCO office to coordinate a drop-off or potential pick-up (location dependent).

HOW TO REGISTER FOR DAY OR OVERNGIHT CAMP

1. **Go to www.CampChiefOuray.org**
2. Select LogIn/Register in the top right hand corner of the page.
3. Review program availability on this page, please note this is manually updated every 24-72 hours.
4. Once you know what you will register for select either 'New Camper Registration' or 'Returning Camper/LogIn'.
5. This will take you to create an account and/or start a 'Camper Applicaiton' where you will enroll, waitlist or apply for a session.
6. Once you have completed a 'Camper Application' you will receive a confirmation email with next steps to complete.

Day Camp will no longer offer a Lottery Application for enrollment. Returning CCO Camper families will be able to register on a first come first serve basis 7 days before new CCO Camper Families. We strongly recommend only enrolling in sessions you know your camper will attend to avoid cancelation fees. Learn more about the new Day Camp registration process here.



HOW TO GET TO CAMP CHIEF OURAY

CAMP ADDRESS:
1101 COUNTY RD 53

GRANBY, CO 80446

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

Camp Chief Ouray is located on the5,100-acre Snow Mountain Ranch in Granby, CO (elevation 8,750 feet above sea level) approximately 80 miles or 1.5 hours northwest of Denver, Colorado.

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 Highway 40 into the YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch property. Proceed two miles to the rear of the ranch grounds and turn right for Overnight Camp or left for Day Camp at the 4 way intersection. These roads will lead you to the center of each camp!

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP CHIEF OURAY FROM BOULDER (3 OPTIONS)

1. Take 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. Please be aware, there are entrance fees and there may be Timed Entry requirements to reserve ahead of time with 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. Plan on a 2–3-hour drive from the Front Range area taking Trail Ridge Road.

GPS NAVIGATION

Day Camp: Google Maps

Overnight Camp: Google Maps



FINANCIALS

PAYMENT POLICY

Your financial statement can be found on your CampInTouch Account under 'Financial Management'. This will indicate your base camp fee, session number and dates, requested transportation, any additional options such as horseback riding and rafting, any appropriate discounts, and deposits. If there are errors, please contact the office.

All payments are required to be in the camp office 30 days prior (for Overnight Camp) and 7 days prior (for Day Camp) to the session's start date. Camp Chief Ouray reserves the right to cancel any registration if the balance due is not received by the due date of the program. All forms and payments can be 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.

DEPOSIT POLICY

- Deposits per camper per session are required for registration into programs at Camp Chief Ouray and to secure your spot. **Deposits are non-refundable after registration under any circumstance**. The deposit breakdown is listed below.
  - Day Camp Session: $50
  - One Week Overnight Session & Mini Camp: $150
  - Two Week Overnight Sesion: $300
  - Three+ Week Overnight Session: $400
- Programs which are 'Applied' status are not charged a deposit(s) until all steps are completed and the camper is accepted into the program.
- Campers approved for a scholarship only pay a $30 deposit per camper, which is non- refundable under any circumstance.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUND

- If we are required to limit capacities or cancel your camper's session you may donate or be fully refunded all monies paid. If a family decides to cancel their registration:

Day Camp

- 7 days or more prior to your camper's session, you may donate or be fully refunded all monies paid minus the deposit.
- Less than 7 days prior to your camp session no refund will be issued at all nor will your payment be rolled over to a different session.

Overnight Camp

- 30 days or more prior to your camper's session, you may donate or be fully refunded all monies paid minus the deposit.
- Less than 30 days prior to your camp session no refund will be issued at all.

IN CASE OF SICKNESS PRIOR TO CAMP SESSION

- In order to keep other campers and staff safe, we want you to stay at home if your camper is sick or has been exposed to someone who is sick.
- If your camper is showing symptoms of illness, please contact the CCO office to discuss your options.
- If your camper is too ill to attend camp, please acquire a doctor's note regarding the camper's health to receive a refund, minus the deposit.
- If you are unsure if your camper should attend, please review this 'How Sick Is Too Sick' document.

MISSED DAYS

- There will be no refunds if a camper goes home early from their session due to disciplinary action, bullying, homesickness or illness.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS (Horseback Riding, Transportation, Rafting)

- CCO reserves the right to cancel or limit the registration for any of the additional activities.
- If your camper were to be removed by CCO due to vendor capacity changes or cancellation you will receive a refund for the activity fee in full.
- If you choose to cancel within 2 week's notice from the session starting, no refund will be provided.

CAMP FORMS

There are several **MANDATORY** forms you will find in your CampInTouch account (https://campchiefouray.campintouch.com/v2/login/login.aspx)

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

Please note we reserve the right to cancel your camper's registration if none of the required forms have been submitted by 7 days before the session is scheduled to start and we have not received any communication from the parent or guardian. Campers who are missing any requred paperwork will not be allowed to check in until all required forms have been completed and accepted by CCO.

GENERAL HEALTH APPRAISAL (UPLOAD IMAGE)

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 24 months of your camper's last day at camp. The form must be completed, signed and dated by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner including the examiner's address and telephone number or by state law the camper cannot attend camp.**

MEDICATIONS AND HOMEOPATHIC TREATMENTS (UPLOAD IMAGE)

Colorado state law stipulates that only medications prescribed by your health care provider may be dispensed at camp. The '**Medication Form (if needed)**' acts the same as a prescription when completed properly by your provider. This **does mean that your physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner must complete this form in the same manner that they would write a prescription. Make certain that the lower prescriber's signature section is entirely completed, signed and dated. You may also upload your prescriber's version of the permission form. Please read further information listed below regarding your camper's medications:**

a) Any medications your camper 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 Medications Form (upload PDF). Any prescribed medication or non-prescription, over-the-counter medication MUST be noted properly in the Medications Form. Please send all medications to camp in their original container noting the RX number and physician name.

b) Medications added or changed: For any medication prescribed or changed for your camper, 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.

c) 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 and the permissions you indicated on the camper's Health History. Contact the camp office if you need more specific information.

d) Homeopathic Treatments: per Colorado State Law regarding Resident Camps, homeopathic treatments must come with parental and physician consent in the original container.

e) All medications and homeopathic treatments are required to be turned into the Health Center staff during check-in. The Health Center Staff or other delegated staff with medication administration training will administer all medications. The only exceptions are inhalers and epi pens which require an additional form. All emergency medications must be checked in with the Health Center Staff at check in and will then be placed in the camper's backpack with the pocket labeled.

