



Outdoor Properties Training & Information for Troops & Service Units

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This document covers:

- An overview of each property
- Activity pricing, food reservations
- Volunteer instructors & renting gear
- Training needed for overnight experiences
- Booking your property
- Council contacts and resources



Outdoor Properties at a Glance

Ranches: Resident camp lodging (cabins, dining halls, etc.)

- Tomahawk Ranch, Bailey
- Sky High Ranch, Woodland Park
- Meadow Mountain Ranch, Allenspark
- Magic Sky Ranch, Red Feather Lakes
- Lazy Acres, Rye

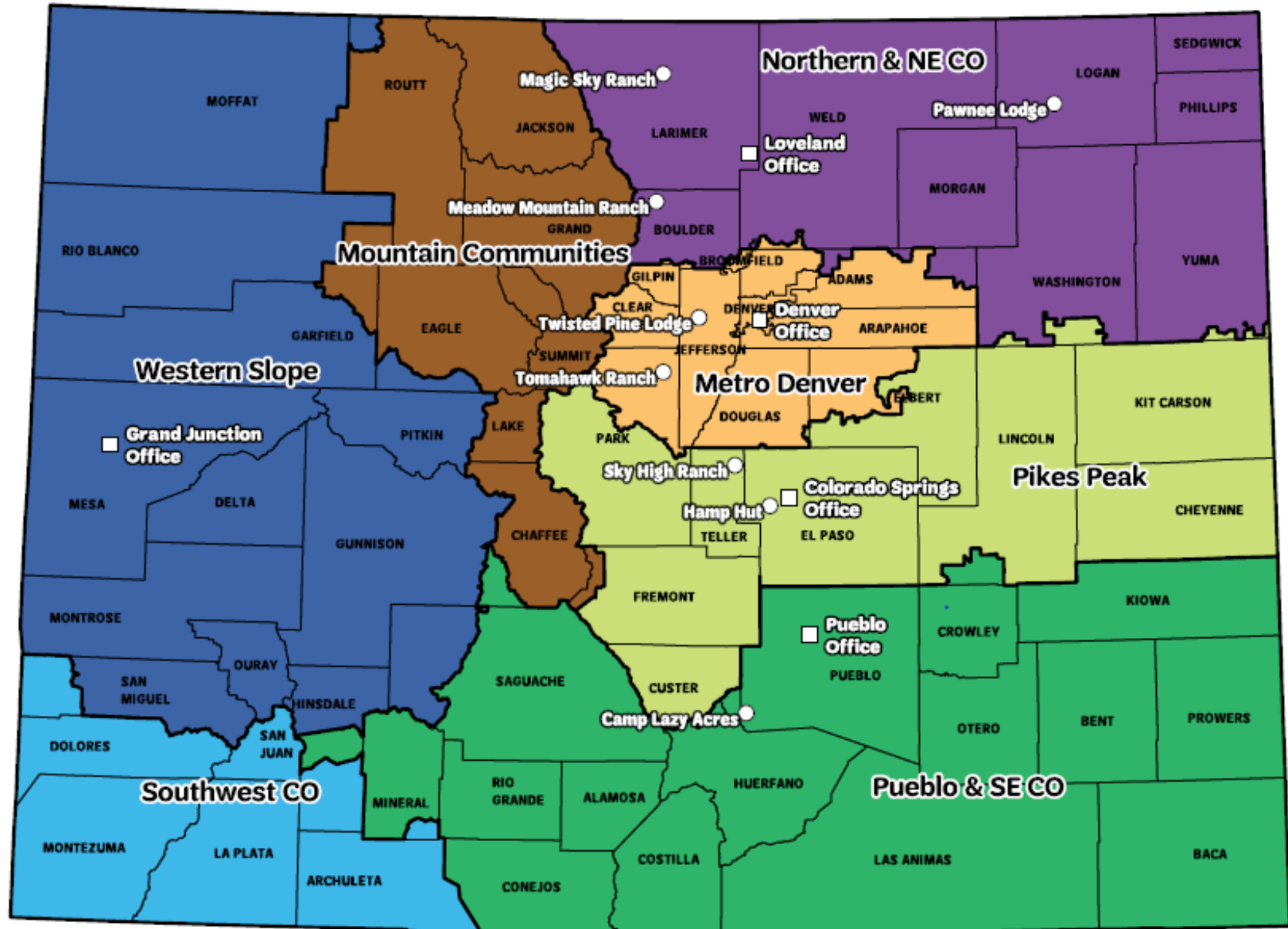
Lodges: Smaller properties with “cabin style” accommodations

