K9 Nose Work® Training Camp

YMCA of the Rockies, Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, CO

September 29 – October 4, 2026
Tuesday afternoon – Sunday morning

CAMPER LETTER AND ORIENTATION INFO

Dear Camper,

With camp just a few weeks away, I hope you are getting excited about the adventure in Nose Work that awaits you! **Please read all the enclosed information carefully so you are prepared for camp.** We know it is long but there is so much important information to share with you.

PLEASE open all the links and print or download the documents to bring with you. We are limiting the printed handouts.

Important Links and Referenced Documents:

- CO Camp 2026 Resources Page
  - Camper Arrival Times
  - Discussion Group Sign Up (please complete by 9/16)
  - Craft Night Sign Up (please complete by 9/16)
  - Food and Meal Planning Form (please complete by 9/16)
  - Local Amenities and Emergency Information
  - Camp Maps
  - Tips for Navigating Camp (with your dog)
  - K9 Nose Work Training Camp CO 2026 Facebook Group
  - Berthoud Pass Status
- COVID-19, Flu and General Health Policies
- COVID Refund Policy
- Canine Health Policy
- Morris Animal Foundation
- YMCA of the Rockies Website

COVID Preparation:

- Before coming to camp please make sure you do not have COVID, with either a rapid test or a PCR test. You will be sent a COVID check-in waiver that you must sign approximately 10 days before the start of camp.
- Please reread the COVID-19, Flu and General Health Policies and COVID refund policy sections on the website. See link above.
- To best guard against infection, we ask that you please limit your unmasked interaction a week before camp, on your trip to Camp and during Camp. We hope that you will get take-out vs. eating in restaurants to minimize exposure. We are sorry, but those that test positive for COVID at registration will not be able to attend Camp.
- Our goal is to provide a safe environment where we can all feel comfortable, and where risk is minimized, while still enjoying the camp experience. Your support and cooperation are important to each of us.

Registration Check-in
IMPORTANT: If you are NOT already checked into your room (some campers are arriving early) PLEASE COME CHECK IN TO NW CAMP at the Indian Peaks (IP) Lodge Parking Lower/East Lot FIRST. This way you will know you are COVID negative and can attend camp before you pay for and get your room assignment.

- **Logistics Team Members:** Arrive/meet in your cars in the IP Parking Lot by the front entrance on *Monday, September 28, 2026, at 11:00AM*. Your supervisor will be there to greet you. Please reread your Logistics Team Member Overview that we sent when you inquired about that job. Please read the rest of this letter other than the arrival info as it also relates to you.
- **Regular Campers and Auditors Arrive:** Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at **staggered times in the IP Parking East/Lower Lot**. If your dog needs to be walked or you need to potty yourself, plan to stop before arriving at the YMCA to take care of that. Right after you turn into the YMCA driveway there is a place to pullover to air your dog if needed. Please plan to arrive during your **designated** time. We have three groups, for campers, which will be checking in between 3:00 – 4:15PM. **Please refer to the camp Resource Page "Camper Arrival Times" for your arrival time slot.**
- **Early Arrival Campers:** If you came to the YMCA early to acclimate you will still need to get in your car and line up for COVID testing and registration in the IP lower parking lot.
- All family members/non-camper guests must also be tested at that time.

- **Tuesday Registration & Evening Info:**

    - Someone will greet you and line you up in the Indian Peaks parking lot at your assigned times.
    - Expect that the registration process will take about 20-25 minutes from your car. You can help us speed up the process by reading the COVID test directions before registration. Tests all seem to be slightly different. We are asking everyone to stay in their cars until their COVID test result is negative.
    - A staff member will greet you at your car. AT THAT TIME, the staff member, or one of our medical team members, will ask you to self-administer one of the *COVID rapid tests you have brought from home,* while in their presence. Please do NOT start it before you check in and someone is there to watch you/help you get started.
    - While you are waiting, you will get your packet of camp information including: your group info, schedule, and additional orientation information/reminders. So, while you are waiting, you will have lots to do! **Please read the info.**
    - **This letter serves as your orientation,** along with a reminder/additional orientation handout you will receive while waiting for your COVID test results. You need to read THIS LETTER and your additional orientation info before you attend your training group meeting.
    - Once you have a clear health check, we will take any items we are borrowing near the main door of the IP Lodge. PLEASE PACK them so it will be very easy to get them out of the car without unpacking.
    - If you test positive, another test can be taken to confirm. If still positive, Dana Crevling will come to talk with you and you will be directed to leave camp.
    - You will have ample time to get settled in your room, unpack, and get yourself and your dog(s) acclimated to camp.
    - On Tuesday afternoon you can go to the Self-Serve Sniff (SNERF) to give your dog a quick fun self-guided search. See your schedule for times and location.