IMMUNIZATION RECORD (UPLOAD IMAGE)

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) lists all required vaccines you can view here. If your camper is not up to date on all required vaccines, you will be required to submit a medical or non-medical exemption which you can learn more and gather the form here. Required vaccines and exemptions apply to out of state campers as well.

Campers who are missing required vaccines and do not have a medical or non-medical immunization record, will not be able to attend under any circumstance.

Childcare Licensing requires camper's immunization record be on the provided **Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) Certificate of Immunization or approved alternate certificate.** Out of state campers may submit an official immunization record from their state. Dates may be written on the form provided in your CampInTouch account or a copy of your camper's official record may be uploaded.

HEALTH HISTORY (SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY)

This form is required by Childcare Licensing.

This form is where you will provide information on your camper's physical and mental health, authorize medications, and provide allergens and dietary restrictions. This form now includes the 'Healthcare Authorization' and 'Topical Preparations Permissions' forms.

CAMPER CODE OF CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY)

This form must be completed by campers and parents/guardians. This establishes expectations of conduct while participating in our programs.

INFORMATION FOR COUNSELORS (SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY)

This is a form that is given to your camper's counselors before they arrive. Please give the counselors as much information as possible to make your camper's experience the best it can be.

MAD ADVENTURES RAFTING WAIVER (SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY)

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

ADDITIONAL WAIVERS

Campers participating in Adventure, Trekker or Leadership Training Programs may be required to submit additional activity waivers according to the camper's 'Forms and Documents' section of the CampInTouch account.

HEALTH AND SAFETY AT CAMP

Our program is designed with camper health and safety in mind. In addition to all staff being First Aid and CPR Certified, two registered nurses and one Health Center assistants.

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND STAFF

Our healthcare staff are seasonal and they manage all medications and health care needs using our fully equipped Health Center between the last week in May through Labor Day (until the overnight camp season ends). The year-round administrative staff can make notations regarding specific health needs for your camper's records during the remainder of the year.

Overnight Camp parents/guardians are contacted by our health care staff if a camper's illness, accident, 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 overnight camp nurses 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/guardians if other issues arise during the session.

Middle Park Medical Center is a 15-minute drive away and utilized for emergency services. It offers 24-hour care and consultation. The Middle Park Medical Center is fully staffed 24 hours a day. Transportation to and from the clinic is provided by our camp staff for non-emergency trips. Ambulance service is provided by Grand County EMS for emergencies. A staff member will be with your camper at all times during their transport and throughout their entire clinic visit.

- Your camper typically 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 contact the campoffice.

EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE AND BILLING PROCEDURES

The following are the clinic billing procedures should your camper need emergency services provided outside of the CCO health care team:

- 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.
- In non-emergency cases, you may wish to take your camper home. You are welcome to discuss this option with our camp nurse
- 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 prescription receipts for individual charges will be mailed to you. We request reimbursement payment upon receipt (checks payable to Camp Chief Ouray).

HEALTH CARE ON CHECK-IN DAY

Make sure your camper's Health History, General Health Appraisal Exam and Immunization Record 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 camper's current health condition. All medications and homeopathic treatments brought to camp must be turned into 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 "epi" pen, which will still need to be checked in with the Health Center Staff in its original container. The nurse will determine based on the information shared in the accompanying form if the camper can self-carry these emergency medications.

HEALTH CARE DURING CAMP

Camp Chief Ouray will supply all necessary over-the-counter medications for common ailments and illnesses per standing orders from our camp physician. Medications and homeopathic treatments are dispensed by our Health Center nursing staff or specially trained staff at the Health Center daily after breakfast, lunch, dinner, before bedtime or as needed. Our staff will call home if there is a fever of over 100 degrees, vomiting associated with other symptoms, more than two episodes of diarrhea, head or spinal cord injuries, or a stay in the health center for more than 24 hours for overnight campers.

If a Day Camp camper becomes ill or injured during camp time, the camper will be treated according to the standards of one of the nationally recognized providers of First Aid/CPR. The camp nurse may also be asked to evaluate injuries and provide guidance. Parents/guardians will be contacted as soon as possible or at check-out. If parents/guardians cannot be contacted, campers will be made as comfortable as possible in the CCO Day Camp Office or the CCO Health Center until they are picked up. If emergency transport is needed, the parents/guardians will be called. Medical emergencies will be taken to the Middle Park Medical Center. Medical emergencies cannot be transported in a YMCA of the Rockies vehicle. Ambulance service is provided by Grand County Emergency Medical Service. In case of severe illness, the camp nurse may be called to evaluate the camper. Campers may be removed from their group and isolated in the CCO Health Center. We reserve the right to contact EMS if necessary. If a child has thrown up or has had diarrhea within 24 hours of their day of camp, they will have to wait a full 24 hours before they will be admitted to camp

If a camper confides in our staff the intent to do self-harm, our protocols require staff to consult with the nurse and full time director who may elevate concerns to mental health services in the county to get professional support, which may result in a trip to the Emergency Room. Per our protocols, camp staff are not allowed to transport in these situations, it would either be the Grand County Emergency Medical Services, or the Grand County Sheriff and camp staff would accompany the camper in both situations. Any calls home in this situation would come from Mental Health Services and the licensed provider.
If your camper has a history of mental health challenges or self harm, please contact the camp director prior to their session to create a sucess plan.

Health and safety procedures for Adventure, Trekker and Leadership Training Programs:

- Staff members are trained in Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder and carry a first aid kit on all trips
- Staff are trained in evacuation procedures and equipped with maps that identify the closest ranger stations.
- Staff members carry a GPS Garmin InReach device with messaging capabilities to contact the camp office and emergency personnel.
- If staff members are unable to tend to an emergency, 911 is called.

For our wilderness evacuation procedures, please contact the Camp Chief Ouray office.

HEALTH CARE ON CHECK- OUT DAY

Medications your camper brought will be at the medication room for pick up when you present your golden ticket.

Campers traveling home by bus will have medications returned to the authorized adult at check out by a staff member.

Campers traveling by the airport shuttle will have their medications returned to them for their trip home.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE PLAN

Safety is a priority for us at CCO. We are committed to keeping campers and staff safe and will follow guidelines from our local, state, and federal entities. CCO will adjust our protocols along with advice from our attending physician and other health care providers. We will be utilizing and maximizing NPI's (non-pharmaceutical interventions like; being outdoors, increased and regular rigorous cleaning, hand washing, and masks for individuals showing symptoms) throughout the camp week for maximum safety.

