

Adventure Rafting

RUSH OF WATER. TEAMWORK.

Welcome to Adventure Rafting at CCO! We are excited to offer this program to campers between 13 – 16 years of age. Campers will learn river travel techniques and wilderness living skills during their 4-days on the water. This section of the Upper Colorado River combines moderate Class I-III rapids with enjoying the scenic floats during the summer season. All Adventure Rafting trips are equipped with safety equipment (life jackets, helmets, etc.) and lead by professional guiding company, Colorado River Center.

SKILLS & LEADERSHIP

Campers will have an orientation prior to getting on the water that covers river safety and emergency procedures. The groups will paddle and navigate along the Upper Colorado River in inflatable rafts, typically six people per raft. Participants will learn basic river terminology, paddle techniques and Leave No Trace as it relates to river corridors. In the evenings they will have an opportunity to learn about group members and share about themselves during conversations, debrief, and over meals. Campers will take responsibility for group living - campsite setup and takedown, meal prep and cleanup.

OUTDOOR LIVING & COOKING

Guides drop off and pickup adventure rafting groups at base camp sites right along the river each day. Some rafting days can be shorter than others so the group may have time to hike around nearby and/or do group activities facilitated by CCO staff. Rafting groups will have a two-burner camp stove, tents, water, sleeping bags and all their food for cooking while on the river. Throughout the duration of this program campers will be sleeping in tents. Clothes and other gear will be stored in dry bags provided by CCO. At the end of their trip, a CCO driver will meet the group at a take-out point and bring them back to camp.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

Sunday: Campers arrive, icebreakers, ROWDIE campfire, campout

Monday: Team building, low ropes course, trip preparation and packing, Leave No Trace, all camp game, campout

Tuesday-Thursday: Depart from CCO, rafting on the Upper Colorado River with professional guides, base camping

Friday: Raft to take out point, return to CCO, clean gear and shower, all camp dance, campout

Saturday: Campers leave CCO. See you next year!

Interested? Have more questions? Contact the office at chiefouray@ymcarockies.org or call 970-887-2648.

Adventure Backpacking

ADVENTURE. SKILL BUILDING.

Welcome to Adventure Backpacking at CCO! We are excited to offer this program to campers between 13 – 15 years of age. Campers will learn how to have a successful backcountry trip, covering topics like how to pack gear into backpacks, navigation, and cooking group meals. This program is best suited for campers who are interested in an entry level, 4-day backpacking trip. No previous backpacking experience is required.

SKILLS & LEADERSHIP

Campers will be backpacking, so this means they will be carrying everything needed on their backs - clothes, gear, food, water, tents and sleeping bags. This type of travel can be physically challenging, but the reward comes when campers share a meal that has been prepared from food that they carried themselves! Working through challenging times, encouraging group members, and conflict resolution are skills that can be developed in the backcountry and transferred to life outside of CCO. Campers will take responsibility for group living - campsite setup and takedown, meal prep and cleanup.

OUTDOOR LIVING & COOKING

Campers will be traveling with camp stoves, utensils, pots, water purification, and all the food they will need for the 4-day backpacking trip. Base camping allows the group to set up tents and kitchen in one area that they can then use as a "home base" for majority of their gear. Each day the group will only carry with them what is needed for that specific day and return to that campsite. Throughout the duration of this program campers will be sleeping in tents. Typical locations for these backpacking trips are in Rocky Mountain National Park, specific locations vary based on wilderness permits (granted in March every year).

TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

Sunday: Arrive at CCO, icebreakers, ROWDIE campfire, campout

Monday: Teambuilding, trip preparation, Leave No Trace, all camp game, campout

Tuesday: Depart CCO, start backpacking, base camping

Wednesday-Thursday: Backpacking, base camping

Friday: Hike out, return to CCO, clean gear and shower, all camp dance, campout

Saturday: Campers Leave. See you next year for a Trekker or Leadership Training Program!

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Adventure Odyssey

DISCOVERY. EXCITEMENT.