- Join us for our catered Welcome Dinner at the Camper Hub at Camp Chief Ouray. See schedule for time.
- We will have a special brief orientation session for new campers on Tuesday night right after dinner at the Camper Hub. Bring your schedule, map and questions. You will get these resources in your camper bag.
- Classes start on Wednesday morning with a group meeting/orientation at your training location before your first class. This is the time to share about you and your dog with others in the group and give your instructor more information to share with the rest of the staff. We have allotted 30 minutes for discussion, so this first session is longer as we don't want you to miss out on any training time. Please arrive in time for the group meeting/orientation with your dog.

Campers Leaving Procedure:

All campers staying at the YMCA Indian Peaks Lodge need to check out with Camp by turning around your door sign with your name on it in the holder, so the name does not show. This will tell our Logistics Team Members that you have left the facility. We may check your room (if staying at the Lodge) to make sure that your dog has not caused any damage. Campers that leave their rooms requiring excessive cleaning or that are damaged will be charged accordingly. You will have an opportunity to check for existing damage to your room that should be reported to the YMCA upon arrival. If you plan to leave early, please let Dana Zinn or Dana Crevling know and follow the procedure described above. Please follow the YMCA's check out process as well as turning over your door sign. Checkout for the YMCA is 10:00AM.

Camp Schedule:

- You will receive a detailed camp schedule at registration.
- We will have other activities that don't include your dog. This is a good time to let your dog rest while you learn more about Nose Work or have some non-doggy fun.

Vehicle Searches:

Vehicles will be mostly dictated by your group's willingness/ability to loan a vehicle for searching. We understand that at this camp, dogs are crated in your vehicles, so it may not be possible. If there are no vehicles to search during your session, you will probably have an exterior search instead.

Working Groups:

You will be given your working group assignment at registration. The working groups have been divided based on multiple criteria. We have considered many factors including: your dog's strengths and weak areas, your dog's working style, your dog's experience level, your level of experience, and your goals for camp. As with any camp, class, or working seminar, there will be variability within each group. Your instructor will do their best to accommodate variations within each group. If you have concerns after you meet and train with your group, please see Dana Crevling.

Getting Around and Car Crating:

The search areas include cabins, historic homestead areas, parking lots, conference space, skating rink, picnic space, a stable, campgrounds and more.

The YMCA facility is **very large,** and cars are allowed on the roads (paved and dirt) around most of the facility barring bad weather that can make some roads impassable. Please

plan to drive your vehicles to your search location area if it is far from the lodge or not a walkable distance.

For campers that do not have cars we expect that you will get a ride with the person you arrived at camp with or make other plans. If you absolutely cannot get a ride with a friend or group member AND the location is a driving distance/remote, we will do our best to assist you in getting to your search area.

People that carpool together but are not in the same groups will have to discuss how to coordinate the situation. The "passenger" might need to walk some places or maybe their driver will drop them off before going to their session. Or the carpooling non-driver may get paired up with another person in their group that can give them a ride. A good time to work out carpooling if needed is when your group meets at orientation. Please let our Logistics Team Supervisor or the Camp Directors know if you still have a problem with transportation.

Please plan to be flexible and open to variations and changes to our crating and parking system. We may adjust as we go along depending on weather, congestion, and other factors that may be unknown to us until we arrive at the location.

At the end of class, expect to pack up to move to another search location which may be on the other side of the resort. The resort is large, and it can take 10 minutes to drive from place to place.