STAFF TO CAMPER RATIO

CCO aims to follow a 1:5 staff to camper ratio. When not possible due to scheduling, illness, etc., we follow ratio requirements set by CO Childcare Licensing and the American Camping Association, below are the lowest requirements. Our staff and campers are instructed to follow "the rule of three or more" at all times; meaning no camper will be left alone with a staff member or another camper. Campers will always be with at least two other people (one staff and another camper or two staff).

Overnight Camp (Per CO Childcare Licensing)

7 year-olds	1:6 (one staff member for every six campers)
8-10 year-olds	1:8 (one staff member for every eight campers)
11-13 year-olds	1:10 (one staff member for every ten campers)
14+ year-olds	1:12 (one staff member for every twelve campers)

Day Camp (Per CO Childcare Licensing)

5-6 year-olds	1:7 (one staff member for every seven campers)
7+ year-olds	1:10 (one staff member for every ten campers)
Mixed Ages 5+	1:7 (one staff member for every seven campers)

Overnight Camp (Per American Camp Association)

7-8 year-olds	1:6 (one staff member for every six campers)
9-14 year-olds	1:8 (one staff member for every eight campers)
15+ year-olds	1:10 (one staff member for every ten campers)

Day Camp (Per American Camp Association)

5-7 year olds	1:6 (one staff member for every six campers)
6-8 year-olds	1:8 (one staff member for every eight campers)
9-14 year-olds	1:10 (one staff member for every ten campers)
15+ year-olds	1:12 (one staff member for every twelve campers)

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS OR ACCOMODATIONS

We make every effort to serve all children in our programs. Participation by special needs campers will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Parents/guardians should contact the CCO office prior to their camper's program to ensure the best possible experience for your camper.

COMMUNICATION ON TRIPS

Staff who lead Adventure, Trekker, and Leadership Training Programs are trained in backcountry safety procedures, including how to use a Garmin InReach satellite communication device. Staff check in with the Leadership and Trips Director daily and can communicate with the CCO office and Health Center Team as needed. The satellite device also has an emergency function that allows for communication with local emergency response teams in the event of an emergency.

TRANSPORTATION

CCO Staff may use a YMCA 15 passenger minibus to transport campers in the event of inclement weather or to a program activity area on Snow Mountain Ranch property (ex: hiking trails, reservoir, etc.). The drivers of these buses have motor vehicle background checks, they must pass a written test and a practical driving test by a trained proctor and must also be cleared by our insurance company to drive. Safety regulations include only fitting the number of people per seats available, wearing seat belts (if equipped), driving the posted speed limit, and only loading and unloading away from traffic. To review our Transportation and Safety Guidelines, please click here.

VISITORS

CCO does not allow visitors unless pre-arranged with one of the Directors. Exceptions can be arranged a minimum of 24 hours prior to the day of a visitor if the Program Director is informed and they approve the visitor (EXAMPLE: behavioral/mental health observations), and the visitor provides a photo ID upon arrival at the office. That pre- arranged visitor will need to sign in and provide their current address and reason for visiting the center. Only those approved to sign out a camper by the parent/guardian will be allowed to do so.

COLORADO CHILDCARE SERVICES

Childcare services play an important role in supporting families, and strong families are the basis of a thriving community.

Most licensed facilities make every effort to provide a safe and healthy environment for children. Unfortunately, on rare occasions, an incident of physical or sexual abuse may occur. If you believe that your camper 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. For additional information regarding licensing or if you have concerns about a childcare facility, please consult the Colorado Division of Childcare at 1575 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203-1714, 303-866-5858.

All CCO staff and volunteers are mandated reporters and are trained to recognize and prevent child abuse. We will report any suspected child abuse to the Department of Human Services.

CONTACT WITH SUMMER CAMP STAFF OUTSIDE OF CCO

We encourage and believe camp fosters lifelong friendships. As a safety measure for both campers and staff, ANY communication outside of camp is prohibited by CCO. Please monitor your camper social media activity and mail to ensure we are keeping campers and staff safe.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

All CCO staff are trained in emergency procedures and guidelines to follow in the event they are needed. Counselors carry whistles and cell phones/radios at all times in case of an emergency. They are trained to get campers to safety, account for all individuals, ensure the most effective and safe means of first aid and/or response, and communicate with the camp office as soon as possible.

FIRE

In case of a fire, all campers will be accounted for and brought to a designated location on property. Parents/guardians will be notified by email and text. If danger is imminent, campers and staff will be evacuated to the designated evacuation center and parents/guardians will be contacted. Reunification instructions will be shared with information on how to pick up campers if needed. Campers will only be released to individuals with a valid ID and on the authorized pick-up list for the camper. CCO also practices weekly fire drills with all campers and staff.

LOST CHILD

In the event of a lost camper, staff will immediately conduct a hasty search of the area and contact the camp office. A complete search of the grounds will be conducted if the camper is not found during the hasty search. Snow Mountain Ranch staff and law enforcement will be contacted for support if needed. The Camp Executive and/or designated Emergency Manager will make the decision as to when to call the camper's parents to inform them of the situation.

NATURAL DISASTER

In the case of flood, tornado, or other severe weather, the most conservative action possible will be taken. Staff will move children to the most protected location possible until help can be summoned. If danger is imminent, campers and staff will be evacuated to the designated evacuation center and parents/guardians will be contacted. Reunification instructions will be shared with information on how to pick up campers if needed. Campers will only be released to individuals with a valid ID and on the authorized pick-up list for the camper.

THREAT TO SECURITY OR ARMED INTRUDER

In the rare chance that there is a threat to CCO security or an armed intruder, camp staff will use radios and/or cell phones to contact the camp office to call 911. Staff are trained to follow emergency procedures of "run, hide, fight" in that order and remain in a safe location until law enforcement arrives and gives an all clear in person. Parents/ guardians will be contacted immediately once it is safe to do so.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Our programs are primarily outdoors. Outdoor programs will continue whenever possible. Campers should be prepared for rainy, windy, or cloudy days. CCO utilizes Thor Guard to track lightning in the area. When lightning or hailstorms approach, groups take cover at the nearest shelter and use rain gear. If lightning is near and groups are in the open, counselors are trained to teach children to spread out, squat with feet together on the ground, and cover their heads with their hands. Counselors are also trained to teach children to cover their heads with their backpacks in hailstorms and to take shelter in windstorms. Groups will take shelter inside on extremely cold days for which children are not prepared.

