

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR MILITARY DISCOUNT! ALL OF OUR TRIPS ARE 15-50% CHEAPER THAN ANY PRIVATE OUTFITTER! WE PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION WHICH SAVES YOU EVEN MORE.

ELIGIBLE USERS INCLUDE: Active duty and retired military, Reservists, NAF and DoD employees, USAFA Contractors and their immediate family members and up to five guests per card holder.

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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.

AIR FORCE



OUTDOOR RECREATION



CUSTOM ADVENTURES 2023-24

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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Outdoor Recreation Center Bldg. 5136
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special group arrangements

FOR ELIGIBLE USERS ONLY

While we try to offer a robust number and a variety of programs throughout the year, we are aware that you may want to try something a little out of the box, or that your schedule may not always line up with our regularly advertised activities. One of our defining characteristics that sets us apart from typical AF Outdoor Programming Offices is our ability to offer custom dates and activities year-round.

Our custom programming, or “Special Group Arrangements” (SGAs) as we refer to them in the office, cover the spectrum of outdoor adventure, from family or group BBQs at the reservoir boating and fishing, to helicopter skiing in Alaska, multi-day river rafting expeditions and everything in between. Typical examples include a private whitewater rafting trip during the week, or a customized backcountry ski trip, or even private laser tag programs and rock climbing trainings. Colorado is full of amazing opportunities in the outdoors, and we try make sure the bounds of your adventures are not limited.



Programs we can offer in-house

Our staff is among the highest certified and most experienced in all of DoD MWR, as well as the outdoor industry as a whole. On top of that, our equipment locker is robust, state-of-the-art and diverse. Basically, any river or mountain-based programs you want to experience including rafting, kayaking, rock and ice climbing, mountaineering, backcountry skiing, avalanche education, mountain biking, or peak bagging, we have staff who are trained and certified to lead it, and the gear you need. If you want classes on outdoor cooking, navigation, first aid/cpr, or photography, we can also give you a class taught by experienced instructors.



Setting up a custom program is easy

How to set up your custom program?

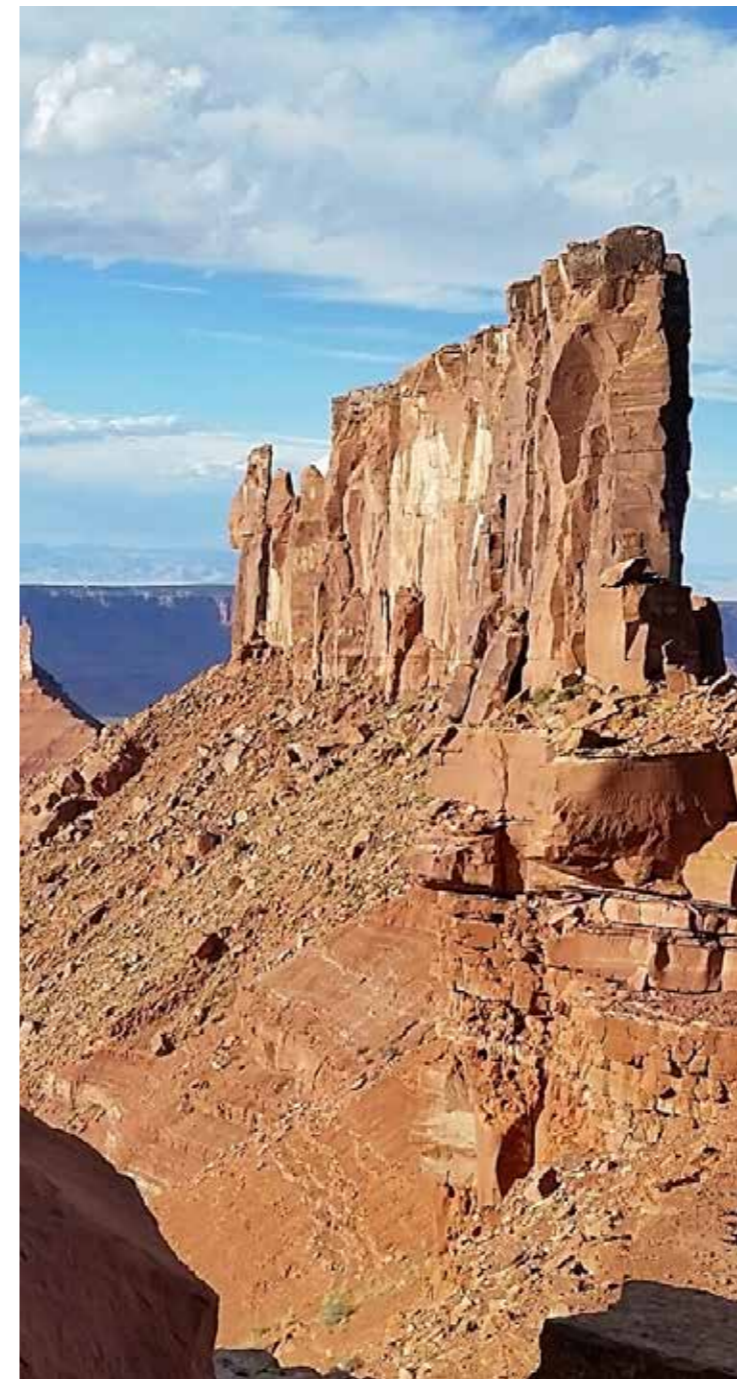
First, contact us with your idea, group size, and any special requirements for your custom trip. You can call our office directly at 719-333-2940, or email us at usafarfting@gmail.com.

Then, we try to find a date that works for you, and is available in our calendar. Keep in mind that the sooner you call to book a date, the better chance you have of us being able to accommodate that day. We get calls all winter long for summer custom rafting trips, and all summer long for our winter hut trips and ice climbing programs. Weekdays will always be a better bet for a custom trip as most of our regularly advertised programs run on weekends and our personnel/resources may already be stretched.

Once we decide on a date and confirm we have the resources to run your trip (staff, equipment, etc.), we then start talking about cost. This can vary depending on your trip, but generally, if we offer your trip as a regularly advertised program and you just want a different date for your group, we will honor the same pricing we would charge for that normally scheduled trip. Otherwise we try to find a price that covers our costs, and stays within your budget.

Ratios/minimums and associated costs

Please keep in mind that we maintain professional level ratios of guides/instructors to participants for risk management and program quality purposes. Therefore, all programs, custom or otherwise often have a required minimum and maximum participation count. For instance, a private rafting trip may need a minimum of 10 people in order to pay for 2 guides and have enough paddlers to effectively move the boat, etc. On the other side, a one person climbing or backcountry skiing trip is not uncommon but may however, incur a higher per person cost in order to cover our expenses to run the program. Generally, the more folks you have, the less the program will cost per person.



What if we can't do it?

While we are versatile and always happy to try new activities, sometimes we just may not have the staff or resources to make it happen for you. But not to worry! Being well connected in the outdoor industry, we have relationships with many organizations around the state, military or otherwise, that we can refer you to. We only refer folks to companies we know to offer high quality and professional level programs, and look for ways to get you discounts on pricing as well!

Custom programming is just as much fun for us as it is for you! We love to hear your ideas, and sometimes even turn your program into a regularly offered activity. So don't hesitate to call or email us with your wildest dreams of adventure and let us give you the life changing experience you are seeking!

