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# The Front Range UU Churches Ninth Grade Trip

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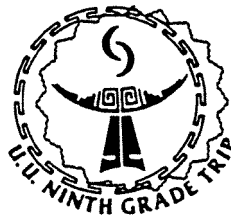
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## FEBRUARY CLASS AND FUNDRAISER

**SECOND FEE  
INSTALLMENT WAS DUE  
AT THE JANUARY  
RETREAT.** Checks for  
\$100 should be made out to  
"UU 9th Grade Trip" and  
mailed to Mitch Pingel, 275  
Main St, Broomfield CO  
80020. If you haven't sent  
yours yet, please get it in the  
mail now.

### February Class

The February class is on the  
3rd at 1<sup>st</sup> Universalist Church  
in south Denver. We begin at  
9:00 and most of us will be  
done by 11:30. The 1<sup>st</sup>  
Universalist trippers will do a  
potato bar fundraiser, and  
should be done by 2:00.  
The church's address is 4101  
E Hampton Ave. in Denver.

Directions and maps are  
available on the website,  
[www.uu9gt.org](http://www.uu9gt.org), click on the  
Maps & Directions button.

### UPCOMING DATES

For those who are unsure of  
the dates of the upcoming trip  
events I have listed them  
below.

**February 3: Universalist  
class & Potato Bar**  
**March 8-9: Boulder retreat**  
**April 18-27: The Trip**

We'll be sending out a last  
newsletter before the Boulder  
retreat.

### UPCOMING DEADLINES

The deadline for turning in  
Book Reports has passed.  
Any tripper who thinks they  
are doing a book report

instead of homework must,  
without fail, turn it in at the  
beginning of the **February  
3rd** class or they will receive  
all of the homework assign-  
ments.

The **February 3rd** class is  
the deadline for all makeup  
for the January Retreat.

**February 28** is the final  
deadline to receive all make-  
up and homework. If not in  
Mitch's hand by February 28,  
missing course work will  
prevent your participation in  
this year's trip.

*(This next one is a change  
from the original schedule)*

**March 5th** is the deadline for  
the final tripper payment. It  
can't wait until the retreat in  
March because we have to  
use that money to buy non-  
perishables to be packed at

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the retreat. The check must be delivered at the February class, or mailed to be received by March 5.

## TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT THE TRIP

It's probably time to get in touch with teachers and principals about the time we're going to have to miss school to do the trip in April. Those teachers hate being surprised by this sort of thing the week before. We have an Educator Letter that can be downloaded from the website. Go to [www.uu9gt.org](http://www.uu9gt.org) and click on the "Educator Letter" link over the map. Print as many as you need. Our experience has been that teachers will feel okay about the trip if they have enough notice to prepare make up materials.

## EQUIPMENT LIST

I am including the equipment list so you can begin to think about what you need to take down the road.

1. ONE piece of luggage, which we will provide at the last retreat. ONE day pack to hold things needed on the bus. **DO NOT** bring a backpack with frame.

2. A sleeping bag is required. An air mattress or foam pad may be included (as long as it fits in your sleeping bag cover). We will issue the sleeping bag cover at the last retreat.

3. Clothing - All trippers will need clean, neat clothing, (nice looking jeans with no holes are ok). For our time at Hopi, girls need modest dresses or skirts, guys need button front shirts and slacks or good jeans. Sandals, high heels, fancy clothes are not practical. Avoid clothes that are too short, too tight, see through, or have offensive messages on them. Guys, our hosts don't care what color boxers you're wearing, gals our hosts don't want to see cleavage at either end, or to know if yours is an innie or an outie.

4. Include WARM clothing. Coats are required. We are going to Flagstaff, not Phoenix. Northern Arizona is fairly high and can be cold this time of year. Flagstaff is at 7000 feet in altitude. A water-proof jacket is a good idea. Hiking boots that will double as snow boots are also good.

5. Bring enough clothes for ten days. Laundry facilities are not available. Some sort of plastic bag would help keep your clean clothes from smelling like your dirty ones.

6. Include all necessary toilet articles: towel, wash cloth, (plus a small plastic bag for the wet cloth), soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc.

7. Don't forget your spill-proof, no-break travel mug. We won't be providing disposable cups, and there's no church to borrow them from.

8. Chapstick, sunscreen, and a hat to protect your skin from sun.

9. Cameras are optional. It is wise to purchase film before you leave home because it is hard to find and expensive on the road. There are some places where you can't use your camera.

10. The trip fee covers food, lodging, admissions, etc. You can get along with as little as \$5 to \$10 but take what you want to spend.

11. If you wear contact lenses, bring your regular glasses as well. The wind can play havoc with contacts.

12. Remember your two sack lunches for the first day. Keep junk food to a minimum. Lots of wrappers make bus cleanup tough.

13. Do **NOT** bring electronics!!! **DO** bring an instrument if desired.

## The TRIP LOGO

The logo for the Ninth Grade Trip of the UU Churches of the Front Range shows the flaming chalice depicted in Hopi prayer feathers, clouds and rain, with the flame being the symbol of friendship. The two Navajo design circles are the Circle of the Earth on the left, and the Circle of the Sky on the right. The Navajo designs encircle the Hopi, as is true geographically.

The design was done by Claire Bennett, a 1979 ninth grade tripper who felt that the trip is such an important milestone in her life and the lives of others that she wanted to give back something of her fond memory back to the trip. The design was first used in April of 1987, and is now our official logo.