- Hamp Hut, Colorado Springs
- Twisted Pine, Genesee
- Pawnee Lodge, Sterling



Our Grand Junction Office also has space to rent for day and overnight use

Map of GSCO Outdoor Properties



Tomahawk Ranch

Location: Bailey, off Hwy 285

Resident/Overnight Camp (Closed for reservations):

End of May through beginning of August

Good for: All ages, beginner campers, service unit
Camps

Specialties: Small animal farm, greenhouse, year-round programs, camp craft & survival skills, archery, karaoke and dance parties!



Tomahawk Dining Hall



All Season Cabin



Seasonal Unit



Tomahawk Ranch: Summer Season

Dates: August 11 – August 31

Lodging and Accommodations:

- All Season Cabins – Tom Tom, Kachina, Totempole, Arrowhead: Bedrooms with bunk beds for sleeping, indoor restrooms with showers, heat, common gathering areas, kitchen
- Seasonal Units – Blue Feather, Running Deer, Navajo: Two separate buildings with bunk beds, attached activity shelter for activities and meals, detached shower house with bathrooms
- Chipeta Teepees & Kiva Adirondacks: No bunks or mattresses – sleep on the ground, no electricity or heat, outhouses, fire pits for cooking, hydrant for water
- Wynetka Tent site: Tents available for rental – no bunks or mattresses, outhouses, fire pit for cooking, hydrant for water

Staff-led Programming: Yes

Food: Catered food service available, kitchens in All Season Cabins, outdoor cooking at units



Tomahawk Ranch: Year-Round

Dates: September 1 – May 21

Lodging and Accommodations:

- All Season Cabins – Tom Tom, Kachina, Totempole, Arrowhead: Bedrooms with bunk beds for sleeping, indoor restrooms with showers, heat, common gathering areas, kitchen

Staff programming available: Yes

Food: Catered food service, kitchens in cabins



Tomahawk Ranch Prices

Facility	Number of Buildings	Overnight Capacity	Price Per Night
Tom Tom	1	28	\$175
Totempole	1	28	\$175
Kachina	1	28	\$175
Arrowhead	1	24	\$175
Chipeta Teepees	3	24 (8 each)	\$30
Kiva Adirondacks	5	30 (6 each)	\$30
Blue Feather Seasonals	2	28 (14 each)	\$100
Navajo Seasonals	2	28 (14 each)	\$100
Running Deer Seasonals	2	28 (14 each)	\$100
Pathfinder Platform Tents	8	32 (4 each)	\$30
Timberline Platform Tents	7	28 (4 each)	\$30
Wynetka Tent Site	1	50	\$15

- Lodge, dining hall, and program areas are shared by all guests on property. If group would like exclusive use of the property, they must reserve all available units.
- Property manager and camp director reserve the right to close a property due to weather conditions & unsafe travel to camp.

Sky High Ranch

Location: Woodland Park, off Hwy 67

Resident/Overnight Camp (Closed for reservations):

End of May through the beginning of August

Good for: Different accommodations based on age level/experience, service unit camps

Specialties: Zip line, low ropes, rustic camping, archery, boating nearby, small animal farm



Lodge



Lucky Circle Cabin



Sky High Ranch: Summer Season

Dates: May 16-21, August 11-September 30

Lodging and Accommodations:

- Lodge: Mattresses on floor, outhouse, heat and electricity, fireplace, industrial kitchen, running water
- Troop House: Mattresses on floor, outhouse, electricity, wood stove for heat, small kitchenette, running water
- Cabins – Greenwood, Lucky Circle, Sawmill, Citadel, Arrowhead (tabins): Bunk beds (cots at Arrowhead), heat & electricity (Greenwood and Lucky Circle), outhouses, activity shelter for meals & activities, fire pit for outdoor cooking, spigot for water
- Craft Cabin: Reserved for day use only, building with space for 20, for indoor crafts and activities (some craft supplies available)

