

**45th ANNUAL FRONT RANGE UU NINTH GRADE TRIP
PRELIMINARY 2008-2009 TRIP SCHEDULE**

Classes/Retreats:

October 18-19	Boulder	Sat 6:00 PM – Sun 11:30	Class
November 14-16	Foothills	Fri 8:00 PM - Sun 11:00	Retreat
December 14	First Unitarian	9:00-1:30	Class/fundraiser
January 9-11	Jefferson	Fri 8:00PM - Sun 11:30	Retreat/fundraiser
February 1	Universalist	9:00-1:30	Class/fundraiser
March 6-8	Boulder	Fri 7:00 PM - Sun 11:30 AM	Retreat/fundraiser
April 17-26	Universalist	8:00 AM Friday	45th 9th Grade Trip
May TBD	TBD	Sat PM to Sunday noon	Recognition Service

The 44th Ninth Grade Trip, sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist churches and fellowships of Cheyenne, Ft. Collins, Greeley, Boulder, Denver, Golden, Littleton, Parker, and Colorado Springs is an educational trip to the Hopi and Navajo reservations. The trip happens around the end of March each year and lasts for ten days. The first and last days are spent traveling to get from Denver to Farmington and then back again. The remaining days are spent as follows:

- Hopi Mesas - We will spend three days on the three mesas of the Hopi people. During our time there we will visit Hopi villages and possibly see the Kachinas dance. Watching a Kachina dance is one way for us to observe and respect an important element of the Hopi religion.
- Flagstaff - Visits to the Museum of Northern Arizona, Wupatki Ruins and the Walnut Canyon Ruins provide further insight into pre-historic cultures of the area.
- Ganado/Hubbell's Trading Post – Part of a day will be spent touring the oldest still operating trading post and Hubbell's home. In addition, demonstrations in Navajo weaving and a talk on Navajo rugs are included in this stop.
- Canyon de Chelly/Chinle - One day is spent at Canyon de Chelly visiting various sites including White House ruins and Spider Woman Rock. One night is spent at Chinle Elementary School.
- Navajoland - Two days are spent at the Tohaali Navajo School, experiencing the life of a Navajo student. Ninth grade trippers attend school with Navajo students.

For more information or if you have questions, contact Mitch Pingel at 303-469-9417, or 9gt@uu9gt.org. Permission slips should be mailed to Mitch if not turned in at the first class. Mitch's address is 275 Main St, Broomfield CO 80020. Trip fees should be sent to Mitch as well, at the same address. Make checks payable to "UU 9th Grade Trip."

Much of this information is available on the trip website at www.uu9gt.org.