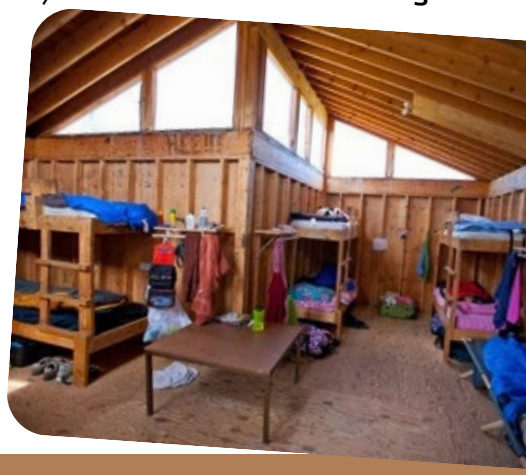
Staff for Leadership and Training Programs are properly trained on safety procedures for inclement weather when in the backcountry and will educate campers on these procedures prior to departing for their trip.

PACKING FOR CAMP

For the most up to date and detailed packing lists, visit our webpage.

ATTIRE AND HYGIENE WHILE AT CCO

Campers should wear clothing appropriate for an active lifestyle at summer camp, including closed-toed, closed-back shoes. Flip flops/sandals are permitted only for showering and water- based activities. All clothing, hair, and accessories should not become a safety hazard for participants. For safety reasons, we do not allow the wearing of tank tops at CCO, all shirts must have sleeves to protect against sunburn.



CCO is a community focused on uplifting the core values of caring, respect, responsibility, and faith. To help maintain an inclusive and welcoming community, clothing or attire with inappropriate language, offensive graphics and/or logos, references to alcohol, drugs and/or tobacco are absolutely forbidden. Some program areas or activities may have additional dress code requirements, for example wearing long pants while riding a horse. If clothing does not reflect the principles and values of CCO or presents a safety hazard for you as a participant, you will be asked to change. Campers are also expected to maintain their personal hygiene throughout their time at CCO.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- Sleeping bag (lightweight but warm with a rating of 15-20 degrees; filled with synthetic fibers or down, cotton is not advised) - not applicable to Day Camp
- Toiletries - not applicable to Day Camp
- Pillow - not applicable to Day Camp
- Sleeping pad (thin roll-up pad for campout night)- not applicable to Mini Camp
- Day pack (book/school pack size) with:
  - Two 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)
  - Sweatpants or wind pants
  - Medium weight jacket (warm-long sleeved fleece works well)
  - Warm hat and gloves
  - Sunscreen (with camper's name written on it)
    - Day Camp offers Rocky Mountain Sunscreen SPF 50 as needed
  - Sack Lunch - not applicable to Overnight Camp

TIPS FOR PACKING

- Clearly mark everything with your camper's first and last name, not just initials.
- Our temperatures usually reach 75°F to 80°F in the daytime all summer and drop to 25°F to 40°F at night.
- Space is limited in the cabins, please do not overpack.
- CCO can help provide certain supplies on the packing list, please contact the office to discuss this option.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING THESE ITEMS TO CAMP

We strive to offer children a unique outdoor experience, unplugged from electronics as much as possible. Please help support us in this mission by not allowing campers to bring:

- **Cellphones**
- **Smart watches**
- **Tablets**
- **iPads**
- **Electronic games**

***E-readers that do not have cellular data are allowed (such as Kindle, Kobo, etc). If a staff member at any time feels that the e-reader is causing disruptions, they are allowed to require the camper to have it stored in the camp office for the remaining of their time at camp.**

The following items are prohibited:

- **Alcohol**
- **Tobacco**
- **Nicotine products**
- **Vaporized pens**
- **Drugs**
- **Weapons**
- **Snacks,candy,or soda**
- **Expensive items**
- **Sports equipment**
- **Pets**

Campers are not allowed to have food in their cabin, we don't want to attract animals and wildlife.

We realize in this age of instant connectivity that it may be uncomfortable if your camper does not have their cell phone with them. We ask that if you need to contact your camper to please contact the camp office and we will discuss the best way to connect you with your camper.

We strive to have campers 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.

OVERNIGHT CAMP LAUNDRY

There is no laundry for Mini Camp, one or two-week campers except in cases where an item is needed. For those campers who are staying more than two weeks laundry service will be offered and we supply laundry detergent. Each camper's clothing is placed in an individual mesh bag (indicated on packing list) and washed in cold water and dried Sometimes these bags break open; make certain ALL of your camper's clothing is well marked so we may return all items to your camper should this occur. Camp Chief Ouray is not responsible for lost or damaged items.

CAMP STORE

The camp store is only open during check-in and check-out. Items such as Nalgene water bottles, hats, and apparel will be available for purchase. We do not have a store or snack shop open during camp. Camp fees include all meals, daily snacks and a camp T-shirt. You can also purchase CCO merch anytime on our online store here.

OVERNIGHT CAMP CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Check in will be from 2:00 – 4:00 PM with timed entries based on the camper program. **PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE ANY EARLIER THAN 2:00 p.m.** (2:30 PM for Mini Camp 1 and 2) We need the time prior to 2:00 p.m. to properly prepare for your camper's arrival. We ask that you arrive no later than 4:00 p.m. and ask you contact the camp office if you will 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 at the Schlessman Family Camper Hub entrance, you will go through a series of stations, including a temperature check, health screening, and lice check (we will need to access each camper's scalp in order to conduct the lice check properly). Any campers arriving with medications or homeopathic treatments need to be prepared to hand them over to the Health Center staff in their original containers. Both the parent/guardian and camper must talk with the nurses when turning in medication. Counselors will be in cabins for our Traditional camp programs, to greet campers. Counselors will be at the Pavilion for our Adventure, Trekker and Leadership Training programs.

We make every effort to make this check-in as efficient as possible, but you should plan on spending approximately 30-60 minutes at check-in.

We do ask that you plan to say goodbye 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 relationship building activities.

TEMPORARY CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

Authorized adults are allowed to schedule a temporary check out of their camper so long as they fall into the peramaters below.

