



## Troop 21 Big Trip

Colorado 2024

June 8 – 15

Trip Information Packet



April 20, 2024

Dear Parents & Scouts:

In June Troop 21 will depart on its 42<sup>rd</sup> annual big trip to **Colorado**. The purpose of this packet is to provide you and with all the information to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip. A copy of this packet can also be found on the Troop 21 website: [www.Troop21clayton.org](http://www.Troop21clayton.org)

Please read the enclosed information carefully. The success of any trip depends on proper planning. We ask that all parents supervise their son's packing. Note: Temperatures may dip down to 40 degrees at night in Rocky Mountain National Park. Due to space constraints, please bring only what is specified on the equipment list.

We ask that each Scout carry no more than two pieces of luggage: 1) a duffel bag which will hold your clothes, toiletries, sleeping bag, sleeping pad and a tent (if you are the designated tent carrier). We will check this bag on the plane and 2) a daypack which you will carry on the plane and use for day trips.

At **8:00 pm** on **Tuesday, May 7th** at the **Clayton High School Cafeteria** we will have a special troop meeting for all those Scouts going on the trip. A parent should also attend. Note: The time and location has changed to accommodate many scouts and their families attending a 7:00 pm concert at Clayton High School. **The remaining balance of \$1,100 payable to Troop 21 is due at this meeting.**

During the meeting we will collect medical forms. We will also cover any items not addressed in the packet and answer any questions.

**Tom Coscia**

# Colorado Itinerary

June 8 – 15, 2024

- Sat – 6/8:** Arrive at the Southwest check-in counter at the Lambert Airport at **7:00 am**. Wear your Troop 21 black shirt. Tom Coscia will check everyone in at once. We will also check in one duffle bag per person. You will carry your daypack on the plane. Southwest flight 2763 leaves St. Louis at 9:00 am and arrives in Denver at 10:15 am. Note this is a time change from earlier communication.
- Once in Denver, we will rent vehicles have lunch and drive to the Natural History museum and the flagship REI store in Denver. In the late afternoon we will then drive up to Rocky Mountain National Park to set-up camp and cook dinner. We have a group campsite reserved.
- Sun - 6/9:** On Sunday we will drive over the Continental Divide taking in the breathtaking views. We will also explore Estes Park, CO. Note we may change camps.
- Mon - 6/10:** On Monday we will soak in the wonderful views taking short hikes in Rocky Mountain National Park.
- Tues - 6/11:** On Tuesday we will strike camp and head south and set-up camp in Southern Colorado. We will visit the Denver National Mint and do a ropes course. (The alpine slide as previously advertised is not open) We will camp at Collegiate Peaks campground near Buena Vista, CO.
- Wed - 6/12:** On Wednesday we will explore and climb the Great Sand Dunes National Park. We will also swim in a hot spring and shower afterwards. Dinner will be in town.
- Thurs - 6/13:** On Thursday we strike camp and drive to our outfitter, Noah's Ark Rafting in Buena Vista by noon to begin our overnight whitewater raft trip.
- Fri - 6/14:** After an outfitter provided breakfast, we will continue white water rafting until noon and then take a shower and have an outfitter provided lunch. We will then drive up to the Denver area and set up camp at Cherry Creek State Park in Aurora, CO. We will have a farewell to the Rockies dinner.
- Sat - 6/15:** We will break camp and have 11:00 am lunch at Casa Bonita restaurant. Then spend the rest of the day at Water World—America's biggest waterpark. Early evening we will have dinner and drive to the Denver airport to depart for St. Louis. Southwest flight 738 departs at 9:05 pm and arrives in St. Louis at 12:10 am.

# Colorado 2024

## Personal Equipment Details

### **Dress**

Everyone should wear their Troop 21 black shirt and khaki short or long pants to the airport Saturday morning. Everyone will also receive two trip shirts: One long sleeve t-shirt and one hoodie. Throughout the trip the dress code will be either the black Troop 21 shirt which we will wear on the Saturday's we are flying or one of the trip shirts. We will have extra black shirts at our May 7th meeting.

### **Medical Form**

**No Scout or Scouter will be permitted to go on the trip unless a current medical form, with completed physician's sections, has been provided to Tom Coscia prior to departure.** The medical form must be signed by a doctor in the last year. Copies of the medical form can be found on the Troop 21 website. [www.Troop21clayton.org](http://www.Troop21clayton.org)

**If your son has any special medical condition or prescription, please inform Tom Coscia. If you would prefer, we can have an adult dispense your son's medication during the trip.**

### **Trip Cell Phone Policy**

Scouts are encouraged to bring their cell phones on this trip. Tom will want your cell phone number. Scouts will be able to charge their phone in the vehicle. Be sure to bring your charger.

