

CUSTOM AND PRIVATE TRIPS

As always, we are happy to offer custom trips to better fit your schedule and goals. From intro level skills to advanced ski mountaineering techniques, we can build your dream trip! Call 719-333-2940 or email usafarafting@gmail.com to check availability and pricing for your custom experience.

DISCLAIMERS

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

OAP CANCELATION POLICY

- Full payment for all trips is due at time of registration.
- Cancellations within ONE WEEK 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 30 days 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 30 days from the trip start date.

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Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:30 am–5:30 pm

Wed 8:30 am–Noon

Sat 7 am–3 pm (Nov–April), 8 am–3 pm (May–Oct)

Closed Sundays and Holidays

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2023-24 BACKCOUNTRY SKIING/SNOWBOARDING

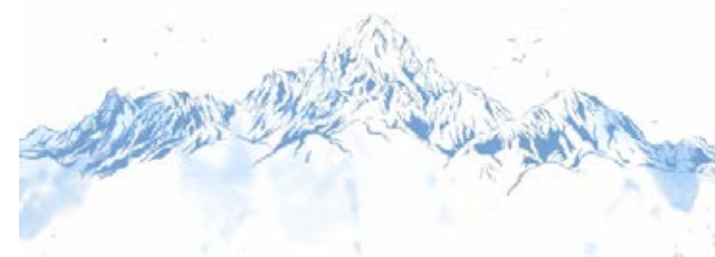


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BACKCOUNTRY TOURING

Colorado is best known for its amazing mountains. From 14ers, to rolling hills, the peaks and valleys that define this wonderful state constantly beckon the adventurous and restful alike. With the snow industry booming at resorts around the state, the experience of being in the mountains can get lost in the crowds, lift line and the mad dash to harvest even one run of fresh snow. Don't fight the masses and be bound by a trail map. Colorado has some of the highest quality backcountry skiing and riding in the world, with light powder and incredible views few venture to see. Our state-of-the-art specialized lightweight equipment and safety gear allows you to move efficiently and safely through the winter wilderness. While *earning your turns* is certainly more work than riding a lift, you will be rewarded with fresh snow, no lines to stand in and time to enjoy the mountains. Learning the intricacies of finding the best snow, the most efficient route and how to navigate around hazards like avalanches will deepen your love and understanding of the mountains. This sport rewards you with solid exercise, your very own fresh ski lines and incredible satisfaction at the end of the day whether you ski one line or ten. Come learn this favorite activity of Coloradans and have the experience of a lifetime! Being a part of your MWR, our prices are often only half as much as commercial outfitters without sacrificing an inch of our high quality experiences.



OUR BACKCOUNTRY 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 and avalanche education in the industry, 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 avalanche terrain is a complex and difficult job. Each USAFA backcountry guide has completed at a minimum, avalanche safety training to AIARE Level 2/Pro Level 1, has at least four seasons and 100 days of experience leading groups in avalanche terrain, is certified in Wilderness First Responder (WFR) or Wilderness First Aid (WFA) and has been through an extensive training and evaluation process to vet their guide quality. Our head guide is a certified AIARE Level 3 Avalanche Professional, Professional Member of the AAA, AMGA/IFMGA Certified Mountain Guide, and has 15 years of backcountry guiding experience guiding in Colorado, Alaska, Europe and Canada. Our guides are exceptional educators. They are patient and excited to share their craft with you. They are lifelong backcountry users 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! For a list of our guides and their backgrounds and training, please visit our website at usafasupport.com/outdoor-adventure



ACCREDITATIONS AND TRAINING

The American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education (AIARE) Provider is on the forefront of avalanche safety training and is the national standard for education in winter backcountry travel. As an AIARE provider, we offer four levels of avalanche safety training including our free evening Avalanche Awareness Class, one-day Avalanche Rescue Course, and three-day Recreational Level 1 and 2 safety courses. Accredited through the American Avalanche Association (AAA), these courses allow backcountry users to develop decision making in and around avalanche terrain, which is plentiful in Colorado. These skills are developed through mentorship, feedback, and hands on experience. We aim to create educated backcountry travelers that will be less likely to end up in avalanches and more likely to have long and happy lives in the mountains. For more information, visit avtraining.org

The American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) is the only internationally recognized mountain guide training organization in the United States. As 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. It requires 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 Instructors and trained guides constantly offer in house continuing education and mentorship. For more information on the extensive training our guides pursue, visit amga.com



INTRO TO BACKCOUNTRY SKIING/SNOWBOARDING

Jan 20, Feb 10, March 16; 6:30 am-6 pm. Custom dates also available. Get off the resort and spend a day skiing or riding your own personal powder, big lines, and tranquil trees in the backcountry. This one-day trip will teach you the basics of using modern backcountry touring equipment and avalanche safety gear. It's also a great way to get some perspective on how to stay safe and have fun deep in the mountains, away from the chairlifts. Your guide will take you to the best snow around and show you the benefits of earning your turns in the Rockies! These trips are for advanced level skiers and riders, and folks who are cardio fit. Includes transportation, equipment and guide.

Cost: \$139, three people minimum.

GUIDED BACKCOUNTRY SKIING/SNOWBOARDING

Custom dates available all winter.

Folks with previous backcountry experience who don't need the intro level curriculum can come out and just ride! Our

guides will take you around our backcountry zones getting as much vertical in as possible in the day and sniff out the best conditions for you. Learn some jedi level tricks to find the best snow, set the most efficient skin track or how to ride more challenging backcountry terrain. This is a great way to learn about a new zone and get the mentorship needed to continue your backcountry career! Includes transportation, guides, and equipment if needed.

Trip times are 6:30 am-6 pm. **Cost: \$150, three people min.**

BACKCOUNTRY SKIING/SPLIT-BOARDING/SNOWSHOE HUT TRIP

March 8-10. Custom trips and dates also available.

The Colorado Rockies hold amazing backcountry mountain hut systems which allow us to ski/snowshoe into secluded cabins in the mountains and enjoy the playgrounds of our

National Forests for a whole weekend. Join us for one of these all-inclusive trips this winter and learn about travelling in the mountains in winter, avalanche safety, and ski/snowboard untouched powder, or snowshoe along high mountain ridges. Your experienced, AIARE/AMGA Certified guides will find you the good snow, teach you about the mountains. This trip is a great way to experience the ultimate Colorado lifestyle. Skiers and snowboarders should be physically fit, and proficient on black diamond slopes on ski resorts. This is one of our most popular programs and spaces often fill quickly.

Included: ski/snowboard/snowshoe equipment, lodging, transportation, meals and your guide(s).

Cost: \$600/person. Eight people max. Must be at least 16 y/o. Meet at Outdoor Rec at 6:30 am on the first day and expect to be back by 7 pm on the last day. Call and ask about discounts for AF active duty and dependents!

