

Travel and Logistics

For Courses at Three Peaks Ranch

For all courses that start and end in Boulder, WY

It is helpful for us if ALL participants provide us with their travel plans, whether flying and planning to catch the shuttle OR driving. [Please let us know of your travel plans here.](#)

Course Start Location & Time

For students taking the NOLS shuttle from Jackson, WY to Three Peaks Ranch:

8:00 AM the morning of the course start date at the Antler Inn 43 W Pearl Ave, Jackson, WY 83001

OR

For students driving directly to Three Peaks Ranch:

10:00 AM the morning of the course start date at Three Peaks Ranch, 534 Hwy 353, Boulder, WY 82923

Arrival

If Flying

Plan to arrive in Jackson, WY the day before your course start date. You will be responsible for booking accommodations the night before your course starts. We recommend staying at the Antler Inn (information below), as that is where the shuttle the next morning will be picking up students. However, you may choose to stay wherever and provide your own transportation to the Antler Inn in the morning for shuttle pickup at 8am. A NOLS shuttle will arrive at 8:00 AM at the Antler Inn in Jackson, WY and transport you to Boulder, WY, a two-hour drive.

If Driving

Plan to arrive at NOLS Three Peaks Ranch by 10:00 AM the day of the course start. Please see the section below about car travel arrangements.

Upon arrival at the ranch, there will be an orientation, and you will get acquainted with your instructors and fellow expedition members. Sleeping arrangements will be camping in tents. If you do not bring a sleeping bag and sleeping pad, don't worry—NOLS will provide these.

Departure

No sooner than the morning after the course end date for those **flying**.

All courses wrap up late in the evening on the noted ending date. You should plan to depart from Jackson no sooner than the following day. Please do not make travel plans that will require you to arrive late for your course or to leave early once your course is over; you may end up missing the start of your course or missing your plane home.

Courses will all be transported to the Antler Inn in Jackson, WY on the afternoon/evening on the last day of your course. Depending on the location of your course, you may be picked up at the trailhead and driven directly to Jackson without stopping at the Ranch. You will be responsible for arranging a hotel for yourself on this final night in Jackson.

For folks looking to meet/pickup their student at the Antler Inn on the final day of the course, you can expect a late afternoon/early evening arrival of your student to the Antler, likely between 3-5 p.m. Your student will have their phone back just before arriving at the Antler Inn.

If you **drive** to the ranch, you will be transported back to the ranch this evening (final day of your course) and you are expected to depart upon arrival. Please arrange your own accommodations for this last night.

Flying to Jackson

Several major airlines provide connecting services to Jackson from Denver, Colorado, and Salt Lake City, Utah. You should consider purchasing tickets that are refundable or changeable in case unforeseen events create changes in your plans.

Airlines often overbook their flights to Jackson. Be sure that you don't get bumped; allow plenty of time between your connection in Denver or Salt Lake City. Get to the

gate early to check in. There are only a few flights to Jackson, and if you get bumped you could miss your course. The same is true of your flight out of Jackson, so allow yourself plenty of time.

If you are traveling by air, you should take certain precautions with your luggage to ensure its timely arrival at your destination:

- Carry essential items onto the plane with you
- Check your luggage all the way through to your final destination
- Retain your luggage claim stubs, as these are very important tools for tracking any missing luggage
- Promptly inform the Admission Office (800-710-6657) if you are missing luggage

If Delayed

If your arrival to Wyoming is delayed and you are not able to make the pick-up at The Jackson Airport, please do the following:

1. Rebook for the next available flight.
2. Then, contact NOLS Three Peaks Ranch, to let us know of your plans. Email us at 3peaks@nols.edu. Or, call us at (307) 537-5236. If we do not answer the phone, please leave us a voicemail.

Shuttle Service

Teton Mountain Taxi provides shuttle service to and from the airport to the town of Jackson for all flights at a nominal fee. To make shuttle reservations call (307) 699-7969 or visit jacksonholecab.com.