Staff-led programming: Yes



Food: Food service may be available depending on availability. Email christina@mountainberryculinary.com for more information on food service at Sky High Ranch. Industrial kitchen in lodge, kitchenette in Troop House, outdoor cooking shelters at units

Sky High Ranch: Year-Round

Dates: October 1 – May 15

Lodging and Accommodations:

- Lodge: Mattresses on floor, outhouse, heat and electricity, fireplace, industrial kitchen, running water
- Troop House: Mattresses on floor, outhouse, electricity, wood stove for heat, small kitchenette, running water
- Cabins – Greenwood, Lucky Circle: Bunk beds, heat and electricity, outhouses, activity shelter for meals and activities, fire pit for outdoor cooking, spigot for running water
- Craft Cabin: Reserved for day use only, building with space for 20, for indoor crafts and activities (some craft supplies available)



Staff programming available: Yes

Food: Industrial kitchen at lodge, kitchenette at Troop House, outdoor cooking shelters at units

Sky High Ranch Prices

Facility	Number of Buildings	Overnight Capacity	Price per Night
Lodge	1	40	\$150
Craft Cabin	1	X	\$30
Troop House	1	24	\$40
Lucky Circle Cabins	5	40 (8 each)	\$100
Greenwood Cabins	4	44 (11 each)	\$80
Sawmill Cabins	3	24 (8 each)	\$40
Citadel Cabins	4	22 (6-8 each)	\$40
Arrowhead Tabins	3	18 (6 each)	\$40

- Guests are only able to use facilities in buildings they have reserved.
- Property Manager and Camp Director reserve the right to close a property due to weather conditions and unsafe travel to camp.

Meadow Mountain Ranch

Location: Allenspark, off Hwy 7

Good for: Troop and Family Camps, all ages, traditional camping

Specialties: Rustic beauty, hiking into Rocky Mountain National Park from property, historic Homestead House



Lodge



Kitchen inside the Lodge



Tabin Units



Meadow Mountain Ranch: Summer Season

Dates: May 16 – September 15

Lodging and Accommodations:

- Lodge: Mattresses on the floor, indoor restrooms, heat and electricity, fireplace, industrial kitchen, running water
- Tabins (tent/cabins): Bunk beds, outhouses, no electricity or heat, fire pit for outdoor cooking, spigot for running water
- Tent Site: Tents may be reserved before arrival – no bunks or mattresses, outhouses, fire pit for outdoor cooking, spigot for running water
- Homestead House: Day use only, electricity, no heat



Staff-led Programming: No

Food: Industrial kitchen in lodge, outdoor cooking at tabins and tent sites. Outdoor cooking equipment may be available.

Meadow Mountain Ranch: Off-Season

Dates: September 16 – May 15

Lodging and Accommodations:

- Lodge: Mattresses on the floor, indoor restrooms, heat and electricity, fireplace, industrial kitchen, running water

Staff-led Programming: No

Food: Industrial kitchen in lodge



Meadow Mountain Ranch Prices

Facility	Number of Buildings	Overnight Capacity	Price per Night
Lodge	1	40	\$150
Larkspur Tabins	6	48 (8 each)	\$70
Lyra Tabins	7	56 (8 each)	\$80
Meekers Tabins	6	48 (8 each)	\$70
Windridge Birdhouse Tabins	3	18 (6 each)	\$30
Homestead House	1	X	\$20
Primitive Tent Sites	1	15	\$15

- Property Manager reserves the right to close the property due to weather conditions and unsafe travel to camp.
- Guests may only use kitchen facilities of buildings they have reserved.