### **Money**

The only money needed will be for souvenirs and snacks. No money will be needed for meals. An adequate amount should be \$60-\$90. If you prefer, we can have an adult safeguard your son's money. Place in an envelope with your son's name on it. (Small unmarked bills are great 😊)

### **Labels**

Please be sure to label **all** clothing and equipment with your name so that we can readily identify items. **Be sure to include your Troop 21 shirts - they all look alike.**

### **Glass Containers and Aerosol Cans**

No glass containers or aerosol cans should be carried on the trip. Glass breaks easily and aerosol cans are bulky and may discharge in duffel bags.

### **Packs & Clothing**

Scouts should be able to pack everything they need in two bags. In addition to a day pack, we would like everyone to use a duffel bag instead of a backpack as backpacks

are too bulky for travel by vans. Everyone must be able to fit their sleeping bag, sleeping pad and tent (if they are the designated tent carrier) in your duffel bag. Note: The duffel bag must weigh less than 50 pounds or it will be subject to additional fees.

A daypack should also be brought so that lunch, water bottle, and rain gear can be carried on day trips. Be sure not to bring any liquids greater the 3 oz in your carry-on. Be sure to check those items in along with any pocket knives.

**Note: Temperatures may dip into the 40's at night.**

## Food Preparation

While in touring **Colorado**, we will be eating out or buying items at local grocery stores to save money.

When we are camping, we will prepare food using camping stoves and charcoal fires following the patrol method. We will eat as one patrol. Each Scout will know in advance what his duties and responsibilities are for each meal. Hopefully with everyone's help we can spend a minimal time cooking and cleaning we can spend more time seeing the sites. The Troop will have disposable plates, utensils and cups.

## Safe & Healthy Camping

Strict adherence to proper health and safety practices is crucial. Each Scout is responsible for keeping himself strong and healthy. Of great importance, each Scout is responsible to other members of his crew. Failure to clean and rinse cups and eating utensils thoroughly may affect everyone in the crew. Health and safety are a crew responsibility as well as an individual one. Here are some wise practices that will keep each crewmember strong, safe and healthy.

### **Discipline**

It is critical to the success of the trip that all Scouts are well behaved. For this reason we reserve the right to send home--at parental expense--any Scout who proves to be too much of a disruption to the rest of the group. The Troop 21 Code of Conduct will be in effect at all times.

### **Keep Personally Clean**

Good campers are clean. Personal cleanliness will make you feel better, smell good, and look decent to the rest of the troop. A short haircut is recommended shortly before we leave for **Colorado**. Note: Our campsites will not have showers, but we will have opportunities to shower during the week--though not every day.

## **Drinking Water**

All regular camping areas will have clean drinking water. There will be no need to purify any water.

## **Washing Clothes**

Only Trip shirts and the Troop 21 shirts will be washed once during the week. Note: You should bring enough of your non-scout clothes so nothing else needs be washed.

## **Accidents**

Most accidents occur late in the day in camp -- not while hiking. Many accidents involve horseplay. Fatigue and hunger may also impair a Scout's performance and judgment. Rock throwing, improper use of tools, climbing steep rocky ridges, running through campsites, climbing trees, and carelessness around campfires are prevalent causes of accidents. To avoid them, individual and crew discipline and safety should be practiced in all activities.

## **Staying Together**

Scouts are **never** to leave the group alone: Always stay together in-groups of three or more and make sure your adult leader knows where you are.

## **Avoid Disease**

Rabbits, bats, ground squirrels, chipmunks, and other rodents transmit rabies and the bubonic plague. Scouts should **never** handle ground animals.

## **Repel those Mosquitoes**

There may be mosquitoes in **Colorado**. Strong mosquito repellent with a high percentage of "DEET" is highly recommended. Purchase liquids or stick as aerosols are not recommended.

**Aerosol containers of any kind are not recommended and should not be brought.**

## **First Aid and Emergency Procedures**

The Troop will carry a complete first aid kit. Minor ailments will be treated as common sense dictates on an individual basis. Scouts with asthma should carry their own inhaler. Serious injuries will be taken to the closest medical facility that will treat the condition.

If in the adult leader's judgment a Scout cannot continue to participate because of medical reasons, we will telephone the parent or guardian and work out details for transporting your Scout home. If the emergency is such that your Scout must return home immediately, we will take him to the closest airport and place him on the next available flight to St. Louis.

