

Wild Trek Summer Expedition 2026

Ouray, Colorado

Join us for an unforgettable week exploring steep granite canyons, roaring waterfalls, and alpine trails in the "Switzerland of America."



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The Journey Begins

The adventure kicks off aboard an Amtrak train, After an overnight through Nebraska and Kansas, you will be rolling past mountain rivers and snow-capped peaks straight into the Rocky Mountains.

Basecamp will be in Ouray, Colorado—a famous box canyon town surrounded by 13,000-foot peaks, natural hot springs, and rushing mountain streams.

Every day brings a new trail, camp cooked meals, and evening campfires under the clear mountain sky.



Our Lodging in Ouray

We will be staying at the Ouray KOA in a beautiful setting. You will sleep in cabins with your own porch to enjoy. Each cabin holds four students. Students are free to explore camp and their activities with new friends during free time.



Ouray Hot Springs Thermal Pools!

Located right in town beneath the San Juan peaks, the Ouray Hot Springs Pool features natural, sulfur-free mineral water ranging from 32°F to 106°F. Students will have an evening opportunity to soak in these thermal pools.

Overlook Pool | 102° – 106°

Hot Pool | 95° – 103°

Lap Pool | 75° – 83°

Shallow Pool | 82° – 92°

Activity Pool | 32° – 80°



Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park

Carved out by the Gunnison River over millions of years, Black Canyon of the Gunnison features some of the steepest, darkest, and most dramatic cliff walls in the country. It's a killer spot for jaw-dropping rim views, hiking or catching an unreal sunset over the incredibly deep gorge.



A Day On The Trek

Hot Camp Breakfast & Trail Prep

8:00 AM

Start with a fresh cooked breakfast and prepare for a day of exploring in the mountains!.

Canyon Hikes & Waterfalls

10:30 AM

Explore roaring cascades, box canyons, and alpine trails. A new place to explore everyday.

Camp Time to relax, play, and enjoy

4:00 PM

YOU choose what you want to do at camp! We don't micromanage every minute so you can enjoy you adventure and vacation YOUR way.

Evening Under the Stars

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Enjoy campfires, more relaxing, or optional evening excursions.



June in the San Juan Mountains...



Peak Waterfall Season: Early June brings roaring snowmelt runoff at Box Canyon and Cascade Falls.



Day: Daytime highs hover around 68–72°F with clear, sunny skies and crisp mountain air. Very low humidity.

Nights: With low humidity and clear mountain skies, the nights drop down into the 40s. But don't worry, you have campfires and cabins to keep warm.



Mountains: June is a great time to hike the mountains with clear trails and beautiful wildflowers.



Explore Freely!

Adventure on your terms

Independence & Trust: We treat you like young adults, not campers on a leash. You'll have real space and time to explore, hang out with friends, and unwind each day.

Safety Without the Micromanagement: Our leaders and staff are always nearby to support logistics, guide major trail routes, and keep everyone safe—without hovering or scheduling every minute of your day.

Free Time Your Way: Whether you want to explore camp, chill by the river, or just relax after a hike, you get the freedom to actually enjoy Colorado your way.

Hike with Space: While we will all go on the same hikes, we allow groups to spread out and go at their pace so everyone can spend time on the parts they love most.



Just a few faces from last year's trip (Colorado Springs)...





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Choose Your Dates

Week 1: June 5 – 12

Week 2: June 12 – 19



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Registration Opens September 2 @ 7:00 PM

First-Come, First-Served! Spots fill up fast every year—set an alarm!



Note: We are planning on an evening excursion to the Ouray Municipal Thermal Pools. Because our trips run at or below cost, we may have to collect \$15 from families to pay for the \$20 admission tickets. However, if we collect enough donations and sponsorships like last year, we won't need to do that.