Chairs will be provided inside most lecture locations but most likely will not be available at the working stations or outside demonstrations so a camp chair will be needed. We suggest that you put your name on your items before you leave home. Each camper is responsible for packing and unpacking as well as transporting all their items.

This system may be adjusted to best manage the camp needs and will be posted on our special FB page or at the info table area in IP Lodge if a change occurs.

Crating:

At each workstation there should be room for car crating nearby. We suggest that you bring a reflective shade cloth or sheet to cover your crate as well as a pad for under your crate in case of crating outside the car is needed/desired. A cover is important for dogs that get over stimulated, bark or just to give your dog some privacy even in your car. Barking in the vehicle must be managed as it disrupts the training class and/or can upset the other dogs in the area. As good visitors on the YMCA property our dogs need to be quiet.

For safety, dogs need to be crated in their vehicles. If this is impossible, then your dog must be securely contained via a seatbelt or other system. Dogs riding and hanging out loose in the car is not considered securely contained.

Because you will be moving from station to station around the spread-out camp property, we don't suggest people bring individual tents for personal use as your dog needs to be at the specific work area that will change from session to session and day to day. We hope you will share your tent with others by providing it for use for the camp.

Dogs that need more space should have red bandanas on their cars as well as on the dog and be parked away from the other campers if possible. Reactive dogs should not be parked in such a way that all the other dogs need to walk by the car to get to the search. Please discuss your dog's needs in your group orientation during the first training session.

Food:

All campers are on the meal plan, regardless of whether you are staying at the Indian Peaks Lodge, other YMCA housing or commuting. **This year, we have special catered welcome and farewell dinners at the new dining hall at Camp Chief Ouray. It is called the Camper Hub.** See the list below on included meals.

You are encouraged to eat in our private dining space reserved just for our group at the front of the dining hall once Camp starts. To find it go back to the entrance area away from the main dining hall through the doors. The main dining hall feeds all guests on the property.

The following camp included meals will be served in the dining hall any time during open hours set by the YMCA:

- Welcome Dinner on Tuesday, 9/29, see schedule for time
- Breakfast and Lunch on Wednesday, 9/30 through Saturday, 10/3
- Farewell Dinner, Saturday night 10/3, see schedule for time
- Breakfast on Sunday, 10/4

Dining Hall Hours:

- Breakfast 7:00AM – 9:00AM
- Lunch 11:30AM – 1:00PM
- Dinner 5:00PM – 7:30PM

This limited meal plan offers people more flexibility and is based on feedback.
You may purchase your dinners at the Dining Hall if you wish to stay on the property or can go anywhere else you would like to eat. Please remember to do take out to avoid COVID exposure.

- Eating meals will be your choice of inside our special dining area, outside or "to go" if available.

- The menu will consist of simple but healthy, filling food for omnivores as well as vegetarians. The YMCA of the Rockies may have some gluten free options if you ask for them. We will give the YMCA information on the basic eating habits of our group (see below); however, this does not mean they can/will cater to specific diets.

- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO FILL OUT THE MEAL PLANNING FORM by 9/16** to help the YMCA prepare for our meals.

- On Saturday night we will have a Farewell Dinner with thank you time and our slide show of the Camp experience. We are having a turkey dinner. Please plan to join in and celebrate. You may BYOB.

If you are staying at the Indian Peaks Lodge, your room will have a mini-fridge and a microwave. Please bring food to supplement your diet if you have dietary restrictions that

would make eating full meals in the dining hall challenging for you. Refrigeration is not available for commuting campers. There are grocery stores in nearby towns. Please refer to the camp Resource Page for Local Amenities and Emergency Information document.

Lodging:

- If you are staying at the Indian Peaks Lodge, please know that the YMCA of the Rockies has assigned the rooms. They will do their best to accommodate your room requests based on need but may not be able to give you the room or location you asked for. This also means that the dogs that need more space will be mixed in with dogs that do not – just like a hotel at a trial. PLEASE keep dogs on VERY short leashes NEXT to you in and around the lodge and in the hallways. Please check with the YMCA of the Rockies about other housing related questions via their website.

