

Welcome Packet



Everything you need to know for your Rockies Rock summer!

Session Dates (Monday - Thursday)	Special Event Dates:
<p>Session 1: June 28 - July 8 <i>Last Day to Enroll is June 14</i></p> <p>Session 1: July 12 - 22 <i>Last Day to Enroll is June 28</i></p> <p>Session 3: July 26 - Aug. 5 <i>Last Day to Enroll is July 12</i></p>	<p>End of Summer Rockies Rock Celebration Friday August 6th - 4:30 - 7:00 - Huck Finn Park RSVP to Tim: tbest@co.lake.co.us</p>

Contact for all things Rockies Rock:

Camp Director, Tim Best - 719.293.0445 tbest@co.lake.co.us

para español email Cisco at ctharp@co.lake.co.us

Camp Director is available by phone and email from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon-Fri

We'd love to hear from you!



Welcome to Rockies Rock! Thank you for joining us for outdoorsy, summer fun. This packet should contain the info you need to navigate all things Rockies Rock. If you have any other questions, please reach out any time!



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Get Outdoors Leadville! Mission

*Get Outdoors Leadville! connects **all** Lake County youth and families to the outdoors to inspire dreams, foster stewardship, build leadership, and strengthen community.*

*Get Outdoors Leadville! conecta a **todos** los jóvenes y a las familias del Condado de Lake al aire libre para inspirar sueños, fomentar el cuidado de la naturaleza, construir liderazgo, y fortalecer a la comunidad.*

Important Camp Communications

We email updates for each session to all participants' families approximately 1 week prior to session start. **Please look for and read these emails!** They generally include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any general camp updates• Bus routes• Schedule updates• When your camper will be swimming | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specific volunteer opportunities• Crew assignments and staff names• Camp Menu |
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Essential Camp Info

Drop Off and Pick Up Location - Camp drop off and pick up will be at unique sites for each group to reduce large group mingling. Sites will be in the Huck Finn/Center Preschool vicinity. Specific sites will come in the pre session email.

Arriving Late and Picking up Early - If you wish to drop off a camper late or pick up early, please contact the Camp Administrator to make a specific plan and to contact your camper's crew leader. Sometimes groups go on all-day outings such as bike rides or hikes on which it is difficult to drop off late or pick up early. In these circumstances we strive to find an alternative group for that camper to spend the day with.

Camp Times - **Drop off is 8:00 - 8:15 a.m.** - Please sign campers in with their crew. Crew assignments come in the week-prior email, or can be found at the greeting table. **Pick up is 3:15 - 3:30 p.m.** - Please sign campers out at the greeting table.

Sign in, Sign Out, and Camper Pickup -

Campers must sign in and out with their crew leader. Campers must be signed out by an authorized pick-up person who is at least 18-years-old with photo ID, unless the guardian authorizes the camper's own sign out. Guardians will be contacted in the event of any unauthorized pick up attempt. If a camper has not been picked up by the end of pick up time, camp staff will contact the guardians, emergency contacts, and authorized pick-up individuals. All sign out rosters will be reviewed at the end of each day to ensure every camper has been accounted for.

Photo ID - Any person picking up a camper may be asked to show photo ID to ensure that they are an authorized pick up person. Please always bring photo ID when picking up your camper, and remind any friends or family to bring theirs. Even if you are a regular pick up person, we may occasionally have a different staff at the



Do not come to camp, including pick up/drop off, if you have symptoms of COVID-19! Please inform us if you need assistance due to illness.

If a camper has not been picked up by 5:00 p.m. the Department of Human Services will be contacted to take over supervision of the camper.

Transportation Changes - We are happy to accommodate end of day transportation changes, as long as we receive them by 1:00 p.m. We establish a default end of day transport plan for each camper: either self-release, pick up, or bus. Unless you communicate a change, we will have your camper go with the default plan.

Absences - **Please let us know as early as possible if your camper will not be attending camp.** This helps us plan meals, transportation and more. If you have an unexpected absence the day of, notify us. This saves us the time it takes to reach out to you, as we contact the family of any camper who is unexpectedly not in attendance.

Text or call 719-427-7171, or email ctharp@co.lake.co for transport changes and absent notifications.

Updated and Accurate Contact Info – It is very important that we have updated and accurate contact information for all families. If your child becomes ill or an emergency situation occurs, we must be able to contact you promptly. If your home, work, or cell phone numbers change mid-year, please be sure to notify us of the change by text, email phone call. You can also update it through “My Account” in our enrollment database.

Confidentiality - Volunteers, staff members and parents working in any program at The Center will maintain confidentiality and respect each family's right to privacy, refraining from disclosure of confidential information and intrusion into family life. In addition, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records.

Would you like to submit feedback or a concern anonymously?

Use our online community feedback survey: <http://bit.ly/RR2021survey>

Or mail a note to us at **Attn: GetOutdoors Leadville 901 Us Hwy 24 Leadville, CO 80461**

Child Care Licensure & Filing Complaints

Get Outdoors Leadville is a state-licensed childcare facility. **If you have any concerns about our operations**, and wish to contact the Colorado Department of Human Services, please use this information: Call 303-866-5958 or go to 1575 SHERMAN STREET, DENVER, CO 80203, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Find more information at: http://coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.force.com/oec/OEC_Families?p=family&s=Find-Child-Care&lang=en

About Get Outdoors Leadville!

