

Amigos de las Américas Western Colorado Summer Programs Travel Procedures

AMIGOS Hotline for Travel Day Support: **1-888-AMIGOSL (264-4675)**

2021 Summer Program Dates: Western Colorado

Travel occurs on the first and the last day of the program.

Session A: June 29 – July 19

Session B: July 27 – August 16

Arrival Procedures

We are excited to guide you in the first step of your AMIGOS experience! You have two options for arrival:

- 1) You may fly to the Denver International Airport (DIA) and arrive during a specified window on the first day of your program or
- 2) You may drive directly to the briefing site and arrive during a specified window on the first day of your program.

Arriving by Plane

If you choose to fly to DIA to begin the program, you are responsible for securing your own airfare and for sending your itinerary to AMIGOS. Please submit your airfare details to AMIGOS no later than 2 weeks prior to departure. AMIGOS will provide group transportation from DIA to the Briefing Site on the first day of the program.

Below you will find details for booking your flight as well as for procedures once you arrive at the airport. These are the steps you must follow:

- 1) Wait to purchase your itinerary until you hear from AMIGOS that you have cleared health screening. This will be communicated from our Admissions Team.
- 2) Book your flight to arrive at DIA between 10am and 2pm on the first day of your program.
 - a. Should you wish to use a travel agent to book this flight, we recommend Exito Travel. You can contact Lucy Wright, Director of Group Sales, at [\(970\)642-5523](tel:9706425523) or lucy@exitotravel.com. Lucy is familiar with the details of this program and these arrival procedures. Each booking incurs a \$35 booking fee.
- 3) Once you have booked your flight, submit your booked itinerary to AMIGOS no later than **2 weeks prior to departure.** You may email your itinerary to travel@amigosinternational.org.

*Note: If you book your flight prior to receiving notification that you have cleared health screening, AMIGOS does not accept financial responsibility if you are later screened out. In addition, AMIGOS does not accept financial responsibility in regards to flight changes or cancellations around natural disasters, etc.

- 4) On the first day of the program (your travel day), **make sure to wear your AMIGOS polo.** This will help AMIGOS staff to identify you, and visa versa. Once you arrive to DIA, follow these procedures to meet up with the group and drive to the Briefing Site:

- a. Exit the plane and proceed to claim your bag from the Baggage Claim area. You may need to ride a train at DIA to arrive at the proper terminal.
- b. After picking up your checked bags at Baggage Claim, make your way to an escalator on the east side of the terminal. Doors and signs on the east side of the terminal are blue, while doors and signs on the west side of the terminal are red. Take an escalator on the east side of the terminal up one level to passenger drop-off. Find Door 613 and wait outside in the breezeway, unless it is too cold. A member of the AMIGOS team will meet the group near Door 613.
 - i. If you have any trouble finding the group, call the Travel Hotline for assistance.
- c. The group will depart at 3:30pm for the two-hour drive to the Briefing Site.
- d. Should you become delayed in your travels, call the Travel Hotline at 1-888-AMIGOSL (264-4675) to let us know so that we may make alternate pickup arrangements.

Arriving by Car

If you choose to travel by car, you may arrive at Denver International Airport between 1 pm and 3 pm. The group will depart at 3:30 pm for the two-hour drive to the briefing site.

Alternatively, you may drop off your student between 4 and 6 pm at the briefing site.

Session A:

Balarat Outdoor Education

This location is intentionally not listed on Google Maps/GPS services. Do not put "Balarat" or "Balarat Outdoor Education" into a map app as it will not take you to the correct location. Driving instructions can be found at the end of this document.

If you would prefer, you can plug the following coordinates into your GPS/Google Maps: 40.139755,-105.374211.

Session B:

Stone Canyon Outdoor Edventures

12163 S Perry Park Rd.,

Larkspur, Co 80118

Departure Procedures

Departing by Plane

- 1) Returning flights should be also be booked out of DIA.
- 2) On the last day of the program, AMIGOS will provide transportation from the Debriefing Site to DIA.
- 3) The group will arrive at DIA at 7:30 am. Returning flights should be booked to depart between 10 am and 2 pm.

Departing by Car

- 1) If departing by car, pickups will be at Denver International Airport in the East baggage claim area between 7:30 and 8:30 am.

How to Submit Your Itinerary

Once you have purchased your itinerary, you must share it with the AMIGOS Travel Team so that all arrivals/departures can be communicated to the Staff Team. Do so by emailing travel@amigosinternational.org.

Throughout your travel, if you run into any issues or have any questions, the AMIGOS Travel Team will be available to provide guidance on **the AMIGOS Travel Line 1-888-AMIGOSL (264-4675) on travel days only**. If your flight is delayed or cancelled, you must notify AMIGOS immediately to ensure our team is able to make the appropriate adjustments. While AMIGOS can provide guidance if an issue arises, Colorado Program volunteers are responsible for any financial impact surrounding the issue (i.e. hotels for unforeseen overnights, flight cancellations, etc.).

If you have any questions, please contact the Travel Team at travel@amigosinternational.org.

