



July 26, 2021

Dear friends,

Like most of the world, we are joyfully returning to *in-person* programming for our fall *family camp enrichment program*. Nestled in the mountains and surrounded by love, we hope your family will join us at the **A/U Ranch's 100 Elk Outdoor Center in Buena Vista, CO** where activities will be *adapted*, allowing your loved one to engage in fresh, nourishing experiences — “revealing the possibilities within.” (100 Elk metaphysical theme)

This year marks our sixth annual program and the dates are:

**Saturday, October 16 – Thursday, October 21**

Below is an overview:

- Six days of fun with adapted, experiential, and uplifting activities facilitated by the caring and skilled 100 Elk staff
- Meaningful Bible study with fellow Christian Scientists
- Inspiring parent and caregiver gatherings in a comfortable, calm space with respite care offered
- Respite care is available for parents and caregivers for blocks of time
- On-site Christian Science practitioner available for our care needs

100 Elk Outdoor Center is taking all the proper steps to anticipate the needs of their guests and put in place the recommended practices and appropriate resources to ensure a happy and healthy experience. Up-to-date information is available on their website health page: <https://100elk.org/outdoor-ed/health/>

### **Metaphysical theme**

*The great miracle, to human sense, is divine Love, and the grand necessity of existence is to gain the true idea of what constitutes the kingdom of heaven in man. (SH: 560:11–15)*

### **What to expect**

As part of our growing supportive network, families are encouraged to attend the program and participate alongside their loved ones. We are working very closely with the 100 Elk directors to accommodate a variety of individual needs. The 100 Elk and RVRN staff will lead activities, serve as guides, and offer support to ensure a refreshing and enjoyable experience.

It's also important to note that A/U is not fully ADA compliant, as some of you may have experienced at Easter

Seals or similar camps. 100 Elk does an incredible job accommodating the needs of our families, and at the same time, we rely on family members and chaperones to look after their loved ones and assist with participation in activities. As in years past, we will have additional floating chaperones to step in and provide extra coverage, and we are happy to work with you in planning blocks of respite throughout the week.

A typical day begins with the daily Bible Lesson sermon in a way that reaches each individual. Some enjoy group read-alouds, others prefer brief discussions and learning activities. Next, there are a wide variety of both indoor and outdoor camp activities, which are led by trained 100 Elk staff. For example, loved ones can participate in the ever-popular cooking classes, archery, and day trips into town for shopping on Main Street. New offerings this year include a dip in the hot springs, yoga, chipmunk feeding, and a trip to Mini-Blessings Farm. Evenings include equally fun activities such as square dancing, indoor bowling, and movie night. Parents are invited to gather for fellowship and sharing while loved ones are cared for by staff.

## **Accommodations**

Each loved one will share a cabin with their family or chaperone, and we will work with you to make sure all accommodations are suitable to meet your needs. The cabins have twin-size mattresses, bathrooms, and temperature control. Daytime temperatures range from 30-60 degrees and nighttime temperatures are typically in the mid-30's.

## **Transportation**

Transportation via coach bus to and from Denver International Airport and the A/U Ranches is provided. Those participating in this transportation option will need to arrive at Denver International Airport by 1:00 PM on October 16 and schedule their departure for after 1:00 PM on October 21.

## **Registration and Tuition**

All registration and information forms are available online. **Please visit the Events page on our website at <https://rvrnetwork.org/events/100elk/> to access and complete the following forms for this program by September 16:**

- Registration Form
- Financial Assistance Application
- 100 Elk Acknowledgement of Risk
- RVRN Release of Liability (ROL)
- Travel Form

The tuition for the program includes housing, meals, daily activities, and a t-shirt. As with all of our programs, funding should never be a barrier to participation. *Thanks to our generous donors, financial assistance is available through our [online application process](#).*

- \$1400/person (includes airport shuttle service)
- \$1300/person (does not include airport shuttle service)

Fresh air, a mountainous embrace, and your tribe of Christian Scientists caring for loved ones with differing needs awaits you and your family. We hope you will join us!

Cheerful regards,



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To learn more about the 100 Elk Outdoor Center, visit their website at:

<https://100elk.org>