Get Outdoors Leadville! is funded by [Great Outdoors Colorado](#) and is an [Inspire Generation Wild program](#). We were founded in 2016 by a coalition of Lake County organizations and individuals with a passion for connecting people of all ages and backgrounds to the outdoors.



- Our core belief is that spending quality time outdoors makes ourselves, our communities, and our world healthier.
- We strive to reduce barriers to outdoor access by providing free or low cost gear, clothing, education, experience, and support.
- We connect youth, families, and community members to outside spaces.
- We support, guide, and advocate for in-school outdoor learning that supports Expeditionary Learning principles, and leverages the research-proven benefits of learning outdoors to enhance academic and culture-building efforts in our schools.
- We provide fun, nurturing out of school programming that connects youth to nature and each other, while supporting greater community health goals through quality, affordable child care.
- We create jobs for local educators, outdoor leaders, and high school students.
- We participate with organizational partners to help nourish a holistically healthy community.

Inclusion and Equity at GOL!

Get Outdoors Leadville! is committed to making our workspace and programming welcoming and empowering to people of all backgrounds and identities. This includes staff, volunteers, participants, families, guests, programming partners, and anyone else joining us in any capacity. We acknowledge that some identity groups are socially privileged while others are oppressed, and we commit to promoting equity in our community and beyond. We are specifically focused on equitable access to outdoor spaces and activities, programs and careers, and the many benefits that come with these.

The community-driven process that created GOL! emphasized access, bilingual communication, safety, family engagement, and sequencing of programs to help all Lake County youth connect with nature, develop skills, and explore career pathways in the outdoors. As a manifestation of that process, we must strive to continue in that spirit.

GOL! does not tolerate discrimination or preferential treatment, harassment, or “teasing” based on identity traits, including but not limited to: Race, Ethnicity, Skin Color, Gender, Sexual Orientation, Religion, Physical Ability, Political Affiliation, Age, Pregnancy, Relationship Status, or Veteran Status.

About Rockies Rock

At Rockies Rock, our dream is simple: we envision a Lake County full of youth playing and learning outside all summer long.

Unplugged - Unscreened - Unbeatable!

We believe that fun is essential; friends are awesome; nature is good for us; exercise is healthy; wild spaces are inspiring; and caring for the environment is critical. Mix all that up, and that’s Rockies Rock.



Clothing and Gear - What to Bring to Camp

For your camper to have a comfortable experience at camp, we ask that you please help them pack the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Hand Sanitizer<input type="checkbox"/> Facemask<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack to carry belongings<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Liter Water Bottle (Filled!)<input type="checkbox"/> Sun hat<input type="checkbox"/> Close-toed shoes to be active in<input type="checkbox"/> Rain Jacket<input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jacket<input type="checkbox"/> Long Sleeved Sun Shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen (labeled w/ first and last name)<input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses<input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit, towel, goggles (only on days you are swimming; see week-prior email to know which days your camper is swimming)<input type="checkbox"/> Chapstick with SPF (labeled with name)<input type="checkbox"/> Optional<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Bug spray<input type="checkbox"/> Nutritious, low-sugar extra snacks
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Please be sure to label your camper's belongings. This makes it much easier to get misplaced items back to their owner! We are not responsible for lost items.

Gear and Clothing Borrowing - We always have extra gear and clothing to borrow for a day if a camper forgets something. If you'd like to borrow something for an entire session, or more, please inquire with us! We have top of the line, near new items to support all campers having a great experience.

Common items to borrow are: Backpack, Rain Jacket, Water Bottle

Lost And Found - We do keep a lost and found that is located at the welcome table each day. Please let us know if you are missing anything in particular, and we can keep an eye out for it. Rockies Rock and Get Outdoors Leadville! are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Camp Clothing Exchange - If you have any gently used youth-sized clothing that is in good condition that you'd like to share, we welcome it on our Camp Clothing Exchange! Of course, we especially love outdoor garments that are of synthetic materials, like rain jackets, rain pants, etc. Hiking boots are great, too!

Clothing Recycling - In the spirit of environmental conservation, we collect worn out clothing to bring to a regional recycling facility. We can't recycle these items locally. ***This collaboration is volunteer driven, so if you'd like to volunteer to help, please let us know!***

Campers' Personal Belongings and Money - Campers are expected to keep all clothing, equipment, and belongings - including money - with them through the camp day. If you would like to store something in the camp offices during the day, please contact the Camp Administrator.

We do not allow campers to purchase items during the camp day, except for extenuating and guardian-approved circumstances.

