The Colorado Adventure!

Activities include:
- Hiking 14ers
- Whitewater Rafting
- Rock Climbing

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Tentative Itinerary

Day 1: Sat, Aug 6 - Fly into Denver
- Meet at Denver airport by 2:00pm MST
- Stop at a store to get supplies and fuel
- Drive to Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP)
- Have dinner in route
- Set up camp at Moraine Park Campground

Day 2: Sun, Aug 7 - Sky Pond Hike
- Take shuttle from camp to Bear Lake
- Hike the Sky Pond trail (9 miles and up 1,500 feet of elevation)
- Take shuttle back to camp
- Camp at Moraine Park Campground

Day 3: Mon, Aug 8 - Climbing at Jurassic Park
- Drive to Lilly Lake
- Hike into Jurassic Park for a day of top rope climbing
- Drive back to camp
- Camp at Moraine Park Campground

Day 4: Tues, Aug 9 - Travel/Rest Day
- Pack up camp and begin the drive south
- Stop in Breckenridge for lunch
- Make camp at Elbert Creek
- Prepare for an early start the following morning

Day 5: Wed, Aug 10 - Hike Mt. Elbert (14,440 ft)
- Wake up very early and quickly eat breakfast, and begin hiking
- Hike the Northeast Ridge trail to the highest point in the Rockies (9 mile hike, 4,700 feet elevation)
- Camp at Elbert Creek

Day 6: Thurs, Aug 11 - Whitewater Rafting
- Drive to Canon City for an afternoon rafting trip
- Take a rafting trip through the Royal Gorge (Class IV and V rapids)
- Drive north to Mueller State Park and have dinner in route
- Camp at Mueller State Park
- Prepare for an early hike the following morning

Day 7: Fri, Aug 12 - Hike Pikes Peak (14,110 ft)
- Wake up very early and quickly eat breakfast
- Drive to the Crag Trailhead
- Hike up the Crag Trail to the peak (12 miles, 4,200 ft elevation)
- Drive back to camp
- Camp at Mueller State Park

Day 8: Sat, Aug 13 - Hiking at Garden of the Gods
- Pack up camp
- Hike at Garden of the Gods
- Drive to Denver and stay in a hotel for the night

Day 9: Sun, Aug 14 - Fly Home
- Drive to Denver airport and arrive by 9am
- The trip officially ends at the airport

***Many of our activities are very weather dependent. Some activities will depend on early starts to avoid afternoon thunderstorms. Some activities could be altered due to weather.***
Dates: Aug 6-14, 2016 (Saturday – Sunday)
Locations: Colorado: Rocky Mountain National Park, Pikes Peak, the Royal Gorge, Mt. Elbert, Garden of the Gods, Breckenridge, and Jurassic Park!
Cost: $665 + your own airfare to Denver Airport
On-line sign ups begin: 12pm on Monday, Jan 11, 2016
Sign up by: midnight by Friday, Feb 26, 2016

This summer, get ready to cross some items off your bucket list! We will meet at Denver International Airport and road trip to experience everything Colorado has to offer. We will start in the famous Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) and hike to hidden waterfalls and glacier lakes before doing some rock climbing at Jurassic Park. Then we’re off to hike some 14ers, mountains that are over 14,000ft. To give you some perspective Clingmans Dome, the tallest Mountain in Tennessee, is 6,644ft high. We will hike over two times that high on Pikes Peak (14,114ft) and Mt. Elbert (14,439ft), the tallest mountain in Colorado! To split up these two big ascents we are going to do some whitewater rafting through the Royal Gorge. There we will experience the Arkansas River’s big class IV and V rapids. A hike through Garden of the Gods will be the perfect icing on the cake before heading back to Denver. The majority of this trip will be intermediate day hiking (9-19 miles per hike with elevation) with the addition of rafting and climbing. It’s designed to be a tough but extremely rewarding adventure for experienced hikers, but we will allow enthusiastic beginners to join us on the excursion.

Everyone who goes must be in good physical shape by the time we leave.

Participants are expected to attend one of two all day sessions on a Saturday in 2016. This will involve a Pre-Colorado Training Hike and a meeting following the hike. Expected duration: 7:30 am to 5:00 pm, but specific dates are yet to be determined. For your flight to DEN, arrive no later than 2 pm MST on Aug 6 and leave no earlier than 9 am MST on Aug 14.

Pre-Trip Meeting:
Thursday, March 24 at 6:00 PM Conference Room, Outdoor Rec. Center
There will most likely be another Pre-trip meeting, TBA in April or May 2016.

Payment schedule due dates:
2/26/16 Registration fee: $200
3/18/16 Second payment: $220
4/8/16 Last Payment: $245

Cost includes van transportation to/from Denver airport, all in-camp food, hotel at the end of the trip, group equipment, permits, whitewater rafting, camping, and entrance fees.

Space is limited to the first 10 people that sign up, and spots are expected to go quickly!