

FAQ - TSM HS Colorado Adventure Trip 2023

What is it? Our week-long summer Adventure Trip to Colorado with Thornapple Student Ministry High School students, their friends, and our adult volunteers!

Who is it for? Incoming 9th graders through graduating 12th graders (friends who have/haven't attended TSM events are welcome!).

When is it? July 15-23, 2023 (early departure Saturday 7/15, late arrival Sunday 7/23).

How will you be traveling? In a caravan of church buses, vans, and minivans. Some of the best memories are made on the road!

Where is it? July 15: Overnight at First Covenant Church in Omaha, NE; July 16-19: Chalk Creek Campground in Nathrop, CO; July 20-22: Windy Point Campground in Dillon, CO; July 22: Overnight at First Covenant Church in Omaha, NE.

What do you do? Tent camping, sharing meals, hikes of varying intensity, Colorado-based excursions (including but not guaranteeing white water rafting, rock climbing/repelling, horseback riding, high ropes adventure park, mountain biking, etc.), worship, large group teaching, quiet reflection time, small group time, ice cream outings and so much more! See the following sample days: *(Note: these are "sample" days, not an exact schedule)*

Monday July 17th

8:30am Breakfast

NEXT Pack lunches

9:30am Head to Noah's Ark

AFTER Split Groups

Group A: Whitewater Raftings

Group B: Horseback riding //

Repelling // Mtn Biking

12:30pm Lunch

AFTER Split Groups

Group B: Whitewater Raftings

Group A: Horseback riding //

Repelling // Mtn Biking

4:30pm Head back to camp

NEXT Shower // Chill Time

5:30pm Dinner

6:30pm Worship & Large Group Time

NEXT T.A.G. Journal Time

AFTER Small Groups

LATER Campfire & Cornhole Tournament

LATEST Brush & Flush

LAST Bedtime!

Tuesday July 18th

8:30am Breakfast

NEXT Pack lunches

9:30am Head to Trail Point

AFTER Split Groups

Group Gusto: Mt. Yale (14)

Group Chill: Brown's Pass

12:30pm Lunch on the mountain!

AFTER Split Groups

Group "Gusto": Mt Yale (14)

Group "Chill": Relaxed hike

4:30pm Head back to camp

NEXT Shower // Chill Time

5:30pm Dinner

6:30pm Load vans for HOT SPRINGS!

AFTER Ice Cream in town

LATER Chill at camp

LATEST Brush & Flush

LAST Bedtime!

How do I make my voice heard for excursion preferences?

Use this QR Code!



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We have heard the phrase: “change of place, pace, and *phace*”; What does that mean?

These trips are rich soil for deep connection and experiences with our vertical relationship (God) and our horizontal relationships (with each other). With that in mind, we intentionally leave town to change our scenery and let God’s creation speak; we intentionally break our routines and embrace a schedule that will, at times, stretch us and in other moments provide the long-awaited pause and relaxation we have been missing in our busy schedules; and we intentionally mix van groups, tent groups, and small groups that we might learn from, enjoy, lead, and serve each other better.

How do meals work? What if I have allergies/dietary restrictions? We have a wonderful team of cooks that feed us well and have great experience providing for those with allergies/dietary restrictions. ***There will be a handful of “meals out” (fast food on the road, ice cream outing, and a night in town) that will require all attendees to have spending money).** More details to come in the packing list!

Will there be a packing list? Yes, in the coming weeks!

Will you have any medical personnel in attendance? Amongst our adult volunteers is a range of training and experience: nurse, physician assistant, athletic trainer, first responder, etc.

How will parents/guardians/loved ones follow along? A “Parent/Guardian Packet” will be handed out when we depart. It will include: leader cell phone numbers, addresses and contact information for all of our sites, addresses and contact information for all nearby medical facilities, and a schedule of the week to pray through and follow along!

How much does it cost? Is there a registration deadline? EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT = \$795 (Register by April 2). Regular pricing = \$845 (Register after April 2). REGISTRATION DEADLINE - May 1! Register with a \$100 deposit. Final payment due the week of the trip. ***We never want cost to be a factor in participation in TSM events, scholarships are available through Thornapple Covenant Church - please contact Lynne McLaughlin (lmcLaughlin@thornapple.org) to make a scholarship request.**

Will I need to fill out other waivers? Along with the TSM General Waiver for 22-23 (found at thornapple.org/students and within trip registration), additional waivers will almost certainly be required by our different destinations. Email instructions will be sent to all attendees at a later date.

Questions we missed? Want to contribute or help out?

Email Peter at pek@thornapple.org

How do I sign up?

Visit thornapple.org/students or scan this code!