Rockies Rock Camp Framework

We design our programs within this framework:

Values	Design Principles	Outcomes
<p><i>GOL!’s core values infuse all we do and say...</i></p>	<p><i>We design our activities with these principles in mind...</i></p>	<p><i>We want our participants to leave with...</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community ● Equity ● Magic ● Health and Wellness ● Connection ● Lasting Impact 	<p>Risk Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Small, intentional risks can have great reward and help us grow.</i> ○ <i>Risk management is a skillset that we can learn and transfer to life</i> ○ <i>We manage both physical and psychological risk</i> ○ <i>Everyone participates in managing risk</i> <p>Outcome and Values Oriented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Activities work towards Rockies Rock outcomes</i> ○ <i>Activities express and are managed with Rockies Rock values</i> <p>Age and ability appropriateness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Activities are tailored to the age group</i> ○ <i>Activities should be tailored, to the extent possible, to individual learning and ability needs</i> <p>Progression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Activities follow an educational progression</i> ○ <i>Participants take on progressive responsibility and skill acquisition through their session, summer, and years.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A new or deepened love of spending time in nature ● A belief that spending time outdoors is fun and valuable ● A belief that there are many diverse and valuable ways to spend healthy time outside ● New, positive relationships and enriched existing relationships with peers and staff members ● Deeper theoretical and practical experience with Lake County School District’s 7 crew skills ● Knowledge of and connection to Lake County natural spaces that are available to them and their families ● Enriched understanding of the Lake County landscape and environment ● A sense that caring for the natural world is everyone’s responsibility, and can be practiced in everyday home life, as well as during outdoor time

Rockies Rock Activities

These are typical Rockies Rock activities.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Games and songs ● Mountain biking ● Hiking ● Environmental Education Curriculum ● Environmental Exploration ● Nature Art and crafts, writing and photography ● Camp craft and responsible fire building ● Outdoor skills and safety ● Fishing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Swimming ● Outdoor exploratory play ● Low-Ropes Challenge Course ● Indoor Rock Climbing Wall ● Frisbee Golf ● Gardening ● Cooking (Farm to table Explorers group only) ● Canoeing ● Archery
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Camp Structure

In 2021, Rockies Rock can accommodate approximately 112 campers, from rising 1st graders to rising 8th graders. 24 spots are reserved for 5-6 year olds. The camp is divided into crews of 8-14 participants, depending on enrollment numbers. Each crew is led by 2 Crew Leaders and a high-school aged Assistant Crew Leader. Sometimes all crews will be together for activities, such as session opening and session closing. Sometimes Crews will join together for activities, such as swimming at the aquatic center. Most of the time, a crew is on their own. Crews generally have a morning and afternoon activity, though occasionally they will spend the whole day on an endeavor, such as going for a longer hike.

Rockies Rock specializes in offering an assortment of outdoor activities and experiences. In our younger age groups (1st-5th graders), we emphasize variety and trying new things. For 6th-8th+ graders, we typically offer two enrollment options: “Explorers” sessions go in depth on special topics, while the “Classic” option includes a tried-and-true sampling of fun. For the first time we are offering two Explorers options during Session 3 (see below). There will be no “Classic” option for 6th - 8th graders during Session 3.

2021 Explorers Sessions are: Session 1: Nature Film and Photo Camp **Session 2:** Mountain Biking Camp **Session 3:** Two options: 1) Farm to Table Gardening and Cooking, or 2) Fishing

We also frequently have programming partners join us for special activities. For example, Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff may join for a day of fishing, or Fish Hatchery employees may give a tour or demonstrate a fish release.

Rockies Rock Administration



Camp Director, Tim Best: This is Tim’s fifth year working for Rockies Rock. He now oversees all out-of-school programs for Get Outdoors Leadville! Prior to his current role, Tim directed after-school programs at West Park Elementary School. Tim loves sharing his passion for outdoor adventuring with the youth of Lake County!

Enrollment Coordinator, Cisco Tharp: Cisco is in his 4th year of working with GOL! and Rockies Rock. Prior to joining GOL! he spent 12 years with the Colorado Outward

Bound School, and many other adventure education organizations. He loves all things outdoorsy, especially discovering and exploring with his 4 and 6-year-old kids.



Scheduling - Rockies Rock is a day camp, which runs Monday through Thursday, approximately 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Your camper’s schedule will change day to day and session to session depending on which assortment of activities are scheduled.

Detailed crew schedules come in our week-prior email, and are available at the welcome table during pick up or drop off. You can also request one by email: just text, call or email us.

Please know that activity scheduling is always subject to change due to weather, environmental conditions, program partnership constraints, staffing, participant and crew needs, or any number of other factors. We strive to stay flexible in order to promote safety, thoughtful planning, and optimal experience for all participants.

Nature Connection Curriculum - Rockies Rock features a custom, Arkansas Valley-based “**Nature Connection**” curriculum, designed by our program partners, the **Greater Arkansas River Naturalists Association (GARNA)**. The multi-year progression is age-specific, and focuses on four core topic areas: Land, Water, Air, and Human Connections to the Landscape. The first week of each session features an experiential lesson that fosters awareness of a topic, while the second week’s activity highlights how we can be good environmental stewards in that same topic area. The curriculum corresponds to grade-level state standards.

Through awareness we instill responsibility.

After-camp extended day programming through Project Dream - We are excited to be exploring the possibility of an after-camp option for all campers through Project Dream (LCSD’s after-school program). If implemented, this program will offer enrichment activities and academic interventions on-site at Pitts, led by local teachers and community members. We will be gathering interest in this program during camp enrollment and it will appear as an enrollment question. Please be aware that enrollment in this potential program will involve a separate registration process, though we are committed to making that as smooth as possible. If the program goes forward, a snack and bus service home will be provided.