Balarat Driving Directions

- From Denver, drive to Boulder via US-36 f Boulder Turnpike.
- Continue through Boulder on 28th Street f Hwy 36 – at the north end of Boulder the road will bend west towards the foothills.
- Once alongside the foothills, continue north for approximately 5 miles to the intersection with County Rd 94 f Lefthand Rd. The Greenbrier Restaurant is on the corner of this intersection. Turn left f west and proceed up the canyon.
- Head to Jamestown – there may be some signs in the canyon that will help but a basic rule of thumb is to keep to the right whenever the road splits.
- Once in Jamestown, travel straight through town. Approximately 1 mile past The Mercantile is a dirt road called Balarat Rd. Turn right and follow the road up hill (1 mile +-).
- At the crest of the hill bend left.
- The road will split again approximately 1 f 10 mile from the top of the hill. Turn right through our front gate (this is the first open gate you will see and there is a sign just inside the gate for Balarat Outdoor Education Center).
- Stay on the main road to Elk Lodge (the road is curvy – don't take any of the splits f turns).

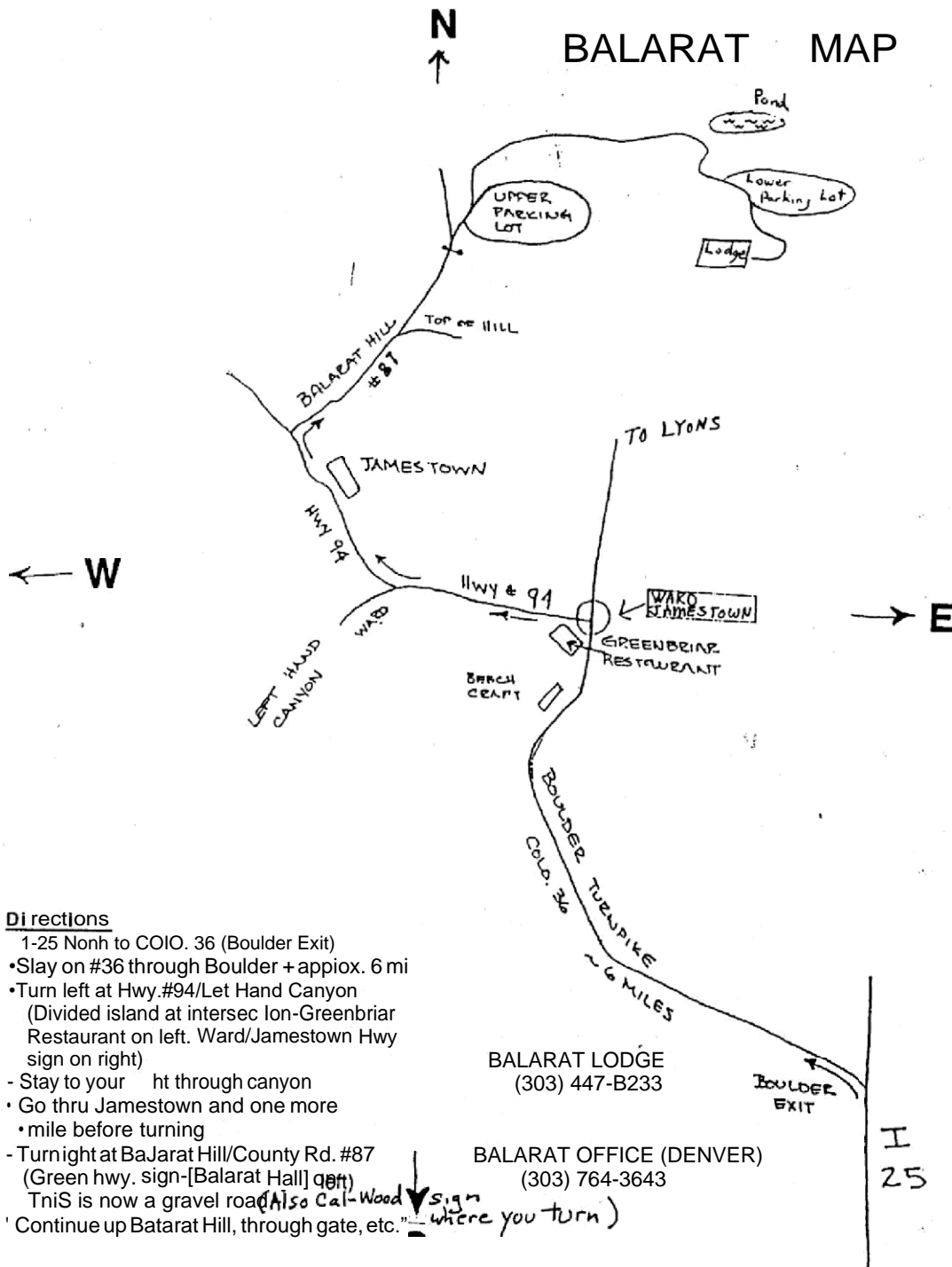
Denver Office –
720-424-2940 Balarat Site
– 720-424-2942

FYI: Cell service will not work once you have started up the canyon.

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BALARAT MAP



Directions

- 1-25 Nonh to COLO. 36 (Boulder Exit)
- Stay on #36 through Boulder + appiox. 6 mi
- Turn left at Hwy. #94/Let Hand Canyon
(Divided island at intersec Ion-Greenbriar Restaurant on left. Ward/Jamestown Hwy sign on right)
- Stay to your ht through canyon
- Go thru Jamestown and one more
• mile before turning
- Turnright at BaJarat Hill/County Rd. #87
(Green hwy. sign-[Balarat Hall] on)
- This is now a gravel road (Also Cal-Wood sign where you turn)
- Continue up Batarat Hill, through gate, etc.

BALARAT LODGE
(303) 447-B233

BALARAT OFFICE (DENVER)
(303) 764-3643

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