



CANCELLATION POLICY

- Full payment for all trips is due at time of registration.
- Cancellations within 7 days of the activity date will NOT be refunded or rescheduled unless otherwise stated.
- Cancellations 30 days or more before a multi-day activity start date are refundable in full unless otherwise stated. Cancellations within 30 days of a multi-day activity will not be refunded unless someone takes your place on the activity. Any refunds issued in this case will result in a service fee of 10% of the total price for the activity.
- “No Shows” are non-refundable and will not be rescheduled.
- All trips are subject to cancellation due to unsafe weather or conditions outside of our control. In this event, the trip will be rescheduled or you may opt for a refund minus irretrievable deposits. In the case of cancellation due to insufficient participation, a full refund will be issued.
- Refunds may be given within 30days of the activity when a medical emergency or military TDY/PCS orders prohibit participation. A dated and signed doctor's note or signed orders must be presented within 72hrs of the document issue date in order to receive a refund in these cases. If a refund is given for a multi-day trip in this instance, OAP will retain a service fee of 10% of the total price for the activity. No refunds will be given in these cases after 30days from the trip start date.

NOTICE: A High Risk Activities Worksheet (AF 4391) is required to participate in ANY high risk activity, for ALL Active Duty Personnel. It is required to be completed by Active Duty Personnel before they participate in most of our Outdoor Rec Adventure Programs. This responsibility lies solely on the Active Duty participant.

AIR FORCE

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Rock Climbing 2022

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Wed: 8:30-1:30 pm; Fri: 8:30 am - 6 pm;
Sat: 8 am - 3 pm
Sundays and Holidays: closed

Scaling the crags, cliffs and towers around Colorado has been a long standing pastime in this state, stretching back to the days of WWII and the training regiments of the Tenth Mountain Division. Climbing in the US can find much of its roots in Colorado, and Colorado Springs specifically from some of the earliest climbs in the Garden of the Gods back in the 1920's, to the ascents of the towers of Cheyenne Canyon in the 40's, and the development of some of the most incredible granite crags and domes in the South Platte river basin from the 60's to the present. Colorado Springs and the surrounding areas are home to some of the best rock to learn basic techniques, as well as advanced climbing skills. Climbing is a lifetime and lifestyle sport for many, and as such leads to many rewarding and meaningful experiences. Even as a onetime activity, rock climbing is often one of the more impactful endeavors people will get the chance to pursue, both for the physical challenge, and for the immersion in the beauty of the mountains. At USAFA, we can provide rock climbing experiences ranging from beginner level, up to advanced multi-pitch climbing outings, and everything in between. We guide and instruct all over Colorado, as well as in Moab, Utah, Red Rocks in Las Vegas, and can go many other places around the country for whatever your climbing aspirations dictate. Climbing is an incredible sport to try and provides wonderful group, partner and individual opportunities for growth and adventure!

Our Rock Climbing Guides

USAFA is proud to have indisputably the most experienced, and highest trained staff in all of military MWR. We don't contract our trips out to other outfitters, instead, we make sure our guides are consistently at the forefront of guide training, often exceeding the standard for the commercial industry. As a center for excellence, USAFA OAP only hires the highest quality staff, and provides nationally and internationally accredited training for our guides, and our guests. Guiding in and around diverse rock terrain is a complex and difficult job. Each lead USAFA rock climbing guide or instructor has at a minimum taken an AMGA Single Pitch Instructor Course or is certified Single Pitch Instructor. We are also the only AF MWR organization with an AMGA Certified Rock Guide, the highest professional credential in the US for rock guiding. Each of our staff have at least 3 seasons of experience leading groups in rock climbing terrain, is certified as a Wilderness First Responder (WFR) or in Wilderness First Aid (WFA), and has been through an extensive training and evaluation process to vet their guide quality. Our guides are exceptional educators, they are patient, and excited to share their craft with you. They are lifelong climbers and professionals, and are committed to delivering an incredible experience while prioritizing group safety. By ensuring your guides are thoroughly qualified, we can confidently say your trip will be of the highest quality, and your only disappointment will come from going back to normal life! Our guides are some of the best in the business and work hard to give you the best experience possible. Guide gratuity is encouraged and always appreciated! For a list of our guides and their backgrounds and training, please visit our website at www.usafasupport.com/outdoor-adventure.html



AMGA Training Standard

The American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) is the only internationally recognized mountain guide training organization in the United States.