Locations - Our camp has a daily meeting and departure place, but most of our crews spend their days all over Lake County. They may go fishing at Turquoise Lake, or hiking to Mt. Sheridan, for example. Common locations are Colorado Mountain College’s campus, Fish Hatchery, Huck Finn Park, Twin Lakes, Turquoise Lake, Hayden Ranch, Crystal Lakes, East Side Mining District, and the surrounding San Isabel National Forest.

Safety and Risk Management

Value of Risk - At Rockies Rock, we balance three truths about risk: 1) Risk is ever present and manageable, but not completely avoidable; 2) Well managed risk has value; 3) Everyone, including participants, helps manage risk. Mariana Brussoni, Associate Professor of Health in Populations at the University of British Columbia, defines the importance of risk for children’s health and development. According to Brussoni, “Risky play helps (children) learn about the world and how it works, learn about themselves and what their limits are, and learn how to keep themselves safe. When we try to limit children’s risky play, we rob them of these fundamental opportunities, which ironically, could result in them being less safe. This is because children learn risk management skills through exploring risk in play that they can apply to other situations. If they have an adult doing all the risk management for them, they will not learn how to do this for themselves.”¹ It is in the spirit of supporting child and youth development in the ways cited above that we developed our Risk Tolerance statement.

Risk Tolerance Statement - Get Outdoors Leadville recognizes that, as with all parts of life, there are inherent risks to our staff and participants during our activities. Because all risk cannot be eliminated, and because some risk has inherent educational and developmental benefit, GOL! Program Leaders are guided to assess and manage risk, not eliminate it entirely. We may eliminate certain risks entirely, but not all.

GOL! accepts that minor and temporary scrapes, bruises, and musculoskeletal injuries may occur in normal, well managed activities. Likewise, some minor emotional stress and frustration may occur for participants in the daily process of working in a group, interacting with peers, and sometimes dealing with environmental stressors such as fatigue, inclement weather, and challenging activities.

¹ Brussoni, Mariana. “RISKY PLAY: Losing a Childhood ‘Right’ of Passage — and a Tool to Help Protect That Right.” *The New Nature Movement*, Children & Nature Network, 5 Apr. 2018, www.childrenandnature.org/2018/04/05/risky-play-losing-a-childhood-right-of-passage-and-a-tool-to-help-protect-that-right/.

GOL! has no tolerance for activities with an elevated likelihood of more severe or permanent injury, illness or death. Likewise, GOL! has no tolerance for psychological and emotional harm that may result in lasting trauma, significant harm to a relationship, or social alienation or isolation. We also strive to prevent and correct acts that may trigger a past trauma for a participant.

Participant Voice and Choice - Participants of Rockies Rock always have a voice in how they participate in Rockies Rock. We encourage campers to try new things and grow through trying activities that may be challenging at first. However, if any activity is too uncomfortable for a camper, we encourage them to tell their crew leader to seek support or alternative options. Alternative options for participation must fit within our safety management parameters, and must be respectful of operating constraints such as logistics, transportation, staffing, etc.

Every participant has the right to say “Stop!” if they observe a safety concern for themselves or others, or if something is beyond what they are okay with. Both peers and staff are expected to respect and respond to any request to stop. We also encourage guardians of participants to contact us if they or their campers have concerns about camp activities or management.

Accidents and Incidents -

Accidents - Any occurrence at our program that may have injured a camper, or led to illness, or in which harm was narrowly avoided.

Incident - Any noteworthy behavioral occurrence or infraction that is documented.

If your camper has had either an accident or an incident during their day of camp, you can expect to see a report coming home with them, or sent via email or text shortly after the camp day has ended.

If you learn of something that seems like an accident or incident, but don't hear from us about it, please contact us and let us know!

Accident Insurance for Participants - Get Outdoors Leadville! purchases an accident insurance policy for all campers to help with any qualified expenses incurred due to an accident during planned, supervised camp activities. Our current plan has a \$0 deductible, and \$50,000 maximum pay out for each case. We are happy to provide more info and support in navigating this process if you would like. GOL! cannot guarantee that all claims nor all expenses in a claim will be covered.

Camp Policies and Procedures

COVID-19: We will provide an updated COVID precautions plan as state and local are updated!!! Stay tuned!

Admissions Procedures - Campers must apply for Rockies Rock through our online system: go to www.getoutdoorsleadville.org and click “Enroll in Rockies Rock!” Get Outdoors Leadville staff are available to assist and families are welcome to use computers at our office to register. Find us at our new building on the Colorado Mountain College Campus (next to the Climax Leadership Building). After camp begins, find us at Pitts Elementary. Once you have filled out an application for Rockies Rock, the Camp Administrator will review your documents and follow up with any questions or needs. When all enrollment materials are complete, the Camp Administrator will enroll your camper, and you will receive a verification email.

Age of Campers Accepted - Rockies Rock Sessions are for participants who are rising into 1st - 8th grade. For participants outside of the grade level system, we accept campers who are ages 6 - 14 as of the first day of participation.

Animals and Pets at Rockies Rock - In general, pets and animals are not allowed at Rockies Rock, and we discourage pets from pick up and drop off times. If you wish to bring a pet to camper pick up and drop off, it must be on a leash and well behaved. You are responsible for guiding any participants who approach your pet, and for any damage caused.