- Housekeeping services are not available during your stay for the safety of our dogs. **Due to the significant draught this year, you will need to exchange linens at the laundry building during specific times.** Check at registration on the times and linen exchange policies. You will find extra supplies in the Indian Peaks Lodge lobby.

- FYI - The lodges do not have elevators. They have open stairs both inside and outside.

Tipping for your Room/Cabin:

While you are paying a nominal cleaning fee for your dogs, this money goes to the YMCA NOT the individuals cleaning your room. Please be kind and generous to those that must clean up after us and leave at least $5/day for a lodge room and $10/day for a cabin. **They rely on tips as part of their income.**

Water:

Please be sure to have plenty of water readily available and throughout the day to help stave off dehydration and altitude sickness. Contact your health care provider if you have concerns about the altitude. Camp is roughly 8,500 feet about sea level. Your dog needs lots of water too!

Photos:

- Campers may take photographs of their friends and themselves for their personal use.
- Please do not take photos of people you do not know or of the instructor working without permission if you hope to post/share them.
- We are happy for you to post appropriate photos on social media sites if the parties in the photograph have given you permission to post their image and the specific photograph. This includes permission from the instructor/staff member who has seen the specific photo and approved it.
- **Please** share your photos on our special private FB page just for us. See more below on FB.
- Camp representatives may take photos for historical, posting, and promotional reasons.
- Dana would love it if you shared some of your special camp photos for our photo library and to use for futures camps, promotion, and advertising.

Camp Photography Service:

We are excited to announce that David Leer is back at camp and taking photographs of you and your dog. He will be joined by Julia Back again. David is an avid outdoorsman and wildlife photographer and offers several dog photography packages through his

company Creek Walker Photography. He will have a table set up in the dining hall so you can see his work, get his information, and possibly view shots he took at camp.
David or Julia may also be available if you want specific photos taken of your dog and/or yourself. Please contact David Leer ahead of time or talk to him at camp or to set up a time to have a portrait session.

Video or Audio Taping:

- Working campers may take videos of their own dog working for personal use by their friends and themselves *under the following circumstances.*
    - Videoing your dog working is at the discretion of the instructor. Most instructors will approve but please check.
    - Video/s may not be posted on a public website such as YouTube for public viewing without permission from the Camp and the instructor. Your dog's training and lessons at Camp are for you, not for the masses or for business purposes.
    - Please do not give others permission to video you and your dog to use for their purposes. Again, camp lessons are for the individual's personal learning not for others education or entertainment.
- No video or audio taping of lectures, classes, demos or instructor discussion in the groups.
- Please do not take video of others working their dogs unless you are specifically doing so for THAT person running the dog and are using their camera.
- There will be some videotaping done by the instructors and staff for educational and historical purposes and video may be taken of each camper for our private FB page.
- If you have questions, please talk to Dana Crevling.

Facebook Communication:

We will be using a special FB page to communicate and share photos and experiences during Camp. This will be the main way to stay in touch during camp along with notes at the message table in IP Lodge and our private dining area. Dana C, and staff will put reminders, announcements, photos, and fun info on this page. All campers and staff are welcome to share here. **Please sign up for our private group at K9 Nose Work Training Camp CO 2026.**

Dog Attendance Policy:

Please review the Working Dogs, Non-working Dogs, Canine Health and Attendance Limitations and Canine Rules of Engagement sections on the camp website. We encourage you to go back to the Dogs of Course Colorado Camp webpage if you did not read the policies for 2026 as they often are adjusted/changed to best meet the needs of the whole camp.

- Take a moment to read Carolyn Barney's *"Tips for Navigating Camp Successfully"* on the camp Resource Page which will help all handlers and dogs be successful at camp.

- **We CANNOT accommodate dogs that are reactive with people.** Safety for all human campers and staff comes first. Dogs that are reactive toward people may be asked to leave without reimbursement. *If you have a dog that may not be appropriate for camp, please contact Dana immediately.*

- **Dogs that threaten other dogs or humans or are considered to be a danger at camp by Dana Crevling will be asked to leave if we cannot work out a safe solution for all.** No refunds will be offered if a dog is excused from participating in camp or asked to leave the property.

We all want to have a fun and safe experience; the success of this event will rely on everyone being respectful and complying with the dog guidelines and rules.