Magic Sky Ranch

Location: Red Feather Lakes, off Hwy 74E

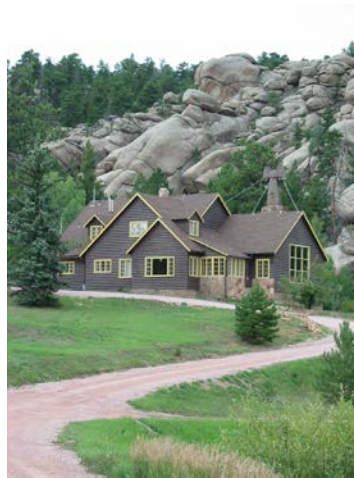
Good for: Service unit camps, first time campers

Specialties: Hiking/mountain access, beautiful scenery,
Activity Center for daytime activities

PROPERTY SALE: This property on the market for sale. If the property is sold, future reservations may be refunded or transferred to another property (pending space). There will be at least three month notice when this happens. Reservations may only be made six months in advance.



Dining Hall



Old Lodge



Main Room of Old Lodge



Magic Sky Ranch: Summer Season

Dates: May 16 – August 31

Lodging and Accommodations:

- Old Lodge: Mattresses on floor in five bedrooms, indoor restroom, heat and electricity, fireplace, kitchen, running water
- All Season Cabins: Bunk beds, indoor restrooms with showers, heat and electricity, kitchenettes for small meals, running water
- Seasonal Units: Bunk beds, electricity, no heat, detached shower house with restrooms and showers, running water in shower house
- Tent Sites: Tents may be reserved before arrival – no bunks or mattresses, outhouses, fire pit for outdoor cooking, water delivered
- Activity Center: Day use only, indoor area for sports, performances, activities or crafts, no programming material is provided

Staff-led Programming: No

Food: Fully stocked kitchen in the Old Lodge, kitchenettes in All Season Cabins, tabletop stoves for Seasonal Units, fire pits at Tent Sites. Food Service may be available, depending on availability with Catering service. Guests interested in food service should contact christina@mountainberryculinary.com for information.



Magic Sky Ranch: Off-Season

Dates: September 1 – May 15

Lodging and Accommodations:

- Old Lodge: Mattresses on floor in five bedrooms, indoor restroom, heat and electricity, fireplace, kitchen, running water
- All Season Cabins: Bunk beds, indoor restrooms with showers, heat and electricity, kitchenettes for small meals, running water

Staff-led Programming: No

Food: Full stocked kitchen in Old Lodge, kitchenettes in All Season Cabins



Magic Sky Ranch Prices

Facility	Number of Buildings	Overnight Capacity	Price per Night
Super Nova	1	24	\$100
Little Thunder	1	24	\$100
Big Dipper	1	24	\$100
Shooting Star	1	24	\$100
Northern Lights	1	24	\$100
Milky Way	1	24	\$100
Cassiopeia Seasonal Site	2	28 (14 each)	\$100
Pegasus Seasonal Site	2	28 (14 each)	\$100
Tent Site 1	1	40	\$15
Tent Site 2	1	40	\$15
Activity Center	1	X	\$50
Magic Sky Lodge	1	40	\$200

- Property Manager reserves the right to close the property due to weather conditions and unsafe travel to camp.
- Guests may only use kitchen facilities of buildings they have reserved.
The Dining Hall is only available to guests who have ordered food service.

Lazy Acres

Location: Rye, off Hwy 165

Good for: Older troops and more experienced campers

Specialties: Rustic beauty, inside San Isabel National Forest, near Lake Isabel and scenic highway



Lodge



Inside of Lodge



Cabin



Lazy Acres

Dates: June 1 – September 30 (Only open seasonally)

Lodging and Accommodations:

- Lodge: Mattresses on the floor, outhouse, electricity and heat, industrial kitchen, running water
- Cabins – Mountain, Meadow and Forest: Bunk beds, outhouses, no heat, electricity in Mountain only, activity shelters for meals and activities, fire pits for cooking, spigot for running water

Staff-led Programming: No

Food: Fully stocked industrial kitchen in lodge, fire pits for outdoor cooking at cabin sites



Lazy Acres Pricing

Facility	Number of Buildings	Overnight Capacity	Price per Night
Lodge	1	30	\$100
Forest Seasonal Cabins	5	20 (4 each)	\$50
Meadow Seasonal Cabins	3	18 (6 each)	\$30
Mountain Seasonal Cabins	5	29 (5-6 each)	\$60

- Property Manager reserves the right to close the property due to weather conditions & unsafe travel to camp.
- Guest may only use kitchen facilities of buildings they have reserved.