Child Abuse and Neglect - Rockies Rock ascribes to extensive policies and guidance from the Colorado Department of Education and national youth-serving organizations to prevent a context that may allow for abuse to happen. All camp staff have a legal obligation to report physical signs or concerning comments or behavior that may indicate abuse or neglect outside of camp. If reported, Camp Administrators will contact the Colorado Department of Human Services.

Electronics and Screen Time at Rockies Rock - In order to preserve the positive social environment, and maximize connection to the local, natural world, Rockies Rock does not watch videos or offer any screen time activities. Campers are not allowed to use electronic communication devices such as phones, radios, or messaging devices during the camp day. If you there are exceptional circumstances for which you need direct communications with your camper, please contact the Camp Administrator to discuss options.

Emergency Closures- In the event of an emergency closure, families will be notified by email and text message through our automated text and email system.

Emergency Management: GOL! Has established protocols to guide our response to hazards and emergencies such as: hazardous weather, wildfire, external threats (such as active shooters or hostile bystanders), and site evacuations. This includes “Lockdown” and “Shelter in Place” protocols that are relevant to our outdoor environment. In the event of such emergencies, GOL! will follow these protocols, and will use our email/text and phone call system to communicate with families of participants, including information about reunification and any changes to pick up location. If you’d like to know more about our planning process, please contact the Camp Administrator.

Field Trips and special activities - Rockies Rock is pretty much one big field trip! However, if an outing or activity is planned that is out of our normal operations, we require guardian permission for participation.

Financial Policies - Tuition, Fees, Deposits, Refunds, Billing, etc.

There are 3 tuition levels for in-county Lake County campers, and 1 option for out-of-county campers. Monthly payment plans are available. A \$10 (in-county) or \$50 (out-of-county) non-refundable deposit is required per camper per session to reserve a spot. If you have an outstanding balance with GOL! we will require 50% of your balance in addition to the program deposit to reserve your spot.

Tuition Level	Cost per session**	<u>Suggested income range</u>
In-County Minimum	\$40	See our Enrollment FAQ document for our recommendations on which tuition level corresponds to your family income. These are only suggestions, and no income verification is needed. Please choose the highest level that your family can afford, and custom options are available if you can afford more than one level, but less than the next.
In-County Reduced	\$180	
In-County Full	\$300	
Out-of-County Tuition	\$420	In general, we recommend the \$40 level for those who qualify for Free Lunch, the \$180 level for those who qualify for Reduced Lunch, and the \$300 level for county residents who don’t qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch. Click here for Free and Reduced Lunch Info.

To qualify for "In-County" tuition, at least one legal guardian must have their primary residence or place of work within Lake County, or the camper must be enrolled in Lake County School District.

Cancellations and Refund Policies:

- Deposits are not refundable
- 100% of tuition refund is available if cancellation is 2 weeks or more in advance of the start of the GOL! program (Minus the non-refundable deposit)
- 50% refund (for the session in question) will be granted if cancellation is less than 2 weeks from the start of the GOL! program (Minus the non-refundable deposit)
- No refund is available if cancellation is at the start or after programming has started, or if your camper does not attend the camp session without notice.

- **If programming is canceled due to COVID-19 or other reasons, you will get a full refund, including deposit, or you can choose a credit for future programming. We are currently planning our refund process if programs cancel mid-session or if your camper can't attend due to illness or COVID-19 precautions.**

Balance Due, Late Payment and Billing Policies:

- 50% of any balance due to GOL! is required in addition to the session deposit to enroll in Rockies Rock for 2020.

If you don't pay your full tuition in advance, and sign up for monthly billing:

- You are welcome to make larger monthly payments than you are billed for to pay your balance off faster if you wish.
- Invoices are sent out by email on the 1st of each month (or following business day if the 1st is a holiday or weekend) and payment is due by the 15th. It is your responsibility to see these emails. Please check and set any junk mail filters. You are welcome to come to our office for physical, printed invoices - 901 US Hwy 24, or during Rockies Rock you can also come to Pitts Elementary, 328 W 5th St.
- If you cannot make a full payment in a given month, please communicate to GOL! and make a smaller payment that is possible for you. Something is better than nothing (minimum \$1.00).
- All Rockies Rock balances are due in full by Nov. 15th

Food - Rockies Rock camp provides a morning snack and lunch for every camper (unless you decline camp food in your registration). This food has no additional cost to participants. Our food is prepared by the Lake County School District food services department, and reimbursed by the State Summer Food Service Program. If you are signed up for Recreation Department or Library afternoon programs, your camper will also receive an afternoon snack.

We strive to accommodate any dietary restrictions or needs, as long as we know about them at the time of signing up, at least two weeks in advance of the session start date. If you sign up later than the two-week deadline (sometimes we can accommodate this), we may be less flexible in accommodating dietary needs and restrictions.

Campers are welcome to bring their own healthy food to camp either as extra snacks, or for their own meals. We recommend meals balanced in carbs, fats, and protein that are easy to eat on the go. A sugar snack during an active day can be a great thing, but please keep junk food and high-sugar foods to a minimum so that your camper can have energy to play and explore all day long!

If you have selected to receive camp food, and change your mind, please tell us so we can adjust our food order numbers and reduce food waste.