Setting Your Own Hides:

Please do NOT set your own hides of any kind on the YMCA grounds. With all the dogs coming and going we do not want confusion or dogs accidentally ignoring odor or searching for residual odor when moving around camp. This includes other odors, as well as HRD, and other types of search training. If you want to set your own hides, please leave the camp/ host property completely.

Getting Around Camp:

All campers must be in good physical condition and able to climb a flight of stairs multiple times a day and walk up to 10 minutes on uneven ground and dirt or paved roads to the activities and meals. This is a sprawling facility with some hilly terrain. Campers will be able to drive personal vehicles to get close to many of the work areas, but this cannot be relied upon.

Smoking:

Snow Mountain Ranch provides a clean-air environment. A non-smoking policy is in effect inside all facilities. Snow Mountain Ranch provides special fire-safe ashtrays in several outdoor areas designated for smoking. Ask the YMCA for designated areas. Please no smoking/vaping during classes.

Auditors and Vacationing Family Guests:

- Campers who register as auditors are allowed to attend all sessions and move from group to group as long as she/he does not create a distraction or disturbance.
- Auditors are allowed to watch but will not participate in the training or other dog-related activities. **During working sessions, we ask that auditors hold questions as it takes away from and interferes with the working campers' time.** Instructors will remind auditors to hold questions until after class or for another time. Auditors can ask questions during round table discussion and demo times.
- Auditors must leave their dog(s) home.
- Anyone that stays on camp property, participates in any sessions and is not working a dog is considered an auditor.
- At the YMCA of the Rockies, **family members** may come and stay with campers and not participate at any camp activities. Because family members are living with the camper, we require family members to also test negative for COVID AND be thoughtful and careful about their interactions with others, so they do not bring COVID back to our camp group. They must also wear masks, if we require them of campers, when in interiors that are common areas like the IP Lodge lobby etc. Wearing of masks is not expected for this camp.

CEUS:

KPA-CTP CEU codes will be sent to campers via email two – three weeks after camp.

NACSW™ and CCPDT CEUs are entered online. Please check your instructor portal or membership account on the NACSW™ and CCPDT websites two – three weeks after camp.

Shopping:
We have three vendors lined up that will set up tables on Day 3 during Craft Night. Come shop! Please check the FB page for more info.

- **Interesting in vending?** Please email Dana Crevling by September 20th to tell her what you want to bring and to discuss parameters.
- ***Cash or checks are usually preferred. It is up to the vendor whether they will take credit cards. Zelle may also be an option.*** *Please bring* ***multiple checks and cash*** *for the vendors and for the raffle.*
- **We request that campers do not promote, advertise, or sell items at camp unless they are vending or approved by Dana Crevling first.** See fundraiser below if you have an item or business, you would like others to know about.

Fundraiser Located at IP Lodge:
- At Dogs of Course events, including K9NW Training Camp, we have a tradition of helping those less fortunate. Most often it is a dog-related charity or of humanitarian interest. The recipients of this year's raffle will be **Morris Animal Foundation** and one of the YMCA's charities.
- Tickets for the items can be purchased by check or cash ONLY via a self-serve system. Instructions will be given at the raffle area. The raffle winners will be announced/posted on Saturday after the last class. All prizes must be picked up. No shipping.
- Thank you to those campers that have offered to donate an item. Please bring your donation to the raffle table in the Indian Peaks Lodge lobby or give to helper at the lodge entrance. Please put your name on it so we know who donated. **If you would like to bring an item but did not originally volunteer, it is not too late.** New items already in baskets/ properly presented are requested. Items should be NEW (or VERY gently used) and appeal to dog trainers and portable enough for the winner to take it home. If you prefer, please donate a gift card that can be easily redeemed no matter where the winner lives. Popular items include dog toys, nose work related items, general interest items, gift cards, gift certificates etc.
- **We will have a gift card tree this year!** If you don't want to bring an item, we would love you to donate a gift card for our raffle tree.
- Donating an item is a great way for you to promote your business. We allow business cards and/or small samples to be displayed with the donated item. No pricing sheets or catalogs.