A member of the International Federation of Mountain Guides Associations (IFMGA), the AMGA offers the most robust and highest standard of education in this industry, requiring years of experience, course work, and examination to gain credentialing as a mountain professional. Our guides undergo training from the AMGA in many mountain disciplines, and our AMGA Certified Single Pitch Instructors and trained guides are constantly refreshed through in house continuing education and mentorship. For more information on the extensive training our guides pursue, visit www.amga.com.



Beginner Rock Climbing Trips

On May 14, 28; June 11, 19; July 9, 24; Aug 13, 21; Sep 3, 11, 24; Oct 1, 9. Meet at 7 am, return 2 pm est. Trip locations can vary between local Colorado Springs crags such as Garden of the Gods, Cheyenne Canyon or Red Rock Open Space, or head out to the Crags on Pikes Peak or Turkey Rocks in the South Platte. Come out and learn the basic skills and techniques for this popular Colorado sport. Participants must be minimum 9 years old (any minors must be accompanied by an adult). Activity includes: transportation, necessary technical gear and an AMGA Certified Single Pitch Instructor/Rock Guide. Cost: \$90!

Devil's Tower National Monument Rock Climbing Weekend

Fri-Sun, Sep 16-18. Due to the professional level of experience and certification of our guides, we have been able to secure an annual permit to climb at this historic landmark, a tower on the bucket list of any climber! This weekend includes transportation and camping, Dutch oven meals, guided single pitch climbing on the tower, and for experienced climbers, a summit climb! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to climb one of the most iconic towers in the country! Cost: \$500/person. Ages 9+. Call and ask about our private trip opportunities here as well! USAFA observes the voluntary climbing closure through the month of June out of respect for Native American ceremonial traditions on this land.

AMGA Single Pitch Instructor Course/Exam

Dates: Course: June 3-5; Exam: June 25-26. The Single Pitch Instructor (SPI) Program teaches climbers and climbing instructors to proficiently facilitate and instruct the sport of rock climbing in a single pitch setting. The SPI is the only internationally recognized single pitch climbing instructor certification program in the United States. It significantly improves recreational and professional skill sets and is best suited for current, active rock climbers who have a real desire to teach rock climbing to novices in a single pitch setting or improve their own skills for recreational climbing. The SPI Course is a 27-hour training course that normally runs as three consecutive nine-hour days. The SPI Assessment is a minimum of 16 hours run over a two-day period and is best suited for individuals pursuing professional work in the climbing industry. This program is accredited through the American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) and offered at various crags around Colorado Springs. For more information you may refer to <https://amga.com/single-pitch-instructor/>. Cost: SPI Course: \$525/person.

SPI Exam: \$400. Includes transportation, course fees, equipment (SPI Course only) and certified instructors.

Moab Rock and Rap Trip

Fri-Sun, Oct 14-16. Soak up the last warm days of Fall in the desert climbing pristine sandstone walls, towers and cracks in Moab, UT! Throw in a little rappelling from iconic arches and this trip will be one for the bucket list! This weekend includes transportation and camping, Dutch oven meals, and guided single and multi-pitch climbing and rappelling! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to climb one of the most iconic towers in the country! Cost: \$500/person. Min. age 16y/o. Call and ask about our private trip opportunities here as well!

Multi-Pitch & Advanced Climbing Trips

We can teach you how to build climbing anchors, climb longer routes with multiple pitches, place and lead on traditional protection, and most importantly, get you off the ground higher than you have ever been with an AMGA Certified Rock Guide. 2-4 people per trip, only \$90/person! Includes your guide, transportation, technical gear if needed, and a custom curriculum to suit your desired outcomes. Call or email Casey.Graham@us.af.mil to schedule your custom trip date(s) this season.

Alpine and Destination Climbing Custom Trips

Have a mountain here in CO you've always wanted to climb? Training for a big objective and want a guide to help get you ready? Maybe tick off one of the 50 classic climbs in N. America or a desert tower, maybe a big wall? Schedule a custom trip with our AMGA Certified Rock Guide, to accomplish your ultimate mountain goals. Alpine rock climbing goes all the way through September. Call now to schedule your epic day! Maximum two participants, price starting at \$150/person and up depending on trip type and length. Trips always include guide, and equipment, and may include transportation and meals depending on the nature of each trip.

Portable Climbing Tower

Call to schedule a climbing tower program at our FamCamp this summer! A great activity to pair with a squadron event, BBQ or party on grounds. Our portable climbing tower can accommodate up to 4 climbers at a time, is 35ft tall, and comes with all the staff and equipment necessary. Schedule a 4-hour day or a 6-hour day and get all of your guests up the tower and have some fun! Call for available dates, \$500 for four hours, \$700 for six hours. Min. age of 7 to climb the tower and min. weight of 50 lbs.