Rockies Rock is peanut and tree nut free. Tree nuts include: ALMONDS, BRAZIL NUTS, CASHEWS, HAZELNUTS, MACADAMIAS, PINE NUTS, PISTACHIOS, OR WALNUTS. Please do not send food with these nuts with your camper to camp.



Illness and Injury Policy Please do not bring your camper to camp if they have any of these symptoms or signs:

- [Symptoms similar to COVID-19](#)
- Diagnosed contagious illness or infection
- Fever over 100 degrees
- Persistent or productive cough
- Generally feeling too poor to participate
- Vomiting in the last 24 hours

If your camper develops any of these symptoms, please notify the camp director so we can discuss a response plan. We are being extra cautious due to COVID-19. If a camper has been diagnosed with - or exposed to - a communicable disease, please report it to us so we can inform other families and the state health department, as required by state regulations. **We commit to protecting the privacy of the camper and their family. Communicable diseases include, but aren't limited to: COVID-19** (or COVID-19 like symptoms); hepatitis, measles, mumps, meningitis, diphtheria, rubella, salmonella, tuberculosis, giardia, varicella (Chicken Pox), pink eye, or shigella.

If your camper develops any of these signs or symptoms while at camp, or is generally feeling too poorly to participate, we will find a comfortable place for them to rest while we contact you to discuss pick up options.

If your camper has an injury that would impact or prevent participation in camp, please contact the Camp Administrator to consider options for participation and support.

Medications - Any medications - including over-the-counter medications - that a camper brings to camp must have prior authorization by the Camp Administrator. It must come in the original container, with a prescription, with authorization from a medical provider. Plans to administer, store, and account for any needed medications during programming must meet state standards, and will be made on a case-by-case basis between camper guardians, Camp Nurse, and the Camp Administrator to ensure each plan meets the needs of the camper within camp constraints. Please contact us directly to discuss any needs your camper may have. Only authorized, trained staff who have been delegated by the Camp Nurse will administer medications.

Privacy Policy - Get Outdoors Leadville! and their contracted partners utilize systems designed to protect personal information and limit its use only for purposes of participant registration and payment collection, as required to conduct programming. **Get Outdoors Leadville! will not release any personal information to third parties for marketing purposes of any sort.** For additional information regarding privacy policies and data security of information provided to Get Outdoors Leadville! through this on-line registration system, please visit our vendor website at <https://www.campmanagement.com/privacy-policy> and <https://www.campmanagement.com/Security>. Policies and procedures for participation will be shared with registrants upon confirmation of program enrollment. Thank you!

Special Needs Support - In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Rockies Rock commits to making reasonable accommodations for campers with documented disabilities and special needs. If you would like to discuss accommodations for your child, please contact the Camp Director to make a plan.

Supervision and Location of Campers - All campers will be supervised by Program Leader at all times during Rockies Rock programming. This will mostly be their Crew Leader with assistance from the Assistant Crew Leader, but may also be other qualified camp staff.

Volunteers and Assistant Crew Leaders are not allowed to be the sole supervisor of campers.

No camp staff or volunteer is allowed to be alone with an individual camper outside of an emergency situation. "Alone" means out of sight and sound of all other campers and other staff. In rare circumstances, the Camp Administrator or Director may authorize an exception to this rule (such as a camper needing individual transportation). This would only occur with written authorization from the camper's guardians. Written authorization may be by text message, email or in writing.

Campers are accounted for through our sign-in and sign-out procedures outlined in this document, and through daily attendance reporting. Crew itineraries and rosters are kept in the camp office, and are available at any time to camper guardians upon request. Camp staff are responsible to ensure all campers in attendance that day are accounted for at all times, especially through transitions such as changing sites, joining or leaving multi-group activities, etc.

Campers' well-being is also documented in "Well Being Logs" on which staff will note any concerning events, comments, signs or symptoms. If a camper arrives with any concerns (such as a visible injury), it will also be noted as having happened outside the camp day.

2-way communications are maintained by phone and radio to ensure that the group's exact location can be established at any point during mobile activities such as hiking and biking outings.

If you ever need more detail on your camper's exact location or itinerary, please ask the Camp Administrator.

If a camper is separated from their group

Camp staff follow many practices to prevent any campers from being out of supervision while at Rockies Rock. However unlikely, we must plan to respond to a potential lost or separated participant. Campers are instructed to stay with their group at all times. If they become separated from their group, campers are instructed on two techniques:

1. If the camper can see or hear their group, shout loudly to wait, and hurry to catch up.
2. If the camper cannot see or hear their group, they should stay put and periodically shout loudly "Help me!"

If a Rockies Rock staff becomes aware that a camper under their supervision is unaccounted for, they are directed to contact camp administrators immediately, who will oversee a process of searching for the camper which may involve collaboration with outside agencies such as Search and Rescue or the Sheriff's office.

Guardians will be notified within 15 minutes from the time an administrator receives notification that a camper is separated from supervision, and will be included in the response to the extent possible.

Sun Protection The sun is intense up here beyond 10,000'. That's why we take sun safety seriously. We encourage campers to mostly use physical barriers for sun protection, such as hats, long pants and long sleeve shirts. For hard to cover places like hands, face, and neck, we recommend that sunscreen be SPF30+, and Full Spectrum. Some form of sun protection is required for camp participation, and sunscreen must be reapplied as frequently as recommended by the manufacturer. When using sunscreen campers must apply it to themselves, unless a specific support plan is needed.