General Camp Rules and Guidelines:
- Campers must clean up after his/her dog(s) and deposit feces in garbage receptacles. Please bring your own baggies. Campers that do not pick up after their dogs are subject to dismissal from camp.
- Please do not allow dogs to urinate on flowers, ornamental shrubs, sides of buildings, garbage cans, playground equipment etc.
- Please do not allow your dog to walk or sit on picnic or other tables. Please treat the property with respect. Be a good example for the other guests and staff on the property.
- Alcohol and smoking are strictly prohibited when you are attending class/training your dog.
- Please no visitors at classes, activities or lectures. Your family member may come to the YMCA to hike, vacation and eat with you as long as they are not involved in the Dog Training Camp including helping you with your dog.

- If you have a family member that wants to watch you or help you out with your dog they are considered an auditor and need to pay a camp fee. If you have special circumstances you want to discuss, please speak to Dana Crevling about it prior to camp.
- PLEASE be kind and patient to the other YMCA of Rockies guests. You may encounter other dogs (leashed or unleashed) on the property/trails. You are the ambassadors of our sport and our camp. Please let Dana C, Dana Z, or Jo Trent know if you encountered a problem dog.

Community Supplies:

Thank you to all campers who offered to bring tents and ex-pens. We will write you separately about your offered item.

Veterinary Clinics, Grocery Store, and Hospital:

Refer to the Camp Resources page for a link with a list of local amenities and emergency facilities near Snow Mountain Ranch.

The camp is near Winter Park and Granby, so most supplies are available within a 20 minute or less drive. The YMCA also has a gift shop and a small food and supplies store for your convenience.

******WE WILL NOT HAVE A MEDICAL LIAISON FOR THIS CAMP****** We will have a small first aid kit at the info area at Indian Peaks Lodge for your use for a Band-Aid etc. If you are injured or need medical attention you will seek medical support at the local facilities. If an emergency call 911 and then contact the YMCA so they can help the first responder find you on the large property. Please let Dana Crevling or Dana Zinn know if you leave the property or need help getting to a medical facility, we can escort you if needed.

What to Bring:

- **Two COVID Rapid Tests – one will be used at check in, in the presence of a staff member.** The second test should be saved in case you need it during camp.
- **Masks** – Please bring s few masks to cover your nose and mouth IF needed when inside. Masking MAY be required while in line for your meals, getting your meals, indoor searching, inside demonstrations and discussion groups. The masking policy will depend on the COVID rate and the weather. **This is unlikely but good to be prepared. So far this year we have not had to require masking.**
- **Hand Sanitizer**
- **Multiple checks and cash** for shopping and the raffle.
- **Comfortable clothing, sensible shoes, robe, boots and rain gear, cold weather gear, sunglasses, sun hat** – Fall in the Rockies can be variable. It could be pleasant and warm during the day, or it could be quite cold or possibly snowy. Nights should be cold. Please check the local weather and plan to dress in many layers so you are warm enough. This includes bringing mittens/gloves, hats, warm socks and maybe boots. Campers are required to wear sturdy closed toe flat shoes during training time. Sneakers, work shoes, boots etc. are best. Closed toe sports sandals with closed backs like Keens are also fine for training if you don't like sneakers.
- **Hand/foot warmers** – you may need them.
- **Personal toiletries** – bath soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving kits, hair dryer, and whatever else you may need.
- **Alarm clock, radio, or portable DVD player -** The rooms do not have televisions or music so bring your own to keep you and your dog company.

