

Western National Roundup
Denver, Colorado



Congratulations on being chosen to represent your state at this year's Western National Roundup! More than 1000 delegates from throughout the United States and parts of Canada will join you in Denver.

Denver is a diverse city at the base of the Rocky Mountains. With eight different professional sports teams, ski resorts, the highest paved road in North America, and a vast array of museums, Denver has something to offer everyone.

Your schedule will include:

Party at Texas de Brazil

A choice of tourist attraction tours in the Denver area

Pin Swap with other delegates

A banquet with other delegates, special guests and speakers

Workshops with guest speakers

A dance with other delegates

Saturday night event activities

Speakers for Roundup are:

Brandon Lee White moves youth inside and out. He has spoken to thousands of youth through student conferences, school assemblies, leadership events, graduations, camps, and more. Brandon speaks on several relevant and important topics such as leadership, bullying, and connecting to your passion. His purpose is to move youth on the inside so that they move towards success on the outside.

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During Western National Roundup, you will have the opportunity to...

- Establish new friendships with fellow 4-H and FFA members and leaders.
- Participate in social and educational programs by being a participant, not a spectator.

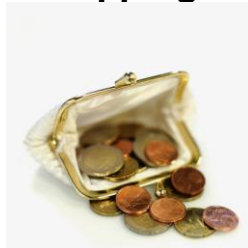
- Experience and develop greater personal growth.
- Continue to develop leadership and citizenship skills.
- Reach for new career ideas and cultural development in areas of business, agriculture, science, industry, education and the arts.
- Share personal experiences with others through things that have been meaningful to your growth and development.

HELPFUL HINTS



Your chaperones will give you a Western National Roundup nametag upon arrival. It is used to identify you as a member of our group. You must wear it at all times to be admitted to all Western National Roundup events and workshops. If you don't have it with you, you will be asked to go back to your room to get it. Nametags not only help us to know who you are, but also keep out those who don't belong. We ask that you have a positive, cooperative attitude about wearing it. If you collect pins and stickers, **please do not put them on the nametag covering your name.**

Tipping



Tipping is traditional when dealing with those who help make your travel experience more enjoyable. It is your way of saying "thank you" for the service provided. You should tip waiters, bell staff, and doormen if they summon a taxi for you, and your taxi/limo driver.

Suggested amounts are as follows:

Waiters/Waitresses 20% of the total bill.

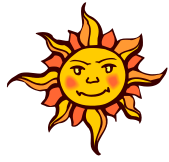
Bell Staff at least \$1.00 per bag

Room Attendants (Maids) \$2 per day or what you feel appropriate

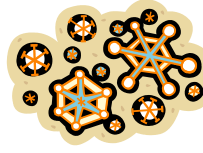
Doorman Minimum of \$1-\$2 if he hails a cab for you

Taxi Driver Varies according to the length of the trip but usually \$1-\$2 is sufficient

Skycap \$1.00 per bag



Denver Weather



The biggest surprise for visitors to Denver is the climate. An important thing to remember is that Denver and the mountains do not have the same weather. Denver is around 5280' in elevation while Leadville is around 10,000' and the ski resorts are even higher. In the winter, there may be massive snow storms going on in the mountains and ski resorts, while Denver is dry as a bone. It's normal for locals wake up to more than 300 days of sunshine a year. That's more annual hours of sun than Miami and San Diego.

In January, expect it to be a mild climate with the ability to get chilly in the evenings. Pack with layers in mind. A heavy coat is a good idea in case of a snow storm or during your visit to National Western Stock Show.

Average temperatures for January are lows of 15°F and highs of 43°F.

Luggage and Packing

Be sure every piece of luggage has your name and state on it in two places. It must be accurate and easy to read. Pack as economically as possible. Bring clothes that mix and match well. Your state will tell you if there is a limit to the number of bags that you can bring.



Never leave your suitcase unattended. Bags have a way of walking away when not attended. Keep your valuables with you at all times; do not pack them in your suitcase. **PACK ONLY WHAT YOU CAN CARRY OR ROLL!**

Check with your airline for luggage fee, size and weight limitations for your luggage. If your luggage is oversized you will have an additional charge for checking it.