1. Provide more than 7 days' notice to the CCO office.
2. The check out and return must be scheduled between the hours of 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.
3. Authorized adult must provide a photo ID to check camper out at the Camp Cheif Ouray Office.
4. Authorized adult must return the camper to be signed back in at the Camp Chief Ouray Office to be returned to their group.
5. CCO does not accommodate temporary check outs over the weekend for multiple week programs without prior direct approval from the program director.

DAY CAMP CHECK-IN/OUT PROCEDURES

Check in will be from 8:00 - 9:00 AM
Check Out will be from 4:00 - 4:30 PM

Parents/guardians must sign their camper(s) in before they may participate in the Day Camp programs for the day. More information about the check in and out procedures will be provided in the email you will receive one week prior to your camper's session.

On Monday, there will a series of stations, including a health screening (temperature check, lice check, and health questions). Any campers arriving with medications or homeopathic treatments need to be prepared to hand them over to the Health Center staff in their original containers. Both the parent/guardian and camper must speak with the staff when turning in medication.

We make every effort to make this check-in as efficient as possible, but you should plan on spending approximately 15-20 minutes at check-in on Monday. We do ask that you plan to say goodbye by 9:00am, as most children will be at camp by that time, and the groups will begin their camp expectations and relationship building activities. You are required to sign out your camper(s).

If someone other than the parents/guardians listed on registration will be picking up your camper, please make sure you fill out the "Authorized to Pick-up" form in your CamplnTouch account. A child will only be released to their parents/guardians or other authorized adult with a photo identification (i.e.: driver's license, passport, etc.).

DAY CAMP LATE ARRIVAL/PICK UP

Please make every effort to be on time in the morning so your camper(s) can participate in the full program. We will make every attempt to join a late arrival with their group. This may not be possible if a group is hiking or away from the main camp.

If you need to pick your camper(s) up early, please let us know at check-in so we can have your camper(s) ready. You can also call the CCO office if you cannot notify the staff at check-in.

If the camper is not picked up by the designated time, we will wait 15 minutes and then begin to contact parents/guardians. If the camper is not picked up by 4:30pm, the parents may be charged $1.00 per minute if they are late.

If we are unable to contact an authorized person to pick up the camper, we will continue to hold the camper until such a person is reached. We reserve the right to contact social services if a camper has not been picked up within 15 minutes after the scheduled pick-up time or have contacted the CCO office.





OVERNIGHT CABIN ASSIGNMENTS & CAMP LIFE

All campers will be living in cabin groups with campers of their same age and gender identity. The youngest campers will live in dormitory-style lodges, with bathrooms in 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.

CABIN ASSIGNMENTS & CAMP LIFE – MINI & TRADITIONAL CAMP

The older campers will live in eighteen rustic cabins (nine for those who identify as male, nine for those who identify as female). There are two centrally located toilet/shower facilities, one designated for those who identify as male; one designated for those who identify as female.

The younger campers live in bunkhouses, which contain three sleeping areas for each cabin group and a built-in bathhouse for each cabin group.

Our newest set of cabins is set for our middle-aged female-identifying campers. It contains five cabins, a covered area for various activities and a shared stand-alone bathhouse.

Each camper will have a bunk and a designated space for storing their personal belongings. 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. Here your camper will learn about 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 cabinmate. 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. You can request a cabinmate in the "Camper Request" Form on your CampInTouch account. Note that cabin assignments are not made until the week before your camper's session starts.

- Campers in the Two-week traditional program are not allowed to request campers in the One-week traditional program due to the different length of stays at camp.
- Challenger campers are automatically put together in the larger Challenger cabins
- Traditional campers ages 7-12 may make up to two cabin-mate request(s).
    1. Cabin-mates must be no more than 12 months apart in age
    2. The cabin-mate request must be mutual between all campers
    3. Requesting more than two cabin-mates will void the request
    4. We do not guarantee placement
    5. If your request does not meet one of these requirements, please email the CCO office including the other camper's parent/guardian.

CABIN ASSIGNMENTS & CAMP LIFE – ADVENTURE, TREKKER, AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS

- Adventure and Trekker campers will campout in tents the night before leaving and upon returning to camp after their offsite trips. They will be sleeping in their sleeping bags inside a basic camping tent. Tents will be between 3-person and 5-person capacity and occupied by other campers with the same gender identity.
    - Any extra gear, clothes, toiletries, etc. these campers bring will be stored together and labeled by program name in our trip's storage room called the 'trail department'.

- Leadership Training Program campers will be living in large canvas tents out in an area we refer to as 'Wilderness Village'. This sleeping space is just a short walk away from "main camp" where the younger, traditional campers are located. Campers will sleep in their sleeping bags on cots in these tents. Tents will either have a capacity between five to eight cots and will be occupied by other campers with the same gender identity.

- Counselor-in-Training campers will be living in Wilderness Village before they are assigned to specific cabins for the shadowing portion of their program. During the shadowing weeks they will sleep on cots inside assigned cabins.
    - Any extra gear, clothes, etc. these campers bring will be stored together and labeled by program name in the gear shed in Wilderness Village. Toiletries will be stored in a bear-proof bin in Wilderness Village.

- Leadership Training Program campers will also have access to store any larger items like bicycles or suitcases in the 'trail department' storage room if needed.

These campers will use or of our two centrally located bathhouse facilities, one designated for those who identify as male; one designated for those who identify as female. In Wilderness Village there are porta potties and handwashing stations for easier access.

While on trail, campers will porperly dispose of thier waste through wag bags, pit toilets or cat holes as identified by local land agencies

Bunkmate requests are not submitted for Adventure, Trekker, or Leadership Training Program campers.

GROUP ASSIGNMENTS & CAMP LIFE – DAY CAMP

Our Childcare License is for children ages 5 to 14 only. Your camper must be at least five years old on their first day of camp. Providing fraudulent information about your camper will result in immediate, non-refundable dismissal of the child from camp.

Campers enrolled in Day Camp will be split into groups by age. Each group will have approximately 10-12 campers and a minimum of two counselors. You will receive your camper's group assignment when you check in on the first day of their camp session.

You may make a group request for up to one other camper within the Forms and Documents section of your CampInTouch account. Requests should be mutual between campers and should not be more than twelve (12) months apart in age. Requests must be submitted seven (7) days prior to the start of your camper's session. We do not guarantee placement for group requests. Please note that group assignments are not made until the week before your camper's session begins.