Welcome to Adventure Odyssey at CCO! We are excited to offer this program to campers between 13 – 14 years of age. Campers will get to try a little of everything with this fast-moving program schedule that includes mountain biking, rock climbing, rafting, backpacking, camping, and day hiking. There is no level of experience required for any of the activities. Rock climbing and rafting will be led by professional guides, while CCO staff will lead the mountain biking, hiking, and camping portions of the program. Outdoor rock climbing is run by Winter Park Adventure Quest and rafting by MAD Adventures.

SKILLS & LEADERSHIP

Campers will learn the importance of group dynamics; how individual actions will impact themselves and others. Mountain biking, hiking and backpacking days will teach campers basic navigation and group travel. Rafting, rock climbing, and high ropes days will provide opportunities for participants to work on listening to one another, resolving conflict, and working toward group goals. Campers will take responsibility for group living - campsite setup and takedown, meal prep and cleanup.

OUTDOOR LIVING & COOKING

Adventure Odyssey campers will eat most breakfasts and dinners at the dining hall as a group. Rafting, rock climbing and mountain biking happens away from main CCO camp so they will eat packed lunches and snacks on those days. On the day of overnight camping the group will prepare their own dinner and breakfast the following morning using a camp stove. They will pack and bring on their backs everything that they will need - clothes, gear, food, water, tents and sleeping bags. Throughout the duration of this program campers will be sleeping in tents. The backpacking happens on Snow Mountain Ranch's 5,100+ acres of property.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

Sunday: Campers arrive, icebreakers, ROWDIE campfire, campout

Monday: Low ropes course, Leave No Trace, pack for overnight, hike on Snow Mountain Ranch property to campsite (1-2 miles), campout

Tuesday: Hike to main camp, mountain biking at Snow Mountain Ranch trek course, campout

Wednesday: Half day rock climbing with Winter Park Adventure Quest in Tabernash, CO, return to CCO, all camp game, campout

Thursday: Half day rafting with MAD Adventures on the Upper Colorado River, return to CCO, all camp talent show, campout

Friday: Day hike, high ropes (weather dependent), all camp dance, campout

Saturday: Campers leave. See you next year!

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Adventure Horse Pack

BACKCOUNTRY. WITH HORSES.

Welcome to Adventure Horse pack at CCO! We are excited to offer this program to campers between 13 – 14 years of age. Campers will learn how to travel with and care for horses as they camp and explore the backcountry. During this 4-day camping trip participants will improve their riding and horsemanship skills while camping in beautiful State Forest State Park, Colorado. Red Feather Guides will supply horses and professional guides for this trip. Their guides will ride along with groups each day and care for the horses for the duration of the camping portion. ***Previous horseback riding experience required.***

SKILLS & LEADERSHIP

Horse packing is similar to backpacking except instead of hiking to camp the group will be riding on horseback every day. Campers will learn skills related to grooming, tacking, horsey first aid as well as backcountry travel and etiquette. This type of travel can be physically challenging and make for long days, but the reward comes when campers take in the breathtaking views! Working through challenging times by encouraging group members or getting back in the saddle after falling are skills that can be developed in the backcountry and transferred to life outside of camp. Campers will take responsibility for group living - campsite setup and takedown, meal prep and cleanup.

OUTDOOR LIVING & COOKING

Each Adventure Horse pack trip will pack and bring everything that they will need - clothes, gear, food, tents and sleeping bags. Once the group meets their guides they will pack all of this gear onto mules. Campers will have a saddlebag on their horse for carrying water, sunscreen, and any other items that need to be accessed quickly. Throughout the duration of this program campers will be sleeping in tents.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

Sunday: Campers arrive, ice breakers, ROWDIE campfire, campout

Monday: Team building, trip preparation, Leave No Trace, all came game, campout

Tuesday: Depart CCO for Gould, CO and begin trip with Red Feather Guides, campout

Wednesday-Thursday: On horseback in State Forest State Park, base camping

Friday: Ride out to trailhead, return to CCO, clean gear and shower, all camp dance, campout

Saturday: Campers leave. See you next year in our Wrangler in Training (WIT) program!

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