In case of emergency at home, Tom Coscia's cell phone number is 314-780-3021. He may not always be accessible but you can leave a message and he can retrieve and return calls.

### **Adult Supervision**

Our entourage has 17 Scouts and 8 adults.

### **Camping Permits**

We have all camping reservations for **Colorado**.

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## Colorado '24 Roster

### Scouts

Matthew Awad \_\_\_\_\_  
Alex Babusis \_\_\_\_\_  
Janak Chenna \_\_\_\_\_  
Sean Dixon \_\_\_\_\_  
Chuck Doll \_\_\_\_\_  
Lewis Doll \_\_\_\_\_  
Alex Gulick \_\_\_\_\_  
Joey Krussel \_\_\_\_\_  
George Milchanowski \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Milchanowski \_\_\_\_\_  
Isaac Paxton \_\_\_\_\_  
Landon Powers \_\_\_\_\_  
Nick Raibley \_\_\_\_\_  
Lucas Roa \_\_\_\_\_  
Alex Siedband \_\_\_\_\_  
Cy Spencer \_\_\_\_\_  
Luke Vesoulis \_\_\_\_\_

### Adults

Michael Awad \_\_\_\_\_  
Praveen Chenna \_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Coscia \_\_\_\_\_  
Doug Durham \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Milchanowski \_\_\_\_\_  
Andy Paster \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Raibley \_\_\_\_\_  
Zach Vesoulis \_\_\_\_\_

**17 Scouts + 8 Adults = 25 Total**



# Colorado 2024 Personal Equipment List

## Items Due at the May 7 Big Trip Meeting

- \_\_\_ Final payment of \$1,100
- \_\_\_ Medical form signed by a doctor in the last year
- \_\_\_ Rafting form waiver to be done on-line. [Waiver Link](#)
- \_\_\_ Will you be bringing a tent?

## Packing (Remember to pack light!)

### Have Packed

- \_\_\_ Duffel bag (no backpacks)
- \_\_\_ Small daypack for day trips and the plane
- \_\_\_ Sleeping bag warm enough for 40-degree weather (pack in duffel bag)
- \_\_\_ Tent? (We will determine tent mates on May 7<sup>th</sup>) (pack in your duffel bag)

## Clothing (required - packed in plastic bags)

- \_\_\_ 1 pair of walking shoes
- \_\_\_ 1 pair of camp shoes (We do not recommend crocs or flip flops for camp)
- \_\_\_ 3 pairs of light weight socks
- \_\_\_ 2 pairs of beige khaki shorts
- \_\_\_ 1 Troop 21 black shirts (We will have additional shirts at the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting)
- \_\_\_ 4 changes of underwear
- \_\_\_ Long-sleeve trip shirt – you will receive at the airport
- \_\_\_ Trip hoodie – you will receive at the airport
- \_\_\_ 1 jacket for 40-degree weather
- \_\_\_ Poncho or rain suit
- \_\_\_ Belt
- \_\_\_ 2 pair of long pants
- \_\_\_ 2 extra T-shirts (for camp)
- \_\_\_ Sleepwear
- \_\_\_ Bathing suit for white water rafting and the waterpark

## Personal Hygiene (required)

- \_\_\_ Soap
- \_\_\_ Toothbrush & small toothpaste
- \_\_\_ Comb
- \_\_\_ Small towel
- \_\_\_ Large towel (shower)
- \_\_\_ Kleenex tissue (small packages)
- \_\_\_ Toilet paper in a plastic bag (partial roll)
- \_\_\_ Lip balm
- \_\_\_ Sunscreen
- \_\_\_ Medication (if required)

## Miscellaneous

- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Cell phone and charger
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Cash (for souvenirs & snacks while traveling)
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Water bottle
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Headlamp or Flashlight
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Personal first aid kit
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Pocketknife (no sheath knives) (be sure to pack in your checked luggage!)
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Matches in a waterproof case (be sure to pack in your checked luggage!)
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Mosquito repellent
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Sandals, water shoes that can get wet for rafting – (no flip flops)
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Quick dry shirt for white water rafting---no cotton
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Hat for sun protection

## Optional Equipment

- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Foam pad (highly recommended) (pack in your duffel)
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Small camp chair
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Camera (highly recommended)
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Sunglasses
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Eye glass straps for white water rafting
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Small note pad and pencil
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Gloves and wool cap if you are sensitive to cold
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Watch (inexpensive & waterproof)
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Small deck of playing cards
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Reading material for traveling
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Personal listening/movie devices with headset (for the plane)