Pre/Post-Course Accommodations

We recommend making your reservations at one of the following motels for the night your course ends and/or if you will be staying longer in Jackson.

| Hotel | Contact Information |
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| Antler Motel | 50 West Pearl Jackson, WY 83001 (307) 733-2535 |

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| *If you inform the motel that you are arriving for a NOLS course, they will give you a pre-arranged NOLS discount. | |
| 49er Inn | 330 W. Pearl St. Jackson, WY 83001 (307) 733-7550 |
| Ranch Inn | 45 E. Pearl St. Jackson, WY 83001 (307) 733-6363 |
| Pony Express | 1075 W. Broadway Jackson, WY 83001 (307) 733-3835 |
| Rawhide Motel | 75 S. Millward St. Jackson, WY 83001 (307) 733-1216 |

Beginning with lunch the first day of your course, NOLS will provide all meals during the course; this includes both meals in the field and at Three Peaks Ranch.

You will be picked up by NOLS and transported from your course location to Jackson on the evening of the last day of your course. Lunch on the last day of your course will be the last meal that we will provide. For more information, see Briefing and Re-entry, below.

Please note that NOLS does not provide lodging or dinner once the shuttle brings you to Jackson.

Automobile

There are several hotels in Pinedale, twelve miles north of Boulder, where you can spend the night before or after your course, if desired. You can park your vehicle at the ranch for the duration of your course. We ask you to depart the ranch on the last afternoon/evening of your course.

Bus Service

There is no bus service to Boulder, Wyoming. However, there is bus service from Salt Lake City to Jackson, provided by Jackson Hole Express: (800) 652-9510. You should call them ahead of time for current prices and schedules. They usually only run once a day!

Vehicles and Valuables

Personal belongings and vehicles may be stored at the ranch for the duration of your course. Valuables may be checked into our safe. Due care will be taken to prevent theft or damage of your stored items. NOLS does not assume any liability for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property while in our care. NOLS will not honor any personal claim for property loss while in our care. If you want insurance coverage for your personal belongings, you must provide it yourself.

Telephones

Your time at Three Peaks Ranch will be phone-free. Phones will be collected upon arrival at the ranch and stored in a secure location during the course. If you would like to confirm your arrival with family and friends, please do so when you arrive at the airport in Jackson or before you arrive by car, as you will not have another opportunity after arriving at the ranch. Cell reception and internet bandwidth is poor at the ranch due to our remote location. This time without cell phones enhances our ability to connect with each other and create community. A telephone is available at the ranch for students to use for emergencies.

Student Mail

You will be able to receive mail before and after your course; however, you will not receive mail while you are in the field. Inform your family and friends that letters and packages they send to you must include your course code (e.g. HOS 6/27/25). For example:

Your Name
Course Code
NOLS Three Peaks Ranch

534 Hwy 353
Boulder, Wyoming 82923

Briefing and Reentry

The first day of your course is busy! All phone calls, emails, and personal matters must be attended to before you are picked up in Jackson or reach Three Peaks Ranch. You will not have access to your phone and email access is difficult at the ranch.

On the final morning of your course, NOLS ranch staff will meet you at the trailhead—your course’s pickup location. Depending on your course, you may either de-issue gear, debrief with NOLS administrators, and have a final celebratory meal at the trailhead, or back at NOLS Three Peaks Ranch. Diplomas will be awarded the final afternoon of your course. Your course officially concludes when you are shuttled back to Jackson.

Personal Expenses

You are advised to bring enough cash to cover personal expenses encountered traveling to and from Jackson. Additional expenses may include lodging, meals, and miscellaneous purchases such as snacks, toiletries, etc. Lodging for any nights before or after the course and breakfast on the morning that the course begins are not included in your tuition; these costs should be considered as additional expenses.

We suggest you bring a minimum of \$200 to cover miscellaneous expenses during your time in Jackson and while traveling. If you choose to purchase equipment or apparel from NOLS at the end of their course, the cost will be added to your equipment bill for the course.

Contacting NOLS

With questions concerning course content or travel logistics, or to submit enrollment forms and tuition payment, you can reach us by logging onto www.nols.edu or calling 800-710-NOLS between 8:00am and 5:00pm MT, Monday through Friday.

The NOLS Three Peaks Ranch is located 5 miles east of Boulder, Wyoming. This facility hosts students and acts as our base of operations. These facilities are where

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course-related activities such as equipment outfitting will take place. The ranch phone number is (307)537-5236. We are most easily reached via email 3peaks@nols.edu.