Hamp Hut

Location: Colorado Springs, inside Garden of the Gods Park

Good for: All ages, out of state troops

Specialties: Garden of the Gods access with hiking from the front door, close to Colorado Spring, spectacular views



Hamp Hut



Great Room



Kitchen



Hamp Hut

Dates: Year-round

Lodging and Accommodations:

- Mattresses on the floor*, indoor restroom with shower, heat and electricity, fireplace, fully stocked kitchen, running water

Staff-led Programming: No

Food: Fully stocked kitchen, outdoor table top stoves allowed; absolutely no outside fires or charcoal

**There is only one bedroom in Hamp Hut, and no tents are allowed outside of the facility. Men should be prepared to sleep in their car or truck.*

Facility	Number of Buildings	Overnight Capacity	Price per Night
Hamp Hut Lodge	1	30	\$150



Twisted Pine

Location: Genesee, off Hwy 70

Good for: First time campers, all ages, winter getaways, trainings

Specialties: Easy Denver access, large fire pit for traditional campfires, quiet mountain retreat



Twisted Pine



Fire pit



Great Room



Twisted Pine

Dates: Year-round

Lodging and Accommodations:

- Mattresses on the floor with three bedrooms, indoor restroom with shower, heat and electricity, fireplace, fully stocked kitchen, running water, space for tent camping

Staff-led Programming: No

Food: Fully stocked kitchen, fire pit for outdoor cooking, outdoor grill

Facility	Number of Buildings	Overnight Capacity	Price per Night
Twisted Pine Lodge	1	26	\$150



Pawnee Lodge

Location: Sterling, off Hwy 14

Good for: Troop meetings, all age overnights, stay here on your way out of the state heading East

Specialties: Free day use for troops, Eastern plains access, close to the Overland Trail Museum



Pawnee Lodge

Dates: Year-round

Lodging and Accommodations:

- Mattresses on the floor, indoor restroom, heat and electricity, kitchen, running water

Staff-led Programming: No

Food: Full kitchen (no cooking supplies provided), table top stoves outside

Facility	Number of Buildings	Day Capacity	Day Use Fee	Overnight Capacity	Price Per Unit Per Night
Pawnee Lodge	1	20	\$0	10	\$30



Grand Junction Office

Location: Grand Junction, off Hwy 6 & 50

Good for: Troop meetings, awards ceremonies and celebrations, introductions to camping

Specialties: Western Slope access, free day use for troops, guests have access to Hotel Chipeta and Outdoor Program Center when they reserve



Outdoor Program Center



Hotel Chipeta



Grand Junction Office

Dates: Year-round

Lodging and Accommodations:

- Hotel Chipeta: Indoor meeting space, no mattresses or bunks, indoor restrooms, heat and electricity, Smart TV for programming, free Wi-Fi, no kitchen – but two microwaves available
- Outdoor Program Center: Outdoor space, room for tent camping, picnic tables for meals and activities, fire pit and gas grill for cooking, restrooms inside at Hotel Chipeta

Staff-led Programming: No

Food: Microwaves for simple meals in Hotel Chipeta, fire pit and gas grill in Outdoor Program Center

Facility	Number of Buildings	Day Capacity	Day Use Fee	Overnight Capacity	Price Per Unit Per Night
Outdoor Program and Hotel Chipeta	1	50 OPC/25 HC	\$0	24 OPC/ 25 HC	\$40



Activities, Food, Gear Rental & Instructors

Outdoor Supplies: Groups can reserve gear for activities at <http://girlscoutsofcolorado.checkfront.com/reserve/>, scroll to “equipment rental”.

Staff-led Activities: Available at Tomahawk & Sky High Ranch. Once you have made a booking, fill out the Activity Request Form for Property Reservations at <http://www.girlscoutsofcolorado.org/en/for-volunteers/forms-and-resources/activity-request.html>. Due 30-days in advance; activities are offered on a first come, first served basis, none are guaranteed.