Please note that the Day Camp Leader (DCL) program is ONLY for our rising 6th-8th grade campers. All DCLs will be placed into one group. Campers who are not in middle school are not eligible to be placed with the DCLs.

MEALS AT OVERNIGHT CAMP

All meals are served family-style at the Camper Hub. A well-balanced, varied menu is served to accommodate the majority of food preferences and restrictions. **Dietary needs and restrictions (i.e. vegetarian, gluten free, vegan, etc.) should be documented in the camper's online Health History.** We do not cook with any nut oils or sesame oil, nor do we offer anything with peanut butter. We have separate utensils/cookware/areas to handle gluten free diets, and our staff do everything we can to educate the campers when they have questions. Our Food Service Team is managed by a full-time Kitchen Manager and is overseen by the Snow Mountain Ranch Food Service Director. Menus are prepared by the kitchen manager to ensure a variety of choices meeting dietary needs. Sample menus are available on our website, please note the menu is subject to change.

Cabin groups sit at tables together with their counselors. Our service is family style meaning we bring out food for the table and all campers/staff share what is being served (with the exception of those with dietary needs who are served individually). Counselors will pick up food for campers with dietary restrictions directly from the kitchen and serve it to campers at the table. Campers will share in the responsibility for setting the table for their cabin and for post-meal clean-up. Counselors are responsible for serving food, ensuring campers have enough to eat, and general supervision during mealtimes. A snack is served every afternoon.

If you have a question on food, please reach out to the office for further conversation.

MEALS/SNACKS AT DAY CAMP

You will need to provide your camper's lunch, snacks and drinks for the day. We ask that you pack nutritious lunches, snacks and drinks for your camper each day. Please avoid sending your child(ren) with nut products as we have many campers/staff with severe nut allergies.

Life-threatening allergies must have a treatment plan submitted in the camper's CampInTouch account. This plan MUST be completed and signed by the child's physician.

DAY CAMP SCHEDULE

A Day Camp session is Monday-Friday.

- Check-In: 8:00-9:00am
- Morning Activities: 9:00-11:50am
- Lunch: 12:00-12:30pm
- Afternoon Activities: 12:30-3:50pm
- Check-Out: 4:00-4:30pm

For a list of what activities your camper(s) will be doing each day, please speak to their counselors on the first day of camp.

There will be a talent show on Friday afternoons (3:00pm) that campers may choose to participate in. Parents/guardians are welcome to come and watch. It will take place in the Day Camp Building. Please bring camping chairs or be prepared to stand in a sunny area.
*If you need to pick up your camper early, please call the office or let staff know during check-in. We will do our best to have your camper ready to go at the time requested. The specific activity schedule changes each week.

OVERNIGHT CAMP SCHEDULE

Sunday

2:00-4:00 pm: Check-In
4:00-5:30 pm: Get familiar with camp; tour/meet key staff/expectations
5:45 pm: DINNER
6:30 pm: Flag lowering/Freedom Of Choice Activity (F.O.C.A.) sign up
7:30 pm: ROWDIE Campfire
8:15 pm: Vespers (stories with morals that revolve around our core values of caring, honesty, respect, responsibility, and faith)
8:45 pm: Meds/Prep for bed/Head to cabins
9:15 pm: Last Light (time meant to spur conversation between cabin mates to encourage a deeper connection, age-appropriate)
9:45 pm: Lights Out

Monday - Friday

4:00-5:30 pm: Get familiar with camp; tour/meet key staff/expectations
5:45 pm: DINNER
6:30 pm: Flag lowering/Freedom Of Choice Activity (F.O.C.A.) sign up
7:30 pm: ROWDIE Campfire
8:15 pm: Vespers
8:45 pm: Meds/Prep for bed/Head to cabins
9:15 pm: Last Light
9:45 pm: Lights Out

Saturday

7:45 am: Flag Raising
8:00 am: BREAKFAST
8:45 – 9:20 am: Final Sweep Through Camp/Final Packing. Multiple week program campers transition to weekend camp activities away from main camp.
10:00 – 10:30 am: Check-Out. See you next summer!

Please note this schedule primarily applies to traditional one week and two week campers. Please contact the CCO office if you have specific schedule questions for a different program.

POSSIBLE CAMP ACTIVITIES

At CCO, campers have the oppurtunity to try a number of activities and, over the years, build mastery of the programs they identify with. We intentionally build-in our core values into all of our activities. Unless otherwise noted, all campers are eligible to participate in all activities. Degree of difficultly for each activity will be based upon the age and skill level of the campers within the program. Our staff are trained in activity facilitation, including how to differentiate programming for various age groups and skill levels.







A few examples of activities all traditional campers participate in include:

- Leave No Trace
- Camp Out Night Prep (Overnight Camp Only)
- Hiking and Outdoor Skills
- Tie Dye
- Archery
- Team Building

Our Freedom of Choice Activities (FOCA) allow traditional campers to choose what they participate in. Once your camper arrives to camp, they will choose their top choices for their FOCA activities. Campers will not participate in every FOCA option. Our FOCAs change weekly, but these are some of our most consistent options:

- Archery
- Music Arts
- Biking* (age restrictions may apply)
- Hatchet* (age restrictions may apply)
- Comedy & Drama
- Pav Time*
- Slingshot*
- Arts & Crafts
- Climbing Wall
- Science Experiments
- Athletics
- Gaga Ball
- Alpine High Ropes Tower* (age restrictions may apply)
- Ceramics*
- Hiking and Outdoor Skills

*Overnight Camp Only

Please note that Leadership and Trips campers are not considered traditional campers and they will not necessarily participate in the above activities.

You can read more about activities we offer here.

POSSIBLE CAMP ACTIVITIES

Overnight Camp has many traditions! Here are a few our campers have loved for years:

- ROWDIE Camp Fire – Opening camp fire where staff and campers sing and dance together!
- Camp Out Night – Each week, our traditional & two week campers "Cowboy Camp" under the stars! See more infomation below.
- CCO Camp Dance – All campers get together for costumes, line dancing, and a great time!
- Closing Camp Fire – Awards are given out to extrodinary staff, cleanest cabins, and the cabin that is awarded the SPIRIT STICK!



CAMPOUT NIGHT AT CCO

Campout night is one of CCOs biggest traditions. Many campers say it's their favorite part of camp, and parents/guardians routinely cite it as contributing to their camper's positive experience. Campers sleep under the stars, 'cowboy' camping style, with their cabin and cohort. They have their sleeping pad, sleeping bag, and extra layers! No tent needed.

