

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 and 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 guides.

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, usually around six people per raft. These groups will learn basic river terminology, paddle techniques and Leave No Trace as it relates to river corridors.

OUTDOOR LIVING & COOKING

Guides drop off and pickup adventure rafting groups at base camp sites right along the river each night. Some rafting days can be shorter than others so the group may have time to hike around nearby and/or do group activities into the evening. Rafting groups will have a two-burner camp stove, tents, water, sleeping bags and all their food for the duration of the trip. 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, high ropes course (weather dependent), trip preparation, Leave No Trace, campout

Tuesday-Thursday: Rafting on the Upper Colorado River with professional guides, base camping

Friday: Raft to take out point, return to CCO, 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 Odyssey

DISCOVERY. EXCITEMENT.

Welcome to Adventure Odyssey at CCO! We are excited to offer this program to campers between 13 – 15 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 lead by professional guides, while CCO staff will lead the mountain biking, hiking, and camping portions of the program.

SKILLS & LEADERSHIP

Campers will learn the importance of group dynamics and how interactions can influence the behavior of people within their group, positively and negatively. Mountain biking and backpacking days will cover basic map navigation and traveling as a group on trail. Rafting, rock climbing, and high ropes days will cover effective communication and group camaraderie.

OUTDOOR LIVING & COOKING

Adventure Odyssey campers will eat most breakfasts and dinners at the dining hall as a group. With rafting, rock climbing, mountain biking days happening away from camp they will eat packed lunches and snacks on these days. On the day of overnight camping at a campsite 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 - from clothes, gear, food, water, tents and sleeping bags. Throughout the duration of this program campers will be sleeping in tents.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

Sunday: Campers arrive, icebreakers, ROWDIE campfire, campout

Monday: Mountain biking, low ropes course, Leave No Trace, campout

Tuesday: Low ropes, pack for overnight, hike on Snow Mountain Ranch property to campsite (1-2 miles), campout

Wednesday: Hike to main camp, rock climbing with Kent Mountain Adventure Center, return to CCO, campout

Thursday: Rafting with MAD adventures, return to CCO, campout

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

Saturday: Campers leave. See you next year!

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Adventure Horsepack

BACKCOUNTRY. WITH HORSES.

Welcome to Adventure Horsepack 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. They 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

Horsepacking is similar to backpacking except instead of hiking to camp the group will be riding 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.

OUTDOOR LIVING & COOKING

Each Adventure Horsepack trip will travel with camp stoves, utensils, pots, spices, and all the food they will need for the 4-day camping trip. 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. While at camp each camper will be responsible for helping set up the campsite, preparing, and cleaning up group meals. Campers will sleep in either a 3-person or 4-person tent based on gender identity and counselors will sleep in a counselor tent.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

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

Monday: Team building, high ropes course (weather dependent), trip preparation, Leave No Trace, 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, camp dance, campout

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

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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 experience is required.

SKILLS & LEADERSHIP

Campers will be backpacking, so this means they will be carrying everything needed on their backs - including clothes, sleeping bag, tent, food and other group gear. 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 by encouraging group members or helping someone with the weight of their pack are skills that can be developed in the backcountry and transferred to life outside of camp.

OUTDOOR LIVING & COOKING

Campers will be traveling with camp stoves, utensils, pots, spices, snacks, and all the food they will need for the 4-day backpacking trip. Campers will be responsible for helping set up the campsite, preparing, and cleaning up group meals. Campers will sleep in either a 3-person or 4-person tent based on gender identity and counselors will sleep in a counselor tent.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

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

Monday: Teambuilding, high ropes course (weather dependent), trip preparation, Leave No Trace, campout

Tuesday: Depart CCO, start backpacking, base camping

Wednesday-Thursday: Backpacking, base camping

Friday: Hike out, return to CCO, camp dance, campout

Saturday: Campers Leave. See you next year!

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