

2010 PRE-FAIR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Join in on the fun! Your Colorado Western Slope College Fair hosts are pleased to offer a variety of Saturday activities to make your stay in Aspen memorable. Please join one of our groups or take some time to enjoy the area on your own.

Meet for all group activities in the Aspen Square lobby. Be sure to check the forecast ahead of time and pack a variety of clothing for the changeable Aspen weather. Dress in layers, including a warm fleece, rain gear, hat, sunglasses and most definitely sunscreen. Small backpacks for water and extras are also useful. Transportation will be provided.

Space for some activities is limited, so sign up soon.

For RSVPs and questions about College Fair activities:

<mailto:comments@WesternSlopeCollegeFair.com>

RAFTING

Join your fellow college representatives for a Colorado river adventure. On this fun-filled trip, rafting experts from Blazing Adventures will guide up to 15 rafters down the scenic Shoshone River. The rafting portion of the trip will last 2 ½ hours and originate in Glenwood Springs. Barbecue lunch will be provided.

DEPARTURE TIME FROM ASPEN SQUARE: 8:45 am

HIKE 1

Hike to the foot of the Maroon Bells, one of the most beautiful destinations in the Rocky Mountains. An Aspen Center for Environmental Studies naturalist will guide you on a fairly easy 2-mile hike from Maroon Lake up to Crater Lake and back (2 hours roundtrip). Lunch will be provided.

DEPARTURE TIME FROM ASPEN SQUARE: 9:30 am

HIKE 2

Hike the 2 ½ hour Hunter Creek-Smuggler Loop, a popular in-town hike of moderate difficulty that takes you up along Hunter Creek and then up the backside of Smuggler Mountain and down Smuggler Road.

DEPARTURE TIME FROM ASPEN SQUARE: 9 am

BIKE TO WOODY CREEK

Ride nine miles down the scenic Rio Grande trail to lunch at the charming Woody Creek Tavern. Save some energy for the trip home – It's uphill! (The taxi option is available for those of you who eat too much.) Bikes and helmets provided.

DEPARTURE TIME FROM ASPEN SQUARE: 10:30 am

GOLF

Bring your clubs and tee up on one of the most beautiful courses in the Rocky Mountains. The Snowmass Club invites you for 18 holes of award-winning pleasure.

DEPARTURE TIME FROM ASPEN SQUARE: 11 am

ART IN ASPEN: A Self-Guided Walking Tour

Aspen Sojourner Magazine shares its secrets to enjoying the many art galleries in Aspen and offers a map to ensure you are familiar with them all. When the opportunity arises, grab the Sojourner guide from your hotel lobby and enjoy the tour. Most of the galleries are located in the center of Aspen.

ASPEN RECREATION CENTER

Swim, skate, climb or just lounge in the sauna and whirlpool. The ARC is a modern facility in a beautiful setting directly across the street from the Aspen High School. Free passes are provided in your welcome packet.

HOURS: Saturday 9:00 am – 7:45 pm
 Sunday 11:00 am - 5:45 pm

SILVER QUEEN GONDOLA

The Silver Queen Gondola travels 2.5 miles and more than 3,000 vertical feet from the heart of Aspen to the 11,212-foot summit of Aspen Mountain. At the top, dine at the Sundeck, hike and discover the beauty of the Elk Mountain Range.

HOURS: Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 4 pm

Before or after your other activities, be sure to stroll along Hopkins Avenue through the **ASPEN FARMER'S MARKET** (open 9 am - 3 pm) for delicious fresh-from-the-farm produce, food specialty items and handcrafted merchandise.