Before campout night, counselors and leadership staff prepare campers by reviewing the schedule, expectations, restroom procedures, and Leave No Trace principles. On campout night, campers and staff hike to their assigned campsite, where they enjoy a campfire dinner, practice outdoor skills, use their imagination, and experience the outdoors. After last light, campers settle in for the night under the stars, listening to the sounds of nature. The next morning, everyone heads to the Camper Hub for a grab-and-go breakfast before returning to their cabins for a little extra rest.

Want to know more about Camp Out Night before your camper's session? See the Camp Out Night information here!

MEDIA POLICY

We strive to offer campers a unique outdoor experience without technology so they can reconnect with nature and themselves. In the rare instance that media is included in programming to provide instruction and/or visual guidance, it will be limited to no more than a few minutes.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

(additional fee required)

These Additional Options fill up quickly, it is best to add them months prior to check-in day. Please note these additional options do conflict, so we do not recommend registering for more than one Additional Option. To register for additional options after registration log into your CampInTouch account and select 'Forms and Documents' then 'Additional Optional Activities'. If the program you want to sign up for is not listed and your camper meet's the age requirements, it is likely full. Add your name to the Additional Options waitlist here.

RAFTING (AGES 9 AND OLDER)

AVAILABLE TO TRADITIONAL ONE WEEK, TWO WEEK AND CHALLENGER ONLY



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 though Mad Adventures. Their staff members are certified in First Aid and CPR and are skilled in swiftwater rescue techniques. Their rafts are manned with a highly trained 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 and can be found in your CampInTouch account.



INTRO TO HORSES (AGES 7 AND OLDER)

AVAILABLE TO DAY CAMP, TRADITIONAL ONE WEEK, TWO WEEK AND CHALLENGER ONLY

CCO's Intro to Horses program is an opportunity for campers to spend some time at our barn and participate in a short beginner trail ride. Campers enrolled for this activity will spend one morning at the CCO barn. They will participate in a short ground lesson, learning about how to approach, lead, and groom a horse. The trail ride is approximately 30 minutes and will include a quick orientation on how to steer and stop their horse.

Rides will be canceled for safety reasons such as heavy rain and/or lightning, but we will make every effort we can to reschedule it before the end of the week.

HORSEBACK RIDING INSTRUCTION (AGES 9 AND OLDER)

AVAILABLE TO TRADITIONAl ONE WEEK, TWO WEEK AND CHALLENGER ONLY



Camp Chief Ouray's Horseback Riding Instruction Program offers five levels of western riding lessons for campers age 9+. Learn about the 5 levels here. Campers will gain confidence and learn valuable horsemanship skills; both on the ground and in the saddle! Campers enrolled in this program will spend multiple activity sessions at the CCO barn throughout the week (either the morning or afternoon for a designated number of days) learning how to care for horses and improve their riding skills. The remainder of the day is spent participating in traditional camp activities as regularly scheduled. The majority of lessons will be held in a riding arena, but each level will also have the opportunity to take a trail ride.

At the start of the program, riders are evaluated to ensure that they have been placed in the correct level of instruction. If the riding instructors determine that a rider belongs in a level different from the one they are registered for, they will be transferred to the appropriate level to ensure safety and a positive riding experience. This may also include moving a camper to a different class of the same level where their riding skills align with other campers to provide appropriate instruction. In the event there is inclement weather, we make every attempt to continue lessons as long as it is safe for riders, instructors, and horses. Otherwise, campers will participate in indoor horsemanship lessons/games or return to regularly scheduled traditional camp activities.

Don't wait; these do fill up. Please note if you sign your camper up for rafting as well, they will miss barn programming on Thursday. If your camper is in the Challenger program, they may miss one day for the 5th Peak Hike.

Read about each level here.

OVERNIGHT CAMPER COMMUNICATION

To reduce touch points and due to lack of storage, **please do not mail or bring packages to camp.**
If you do bring a package, you will be asked to keep it until the end of the week or give it to your camper at check in. Please do not pack food/snacks in acamper package as it can attract unwanted wildlife into the cabins

If you are mailing something to your camper, please add 2-3 business days to the expected date of delivery as the mail system is slower in Grand County and we do not collect mail on Saturdays and Sundays unless there is a special request.

Instead, please review this document that outlines how to keep in contact with your camper.

The Camp Chief Ouray Office number is 970-887-2648. In an emergency after hours, dial 970-887-2152 and press "0" for the 24-hour operator. The Snow Mountain Ranch front desk will contact CCO staff to connect with you after

MISSING HOME

Please help us with our request that your camper not bring their cell phone to camp. Additionally, **please do not tell your camper to call you if they are homesick!** We understand that for many parents/guardians (if not all), it is an expectation to have instant access to communicate with their camper.

We ask that you help us help your camper develop the independence that comes with a session of camp. Our staff are trained to help build relationships and overcome homesickness. We will contact you if we need support on any camper concerns.

You may contact the office any time if you need to speak with your camper and we will work with you on the best way to connect with your camper. For campers traveling before and after camp, please allow us to store their cell phones in the camp office safe during their stay.

LOST & FOUND

Camp Chief Ouray is not responsible for lost or damaged items. We will do all that we can to ensure that your camper 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 older, non-valuable items with your camper. Due to limited storage, CCO will only keep the items one week after the end of the last session at which point all items will be donated.

It is your responsibility to contact the CCO office if you believe one of your camper's belongings was lost, even if the item has the camper's name on it.

DISCIPLINE

It is the responsibility of the YMCA to ensure each person's right to achieve our goals within the camp setting. In order to do so, the YMCA requests the understanding and application of this proactive disciplinary policy. All campers and their parent/guardian are required to read and sign off on the Code of Conduct as a required form.

1. Every person has the right to be safe and healthy within their environment, including freedom from verbal, physical and mental abuse and bullying.
2. Every person has the right to an opinion, and to be heard in a constructive and positive manner.
3. Every person has the right to be respected and treated fairly in a civilized manner.
4. The YMCA staff will do their best to redirect any negative behavior and resolve any issues to achieve a positive outcome for all involved. Parents/guardians will be notified immediately if issues arise regarding camper behavior.

If positive outcomes cannot be achieved, the YMCA reserves the right to suspend or terminate the camper from our program. Camp fees will not be refunded nor credited for behavioral dismissal.

