
The Front Range UU Churches Ninth Grade TRIP

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS NEWSLETTER COMES WITH TWO SECTIONS. THE FIRST SECTION (THE FIRST TWO PAGES) ARE FOR TRIPPERS, THE SECOND (with PARENTS on top & bottom) IS FOR PARENTS! GET IT RIGHT!! THE PARENTAL UNITS MUST HAVE THE SECOND PART IN THEIR HANDS WHILE WE ARE ON THE ROAD!!!

March 6 and 7 Boulder Retreat (YEA), the usual.

April 16-25 THE 46th 9TH GRADE TRIP!! (YEA)

The schedule for the last, final, and MANDATORY retreat is: We begin Saturday morning, not Friday night. This gives the RA's and the Coordinators a chance to do last minute planning and organizing.

March 6, 2010: Be at the Boulder Church by 9:00 A.M. It's tricky to find so call if you have lost your map.

March 7, 2010: DONE BY 11:00 to 11:30 AM. Boulder folks will need to stay and help with the Cake Auction. Done by 1:00

IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL RETREAT STUFF, REMEMBER TO BRING:

- 1) NO ELECTRONICS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 2) Your journal
- 3) **YOUR NO-SPILL TRAVEL CUP**
- 4) FEMALES ONLY: bring your dressy skirt or dress
- 5) MALES ONLY: your dress shirt
- 6) YOUR SLEEPING BAG and any pad you're going to sleep on!

You will receive a sleeping bag cover and luggage at the retreat. You must remember to bring the sleeping bag and your luggage when we board the bus on April 16th.

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. You'll probably want an air mattress or foam pad (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. If using a film camera 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.

DEAR PARENTS

This, our final mailing, is for you instead of your tripper, because this is stuff you will need to have in your hands while we are all on the road. This letter addresses:

- 1) Final trip fee payment
- 2) Retreat information
- 3) Itinerary and EMERGENCY PHONES
- 4) Departure and return times

The final trip payment is due at the March retreat. For most of you that is \$100. If you are unsure, email me.

To get to the Boulder church for the retreat you can get Maps and/or Directions from the trip website.

To get a map or directions:

Go to www.uu9gt.org, click on the “**Maps & Directions**” link at the bottom, then on “**Maps**” or “**Directions**”, then on “**Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder**”

It is MUCH easier for your tripper to reach you by phone than for you to reach them. About all we can do is give you EMERGENCY ONLY numbers, where a message can be taken for eventual delivery to us. We will check as we go. We will be in each place in the evening and overnight following the dates listed. Just to chat, your tripper can call YOU from the pay phones in Flagstaff. The charter bus company requires me to carry my cell phone, so you can try it in an emergency, 303-579-9868. There are many places that we visit where there is no cell phone service.

OK, trip itinerary and ABSOLUTE EMERGENCY ONLY phone numbers.

April 16	Durango UU Church No phone available
April 17-19	Sipolovi Community Center No phone available
April 20	Budget Inn, Flagstaff, AZ (928) 774-5038
April 21	Chinle Elementary, Chinle, AZ 928-674-9403 (school hours)
April 22-23	Tohaali School, Toadlena NM 505- 789-3201 (school hours)
April 24	Durango UU Church No phone available
April 25	Snug at home!

FRIDAY, APRIL 16 DEPARTURE TIMES!!!

First Universalist – The wheels roll at 9:00 A.M.!!! Please arrive no later than 8:15 AM so we have time to load gear! If you arrive as we leave, your tripper will have all their stuff in their lap until Durnago.

We will pick up in Colorado Springs at the Park and Ride just west of the Woodman Road exit at Mark Dabling Blvd. and Corporate Dr. at 10:00.

RETURN: We will be back late on Sunday, April 25. **NOTE:** We ANTICIPATE our return to Denver between 8:30 PM and 10:00 PM. WE’LL CALL PARENT COORDINATORS FROM COLORADO SPRINGS WITH PREDICTIONS.

We will be chartering a Coach America Charter bus. Mitch will drive. That makes the first and last days shorter than before but Friday is still a L O N G day of travel. Your trippers should bring one giant (or several smaller) lunches, to hold back starvation.

Your trippers know what and what not to bring. They also know we will keep forever any of the forbidden items, including personal electronics and cell phones, that they bring anyway. If any of your personal data have changed since you filled out the medical forms, please let us know. We especially need to know if your tripper has had any adverse emotional turns and especially if s/he is on medication for depression. We also need to know if there are medications that they have been taken off of recently. If you have any information that we need to know before we take your son or daughter on the trip, please contact Mitch at (303) 579-9868.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT US COPIES OF YOUR TRIPPER’S INSURANCE CARD OR IF YOUR INSURANCE CARD HAS CHANGED PLEASE MAIL MITCH THOSE COPIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Mitch’s address is 275 Main St, Broomfield CO 80020