- **Extension cord or power strip** – in case you need for your electronics. *Probably not critical* but might be nice.
- **Ex-pen -** You might want one for your room instead of a crate or if you are rooming with another camper.
- **Flashlight, bug spray, sunscreen, etch…** If you think you will need them.
- **Lawn or easily carried camp chair** – inexpensive to pick up at Wal-Mart or other chain store
- **Camera, tablet, video camera/Go Pro** - if you would like to record your experience**.**
- **Laptop** – nice for note taking etc.
- **Blanket –** you might want an extra blanket for your bed. The lodge is heated but the heating system may not be highly adjustable in your room. Often the hallways are very hot. I am not sure about the rooms.
- **Water bottle and/or bottles of water – it will be critical that everyone stay hydrated so PLEASE bring lots of water and bottle you can carry with you at camp.**
- **Journal/Notebook** – to keep your training and lecture notes in.
- **Note Taking supplies** – pens, pencils, your eyeglasses, clipboard, paper, etc.
- **Dog Equipment** – sturdy collar(s) and 6'leash to move your dog from place to place. Head halter, martingales etc. Also bring your Nose Work equipment. Many people use body harnesses (not no-pulls) or very wide collars, and an 8 – 15-foot lead with a clip is suggested. No electronic shock collars are allowed at camp. PLEASE make sure your dogs always have ID on them during camp!
- **Training equipment** – bait bags, your dog's favorite motivational toys, a sheet or shade cloth to cover your dog's crate, battery operated crate fan, portable water bowl and jug for water, etch…
- **2 Red Bandanas if your dog needs space** – All dogs that need additional space MUST always wear a red bandana as well as have one on the crate and/or attached to the car if car crating.
- **Dog food and treats**. It is best to have a variety of treats available to keep your dog interested. We use LOTS of food to motivate the dogs! The treats should be smelly and high value.
- **Dolly or cart –** to move your luggage, crate, chair and training bag. For Colorado Camp if you are working out of the car this is less important as your car should be pretty close to the search areas. If you don't have a luggage tote or personal type dolly, you can buy one pretty inexpensively at stores like Home Depot. They fold up small and have strong wheels. The Lodge does NOT have an elevator so if you are assigned a room upstairs a wagon may not help too much.
- **TWO Crates for your working dog -** One for your room and one to put at the working area/car. Remember that your dog needs to be crated or in an expen when s/he is in your room alone. No ex-pens in the working areas.
- **A mat for under your crate –** There may be times when you will need a mat under your crate to either protect the flooring or keep your dog warmer or dry.
- **Two water bowls and a food bowl, spoon, a knife to cut up treats, paper towels**
- **Poop Baggies** – an essential item for canine clean-up.
- **Clean-up supplies** - in case you spill or there is an accident in your room
- **Snacks for you, bones and/or interactive toys for your dog**
- **Sheets to cover extra bed and the couch in your room.** We want to limit dog hair and it is super hard to get out of upholstery.
- **Blanket or bed for your dog**
- **Plug-in Cooler –** optional if you need more refrigeration space

- **Don't forget your travel cup, mug, or bottle for water** – we want everyone to stay hydrated.
- **Whatever else makes sense.**

Cell Phones and Internet Access:

The rooms in the lodges have wireless internet.
Cell phone reception is dependent on the type of phone and service provider.

Driving Directions to Snow Mountain Ranch 1101 County Road 53, Granby, CO 80446

Getting to camp means driving into the MOUNTAINS and over passes. **Make sure your vehicle is prepared for snow/bad weather.** In the case of snow, the passes can get closed to get in and out of camp.

From Denver International Airport:

- Follow Pena Blvd towards I-70 follow for 9.8 miles then merge onto I-70 West.
- Take 1-70 West 52.5 miles to Exit #232 (US 40 to Empire/Granby)
- Travel over Berthoud Pass and through the town of Winter Park approx. 45 miles.
- Snow Mountain Ranch's entrance is 12 miles past Winter Park on the left (west) side of the US 40.
- Follow the road approximately 1 mile and check in at the Administration Building on your left.

Weather and Road Conditions:

For current weather and road conditions, please check: www.cotrip.org
For weather only: http://www.weather.com

Questions:

Contact Michele Ruest at michele.dogsofcourse@gmail.com or Dana Crevling at Crevling@dogsofcourse.com (Subject line: CO K9 Nose Work® Camp) or leave a message at 508-254-5926, M-F, 8am – 7pm EST. Messages will be returned within 2 business days.

I will be leaving for camp early in the morning on Thursday, **September 24, 2026, and traveling all day.** If there is an emergency that cannot wait until camp, you may reach me on my cell phone at 508-254-5926. Call or text. I will do my best to check for messages a couple times a day.

I look forward to spending time with all of you!

Sincerely,

Dana Crevling
Camp Director

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