

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 usafaop@gmail.com to check availability and pricing for your custom experience.



OAP CANCELLATION POLICY

- » Full payment for all trips is due at time of registration.
- » All trips are subject to cancellation due to unsafe weather or conditions outside of our control. In this event, the trip may 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.
- » Cancellations within 7 days of the single-day activity start date will NOT be refunded or rescheduled unless otherwise stated.
- » Cancellations within 30 days of a multi-day activity start date 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.
- » Cancellations 30 days or more before a multiday activity start date are refundable in full unless otherwise stated.
- » 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.
- » "No Shows" are non-refundable and will not be rescheduled.

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.

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for prices, ski shop services,
winter rental equipment,
ODR activities and more.






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 weather 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!





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 earn accreditation 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 inhouse continuing education and mentorship. For more information on the extensive training our guides pursue, visit amga.com



GUIDED BACKCOUNTRY SKIING/SNOWBOARDING

Jan 25 | Feb 16 | 6:30 am-6 pm. Custom dates also available. The resorts are opening back up which means long lift lines and chewed up snow. For folks seeking fresh powder and fun in the backcountry away from the masses, we are excited to continue to offer our popular guided BC skiing and riding trips. Our experienced and professionally certified guides will take you out for a day on Monarch Pass for some low ratio instruction. If you are new to BC skiing/riding, this is a great course to learn the basics, and if you have some experience and are looking to push a bigger day and learn some terrain in our area, our guides can get you there! Includes equipment, guides, and transportation. Mid-week and custom dates available by emailing usafaoap@gmail.com. **\$175/person, three people min**

CUSTOM TRIPS/ACTIVITIES

Email usafaoap@gmail.com to schedule a custom trip/activity for just your group! One ID card holder may sponsor up to five guests. Save money with larger groups, set your own schedule and customize your own activity! Some activities may need to be planned far in advance, others may only require a week or so. Our guides are some of the best in the industry and are working hard to give you the experience of a lifetime! Your gratuity is very much appreciated and can be accepted as cash, venmo or paypal.

BACKCOUNTRY SKIING/SNOWBOARDING HUT TRIP

Mar 14-16. Custom dates available all winter If you are just getting into backcountry skiing/snowboarding or are wanting to start upping your game and have experience in the backcountry already, check out our intensive BC Ski/Splitboard Hut Trips. Learn from the only AMGA/IFMGA Mountain Guides and in the DoD for multiple days of intentional and measured skill development that will have you moving through the mountains on your skis/snowboard efficiently, safely and with good style! Our Hut trips will go to far out mountain cabins surrounded by slopes ripe for the carving. Enjoy homecooked meals each evening in a relaxed setting after enjoying a full day of secluded powder skiing! Includes lodging, transportation, equipment, meals and guides. 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 about discounts for AF active duty and dependents! **\$600/person | 16+ | three people min.**

SKI/SNOWBOARD AND ALPINE CLIMBING ON PIKES PEAK

**Ski/Snowboard Days | Each weekend in April and May
Climbing Days | Custom Dates available**

Join our in-house AMGA/IFMGA Licensed Mountain Guides and ski the steeps in Glen Cove, learn to ski mountaineer, and learn to apply avalanche safety principles to real avalanche terrain in spring skiing conditions. Our guides can also teach you how to climb and protect climbs on snow, ice, and mixed terrain on the mountain. Come experience our home 14er like never before and learn how to move in the alpine! Includes any rental skis/board, avalanche gear, transportation, highway entrance fee, necessary climbing equipment, and our own AMGA/IFMGA Licensed Mountain Guide. Price does not include guide gratuity. Email usafaoap@gmail.com to schedule your epic day! Must be an advanced level skier/ rider if skiing/riding. **\$159/person**

ALPINE/SKI MOUNTAINEERING CUSTOM TRIPS

Have a mountain here in Colorado you've always wanted to climb/ski? Training for a big objective and want a guide to help get you ready? Maybe tick off one of the 50 classic climbs in North America? Schedule a custom trip with one of our AMGA Certified guides to accomplish your ultimate mountain goals. In Colorado, ski mountaineering is best Apr-Jun, and alpine climbing goes all the way through Sept. Email usafaoap@gmail.com to schedule your epic day! Includes guide, transportation, and equipment; overnight trips include meals. **Prices start at \$200/person and vary depending on trip type and length, two person min.**

OAP VOLUNTEERS WANTED

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help us with biking, climbing, hiking, or any other trips we offer, give us a call and we will tell you how to become an official OAP volunteer!