Food Service: Available year-round at Tomahawk Ranch, & May 15 – Sept. 15 at Sky High Ranch, subject to availability. After making a Tomahawk Ranch booking, fill out the Food Service Request Form at <http://www.girlscoutsofcolorado.org/en/for-volunteers/forms-and-resources/food-service-request.html>. Due 30-days in advance. For Sky High Ranch, contact christina@mountainberryculinary.com.

Instructing your Own Activities:

- Volunteers can teach archery, canoeing, and activities following [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#).
- Prior to instruction, all certifications must be current with copies sent to annie.stoneburner@gscolorado.org for review.



Training Needed for Overnights/Camping

*Do all adults on an overnight need to be background checked? - **Yes, unless every girl has a parent with them.***

To complete a background check, adults must be a current GSCO volunteer with an active adult membership.

www.girlscoutsofcolorado.org/volunteers/get-started

On overnight experiences, every troop must have one adult who is First Aid and CPR certified.

How many adult (18+) volunteers do you need?	EVENTS / TRAVEL / CAMPING	
	Two unrelated adults (at least one of whom is female) are needed for this number of girls:	One additional adult is needed for each additional number of this many girls:
Daisies (K-1)	6	4
Brownies (2-3)	12	6
Juniors (4-5)	16	8
Cadettes (6-8)	20	10
Seniors (9-10)	24	12
Ambassadors (11-12)	24	12

Use the table below to find what trainings are required for your property reservation. Find the trainings in the event calendar at <http://www.girlscoutsofcolorado.org/en/events/events-calendar.html>.

Course Name	When do we recommend you take the training?	Cost
Overnight Trips	3+ months prior to your first activity that involves an overnight stay	free
Cooking & Camping	6+ months prior your first activity that involves cooking or sleeping outdoors	\$10
Extended Trips	12+ months prior to your first trip of three consecutive nights or longer	free

Types of Camps

Troop camping: Going camping outdoors with your troop; use a Girl Scout property or another location. Girl-led is a key to helping girls learn when troop camping.

Troop Camp: A structured 3-day, 2-night camp for troops & troop leadership team. Run by council staff or Outdoor Program volunteers.

Family Camp: A structured 3-day, 2-night camp for parents & children. Run by council staff or Outdoor Program Volunteers.

Service/Unit Camp or Encampment: A 3-day, 2-night camp for troops & leaders, coordinated by a service unit for its members.

Day Camp: A camp that runs Monday – Friday, or any variation of those days; primarily led by volunteers.



Booking A Property

- Go to <http://girlscoutsofcolorado.checkfront.com/reserve/> and view all of our properties, and availability.
- Book directly from the website and pay your 20% deposit to secure your booking.
- **You can book one-year out!*** Our properties fill up, especially during the summer! All reservations are first come, first serve.
- *Magic Sky Ranch can only be booked six-months in advance.

Insurance

- Every registered Girl Scout member is automatically covered by accident insurance during normal supervised program.
 - Provides accident protection for any approved or supervised Girl Scout event lasting less than two nights/three days. Sickness is not covered.
- What is the supplemental insurance?
 - Supplemental insurance is strongly recommended for all attendees, especially in cases of trips lasting longer than two nights/three days, or for trips with non-members. Supplemental insurance provides basic medical coverage for injuries and sickness, depending on coverage chosen.
- Additional notes about Insurance:
 - Plans are only supplemental and are not intended to replace family health insurance.
- Questions? Contact Marlene.Bruno@gscolorado.org or 303-607-4865.

Council Contacts

If you encounter any challenges making a property reservation, or if you have any questions, the following resources are available to you.

GSCO Help Desk

<https://girlscoutsofcolorado.desk.com/>

This is an online support center with helpful articles on a variety of topics, including property reservations. You can also post questions or email us.

Property and Outdoor Program Administrator

property.reservations@gscolorado.org or 303-607-4882

Available for questions about the reservation process or for more information about our properties.

Outdoor Programs Manager

Anna Danila: anna.danila@gscolorado.org or 303-607-4816

Can help with your troop/group event questions, especially as a money earning activity.