



DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE (RISING 5TH GRADERS)

Below are brief descriptions of our daily themes and activities. The focus of the week is learning through exploration and discovery. Sites visited throughout the week include: Golden Gate State Park, Central City, Idaho Springs, Red Rocks Elementary/Park, St. Mary's and Reynolds Ranch

MONDAY: TREE TIME & MAKE A NEW FRIEND

Today campers will:

- Learn to identify more than ten tree species by using their senses.
- Investigate how does a juniper smell, or a succulent feel?
- Conduct a transpiration experiment that compares "breathing" rates of deciduous and evergreen trees.
- Explore the tree's importance to wildlife....including bugs!!!



TUESDAY: WILDLIFE & LISTENING SKILLS DAY



Today campers will:

- Hone their compass and map making skills.
- Explore the inter-relatedness between humans and wildlife by participating in streamside investigations and environmental learning games.
- Use keen observation skills to scout out signs of wildlife found throughout the park.

WEDNESDAY: COLORADO HISTORY & RESPECT

Today Eagles will:

- Participate in hands-on museum exploration and pan for gold.
- Join in a respectful cemetery investigation. *(If there is any reason your child may be upset about visiting a cemetery, please let us know.)*
- Perform in one of our world-renowned melodramas.



THURSDAY: GEOLOGY & COOPERATION



Today, your child will:

- Learn how the Rockies were formed and the differences between U and V shaped valleys.
- Learn about erosion and weathering.
- After a rocks and minerals activity, play "Rockity, Rock, Rock"
- In the afternoon, top the day off with an exciting tour of a real mine or the CSM Geology Museum.

FRIDAY: ALPINE ENVIRONMENTS & TEAM WORK

Today your camper will:

- Learn about alpine environments.
- Learn how altitude, temperature, soil, and wind influence this peak habitat.
- Practice safely traversing a snowfield.
- Return to the bus by sliding down the snow field!