Upon enrolling, you either did or did not authorize camp staff to provide sunscreen. If you authorized us, we provide frequent access and opportunity for sunscreen. **If you did not authorize us, we require your camper to bring their own sunscreen in the original container, and labeled with first and last name.**

We offer Rocky Mountain Sunscreen, SPF 30. [For more information and ingredients, click here.](#)

Chapstick is not provided by camp for hygiene reasons. Campers must bring their own chapstick with SPF, labeled with their name.

Toileting and Diapering - Rockies Rock requires that participants be independent with toileting needs and not use diapers. When indoor toilets or mobile toilets are available, we use them. When toileting occurs in an outdoor setting, our staff are trained in protocols to ensure the camper's privacy is respected, and environmental impact is minimized. If a toileting accident occurs, an incident report will be filed and provided to guardians.

Transportation Get Outdoors Leadville! partners with Lake County School District's transportation department to bus participants to and from camp. Once at Rockies Rock, campers are transported nearly every day to various outdoor locations throughout Lake County. Most transports are chartered through Lake County School District's bus service, and are on District buses with District drivers.

Occasionally Rockies Rock Staff will transport campers in Lake County vehicles, including a van, small bus, and jeep. Only trained and approved staff may transport participants, and all transports (except in emergencies) must be approved by the Camp Administrator or Director. Staff and participants must follow all laws, including seat belt and child restraint laws. Using a mobile device or otherwise driving while distracted is prohibited at Rockies Rock. Upon registering for Rockies Rock, guardians signed an authorization for all in-camp transportation.

If campers are transporting to a community partner program (such as the Library or Rec Department), GOL! and the partner program will follow a sign out/sign in system to ensure all participants are accounted for. Any attendance discrepancies will be reported to the Rockies Rock Administrator, who will then support communications to guardians if needed.

If your camper will be picked up by a community partner organization (such as Full Circle), add them to your approved pick-up list, or submit approval in writing to the Camp Administrator. Text message or email from the number and address on file is sufficient.

If a group experiences an emergency during transportation, our top priority will be to move participants to a secure location, and to contact emergency services and the Camp Administrator. Guardians will be contacted as soon as possible by text, email and phone call. Back up transportation will be arranged to ensure all campers make it to a secure location.

Bus Rules - If your camper is riding the bus to and from camp, please remind them that bus rules are the same as during the school year. If they have a behavior problem on the bus, the driver will notify our Camp Director, who will follow up with the camper and the camper's parents or guardians with a warning. If a problematic behavior is continued after a warning on the bus, a camper may be suspended from the bus service during camp. Some campers may also get assigned seating on the bus if their behavior is impacting the driver's ability to safely drive. Safety is our top priority, and good bus behavior helps our drivers focus on the road.

Bus Rules Are:

- **Follow all COVID-19 requirements on the bus**
- Be Safe: Stay in your seat and face the front. Keep head, hands and feet inside the bus
- Keep the bus clean: Wait to eat and drink until after your bus ride; Respect all bus equipment and property; do not damage or mark bus property
- Behavior how you would in a classroom: Keep your voices low so the driver can focus on the road. Be courteous to others. Use respectful, appropriate language. Cooperate with the bus driver, and follow their directions if they ask you to modify your behavior.

The Bus Driver is authorized to assign seats, or revoke bus privileges for a rider.

If buses are significantly delayed, a text and email notification will be sent.

Visitors - We love having visitors! Feel free to drop in any time to join the fun, help out, or just see what we're up to. We do require any visitors to sign in and out, as well as follow and role model camp rules and values. Visitors who are not supporting camp expectations may be asked to modify their behavior or to leave.

Volunteers - As with visitors, we always welcome volunteers. Please contact us if you're interested. Volunteers will need to be oriented to camp by camp staff, as well as sign a Volunteer Waiver and Agreement. For regular or frequent volunteers, we may require a background check. Contact the Camp Administrator for more info: 719-293-0445.

We especially love having volunteers who may be able to share some outdoor expertise or passion with us. Are you a geologist, self-taught bird expert, or rock skipper extraordinaire? Check in with us, and maybe you could lead a special guest session on how you love to connect with the outdoors!

Weather Policies

Hot Weather Policy - Camp will not occur when ambient temperatures are over 100-degrees fahrenheit. If these temperatures are predicted for our area, Camp will be canceled, and notification sent out via text and email. Our Program Staff always monitor participants for signs and symptoms of heat illness and dehydration. When ambient temperatures are above 80 degrees fahrenheit, our program leaders take extra precautions, including: Planning activity sites and routes with frequent shade options, or bring reliable mobile shade such as a tarp and accompanying equipment; taking rest breaks in the shade; bringing extra water and electrolyte drink mix (such as Gatorade powder, or E-mergenc-C); carrying extra salty food that are not planned to be used as regular snacks.