DISCIPLINE ACTION PROGRESSION/CONSEQUENCES

We have high but reasonable expectations about our camper's behavior. If a child's behavior becomes disruptive enough to disturb the experience of other campers and staff, a decision may be made to remove the camper from our program. In keeping with our 'for all' focus and ensuring the physical, emotional and psychological safety of all our campers and staff, racism or any use of derogatory terms against any person will not be tolerated.

Every situation is handled as a unique situation. We believe in utilizing restorative justice practices and building empathy in our community. Should a camper choose to repeatedly disrupt the experience of other campers and staff, the following action steps may be taken.

1. Conversation between camper and counselor with administrative staff, verbal warning
2. Natural consequences of behavior are put in place, such as supervised space and time away from other campers
3. If behaviors continue, we will contact parents to get insight on the situation. We believe parents know their camper best, so having your help to identify language you use at home, or how you help with behavior development, will help your camper stay at camp.
4. Conversation between camper, counselor, administrative staff and camp director. Using the insight from a parent call, we use this information to help create a behavior contract outlining acceptable/unacceptable behavior, alternative positive behaviors, and consequences.
5. Parents will work with camper and camp director to revise and address behavior contract
6. Meeting with camper, counselor, camp director, parent/guardian: camper dismissed from camp for the remainder of the camp session
7. Suspension from camp (time frame indefinite; TBD based on safety of other children and positive behavior changes)

Those who do not comply will be sent home at parents/guardians' expense and with no refund.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONFERENCES

A request for a conference concerning your camper's behavior may be directed to the Program Director. We welcome your feedback.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PROGRAM

Camp Chief Ouray reserves the right to remove a camper from the program for reasons of delinquency in payment of fees, or an inability of camper or parent/guardian to adjust to the activity program or discipline/behavior management policies. Such removals are to be determined by the staff and the Camp Executive Director.

OVERNIGHT CAMP CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

Mini Camp 1 and Mini Camp 2 check out from 4:00-5:00 PM
Check out for all other overnight camp will be from 10:00- 11:00 AM

All sessions end on **Saturday morning; you are required to show your photo ID and sign out your camper(s).** We will **open the gates at 10:00 a.m.** 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' form in your CampInTouch account under 'Forms and Documents'. They will also need to show a photo ID in order to pick up your camper(s). Campers will not be released to individuals without valid ID and/or who are not listed on the "allowed to pick up" form.

We can accept a digital ID from the myColorado app, but we cannot accept a photo or screenshot of the photo ID.

Early pick-ups must be done before 7:00 p.m. the previous night. Please call the office (970-887-2648) to arrange early pick-ups! If your camper is leaving camp by alternate transportation, please see the 'Bus Transportation' and 'Airport Transportation' sections below for detailed information. Camp provided transportation is very limited, so be sure to add transportation as soon as possible under 'Additional Options' in your 'Forms and Documents'.

If you forgot to pick up your camper's medications from the camp nurse, please contact the CCO office.

**If the camper is not picked up by the designated time, we will wait 10 minutes and then begin to contact parents/ guardians. If the camper is not picked up by 10 minutes past the check out window, the parents may be charged $1.00 per minute if they are late. If we are unable to contact an authorized person to pick up the camper, we will continue to hold the camper until such a person is reached. We reserve the right to contact social services if a camper has not been picked up within 15 minutes after the scheduled pick-up time or have contacted the CCO office.

Bus Transportation for Overnight Camp

Bus transportation is offered on the opening and closing day of each overnight camp session at the Jefferson County Government Center – Golden Station. This bus stop is a change to our previous location as we work to create a more accessible bus stop via the RTD train.

Jeffco Government Center - Golden Station
605 Johnson Rd,
Golden, CO 80401
GPS Navigation to Bus Stop.

On opening day, check-in for the bus begins at 11:30 a.m. MDT and the bus leaves the RTD Stop at 12:00 p.m. (noon). If you miss the bus you will need to drive the camper up to camp to be checked in and no refund will be made.

- Mini Camp specifically will check in at the bus at 12:00 PM and the bus will depart to CCO at 12:30 PM

On closing day, the bus arrives at the RTD Stop between 12:00 and 12:15 p.m. MDT. 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 cancelations of bus services. All campers must be picked up no later than 12:30 p.m. or the camper will be transported back to CCO to be picked up at camp and no refund will be made.

- Mini Camp specifically will check out at the bus between 5:30 and 6:00 PM

If you do plan to use the RTD system to transport to the CCO bus stop, please plan ahead as the bus will not wait for late arrivals.

Overnight Camp Airport Transportation

To add the airport transportation to your camper's registration please contact the CCO office with at least 14 days notice from the program start date. The CCO staff will then send you an email with the information below. You will need to reply to the email with written confirmation you read and agree to the terms of the airport transportation. Please note we do not offer unaccompanied minor pick up and drop offs. The camper will need to navigate through Denver International Airport on their own beyond the security check point.

After selecting this additional option, you should complete the Transportation Form found in your CampInTouch account. Detailed flight information for your camper(s) must be into the office 10-days prior to your camper's arrival. It is a requirement that all parents/guardians of campers arriving and or departing through Denver International Airport (DIA) communicate with the camp office one week prior to your camper's flights to confirm flight information, any changes and final instructions. Someone from the camp office will reach out via phone and email to provide you with detailed instructions to picking up or dropping off your camper(s). We will also provide the camp cell phone number that they will carry during airport pickup and drop off.

Airport Transportation

·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 Denver International Airport (DIA) will vary widely depending upon flight changes and delays. DIA is a 2 ½ hour drive to/from camp. Expect a long day!
·If your camper has a cell phone, they can contact the CCO staff picking them up at the number provided to you during the pre-trip confirmation.
·Your camper must give their cell phone to our staff upon arrival at camp to be stored in the office safe. Medications will be turned into the camp nurse.

Airport Arrivals

Campers arriving at Denver International Airport (DIA) must arrive between 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. MDT on the day your session begins. CCO Staff are only allowed to meet campers 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 must be between 12:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. MDT on Saturday.Our staff will accompany your camper(s) to the check-in counter and remain with them until they proceed to the main security area. Campers will 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 camper(s) should check and make certain that their gate assignment and departure time received at their airline check-in counter is still correct.

CCO reserves the right to cancel any airport transportation reservation if the flight date and times are outside of the Airport Arrival and Departure times listed above.

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