Lightning - Lightning is a prevalent risk in our area of operations, especially in the afternoons. Staff will check weather forecasts prior to their camp day (or ongoing as needed and possible), and incorporate the forecast into their activity management plan. For situations in which a group is within a 5 minute walk from a building or vehicle that will accommodate the entire group: Staff will lead their group to the building or vehicle when lightning is 3 miles away (15 second count between flash and boom); or if graupel begins to fall. For situations in which groups are **more than a 5 minute walk** from a building or vehicle that will accommodate the entire group: staff will make time and activity management plans that minimize being in higher-hazard locations during high-likelihood lightning times; and staff will begin to move their groups to the safest location available when lightning is 6 miles away (30 second count between flash and boom) or if graupel begins to fall.

Cold Weather - Even in summer, we encounter cold conditions in the Rockies. Activity Leaders monitor participants for signs of a participant being “Cold Challenged” or hypothermic and immediately take corrective action if any signs are noted. We especially watch out for combinations of chilly temps, getting wet (through sweat, precipitation, water, etc.) and wind. When ambient temperatures are below 40 degrees fahrenheit, Program Leaders will carry an extra jacket, gloves, hat, and socks. **If traveling more than 30-minutes from an indoor warm-up option, an ensolite pad and extra pants or sleeping bag will be added.**

When the group includes participants who are 2nd grade age or younger (approx. 7-8 years old), and when ambient temperatures are below 40 degrees fahrenheit, the group will generally have access to an indoor warm up space or vehicle within 15 minutes. **Exceptions to this are possible, but must be approved through a supervisor with documented management plans which may include things like portable shelters, well insulated transportation devices (like sleds), lower staff:student ratios, two-way communications with support staff, activity leader experience and training, participant ability and progression, etc.** When temperatures are 10-degrees fahrenheit or lower (either ambient or windchill) should not be outside longer than 30-minutes at a stretch without an indoor warm up.

Other hazardous weather events: In the case of hazardous weather such as flooding, groups will be evacuated to a secure location. Camp administrators will ensure all participants are accounted for, and that any change to camp programming or pick-up plans are communicated to guardians through our text, email, and phone call system.

Wellbeing of Campers - Camper well-being is our top priority. As such, we require that campers follow staff-given directions to stay healthy and energetic throughout the day. This includes eating adequate food, drinking adequate water, communicating about well-being and energy levels, staying sun safe, and following other safety directions.

If a camper is not following safety directions, or not adequately caring for themselves, camp administrators will follow our Positive Behavior Guidance progression outlined in this document.

Withdrawal from the Rockies Rock - Withdrawal from our program must be communicated in writing. A written note with signature and date is sufficient, or an email from your email address on file. In rare and exceptional circumstances, GOL! may not be able to continue providing service for a participant. This would likely be due to safety and behavior concerns, and would follow a thorough intervention process. If GOL! must expel a participant, notice will be given to guardians immediately in writing via email, with phone calls and text messages, as well as invitations to meet to support communication.

Positive Behavior Guidance

The purpose of Rockies Rock is to provide a positive, fun learning environment for youth. Disrespectful or dangerous behavior will not be tolerated. Our staff are expected to show respect to students and the environment at all times and the students are expected to show respect to staff and the environment and other students at all times.

Culture - Community - Compassion

We believe in these 5 principles of behavior management:

1. Building positive, healthy relationships and group culture proactively is the foundation of positive behaviors. This includes modeling, recognizing, and celebrating positive behaviors.

2. We separate the person from the behavior. We look at *behaviors* being appropriate or problematic, rather than a participant being "bad" or "good."
3. Problematic behaviors have harm on the participant, their peers, their staff, and/or their environment. Repairing these harms is a crucial step in continuing participation after the harm is done.
4. Behavior guidance must be just and equitable to all participants.
5. Behavior guidance should be a collaboration between the participant, staff, peers, and guardians.

GOL! addresses problematic behavior in 4 steps of progression:

1. Program staff will address minor corrections with behavior in their crews. We encourage celebrating positive behaviors, positive redirection of problematic behaviors, and empowering with acceptable options. We explicitly prohibit the withholding of food or enacting of any physical discomfort as behavior consequences. When possible, we encourage staff to talk individually with participants about the situation.
2. If behavior that is not meeting expectations continues, or more serious behavior is observed, the participant will be referred to the GOL! Camp Director. A verbal agreement will be made on what behavior corrections are needed, and how we can support. In most instances, guardians will be notified at this step.
3. If challenging behavior continues, parents will be notified and a written behavior agreement will be signed by guardians, participant, and camp staff. This written agreement will outline positive consequences of adhering to behavior agreement, and negative consequences of not adhering to the agreement. Negative consequences may include up to the removal from current and future GOL! programs. Staff and parents may consider "in program" service to the camp community as a consequence.
 - a. If appropriate and approved by guardians, GOL! may seek consultation with a mental health professional in an effort to best support your child at camp.
4. If the written behavior agreement is violated, the consequences outlined there within will be implemented. If a participant has left the program and is returning, we strive to reintegrate them in a way that acknowledges and repairs any harm to others, while also celebrating and reintegrating the returning participant.

This escalation of response may be accelerated for exceptionally unsafe, harmful or problematic behavior.

If you have any concerns about how your camper is doing at camp, or how they are being treated by peers or staff, please contact Rockies Rock Administration. We commit to being responsive, and taking all concerns seriously.

Please note: there will not be bus service home from the Library programs. You will get pick up info from the Library prior to session start.

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