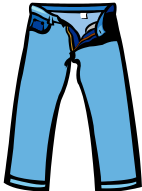
Appropriate Dress

Knowing what to wear is always a challenge. A good "rule of thumb" is to wear what you would be pleased to be seen in, fits your personality, and reflects well on you and the organization you represent. Hats are not to be worn at meals. Please be prepared for varying degrees of Colorado winter weather. Plan to bring a heavy jacket to wear while at the National Western Stock Show, the Ski Tour, or for any outdoor walking.



- Dress-up/Formal to Semi-formal:
 - Business attire, dresses, skirts, suits, tie and jackets
 - Opening Banquet
 - Recognition breakfasts and closing programs
- Casual to Professional Casual:
 - Nice shirt, slacks or jeans, sweaters, etc.
 - Dances
 - Contests
 - Workshops
 - Tours
 - Evening activities

To help you, here are four categories of clothing.

Casual	Professional Casual	Semi-Formal	Dress-up/Formal
For guys Jeans, khakis, t-shirts, tennis shoes. Does not include cut-offs or worn jeans with holes or ragged edges.	Slacks (creased jeans and khakis are appropriate), shirts without ties, dress shoes, boots, no athletic/ tennis shoes.	Dress slacks with a shirt and tie, jacket or sweater, leather shoes, boots.	Slacks with a jacket, shirt, tie, leather shoes or boots
For girls Same as for guys. 	Skirts or slacks with an appropriate blouse or shirt. Dress denim (denim skirts and pressed creased jeans) and khakis are appropriate. No athletic/ tennis shoes.	Dresses, suits with skirts or dress slacks, blouses, leather shoes.	Dresses from knee to floor length or pants suits appropriate for a prom or similar dress up activity. This could include a dressy outfit worn to an event at your church, synagogue, or mosque.

Additional Appearance Guidelines for Western National Roundup Events

- General appearance should be neat and clean.
- A state delegation coordinator and/ or the Western National Roundup Design Team may ask any individual to modify their clothing selection if standards of decency in appearance are not met.
- Hats and caps should not be worn during any Western National Roundup activities when inside buildings. This applies to both girls and guys.
- **Pajamas, sleepwear or outfits with visible undergarments are not appropriate dress for any Roundup activity or outside sleeping rooms.**
- Dress and appearance should not present health or safety hazards or cause disruption.
- Bare feet are not appropriate for any Western National Roundup activity. Conventional shoes or sandals are required.

Items not appropriate:

- Tube tops, halter tops, one-shoulder tops, strapless tops, casual tops with spaghetti straps, dresses/ tops/ pants/ skirts that expose midriff, navel, back or cleavage. (Western National Roundup clothing must conform to Dress Code.) However, see special note on semi-formal wear for the Western National Roundup Banquet.
- See-through or muscle shirts.
- Clothing that advertises alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or drugs.
- Clothing that has vulgar, obscene or offensive messages or images.
- Cut-offs, ripped jeans or other clothing with holes.

Continental Breakfast



For Friday and Saturday morning that you are at Western National Roundup, a continental breakfast will be served. It will include such things as cereal, doughnuts, fruit, juice, and milk. This is designed to be a light meal. If you want to start the day with a larger, hot breakfast plan time to visit one of the restaurants across the highway from the hotel.

Pin Exchange Party



One of the highlights of Western National Roundup is the pin exchange. Delegates bring pins and stickers from their home states to exchange with those from around the country. It is a great way to make new friends and go home with a souvenir from a variety of states. You may want to bring a scarf or item on which to collect pins. If you place pins on your nametag, be sure they do not cover your name. The pin exchange party will be on Friday night with normally 550-800 people attending so plan accordingly.

Curfew



Times for state meetings and curfews will be listed in your official Western National Roundup program. If you are out of your room after that curfew, you must have an adult with you. Hotel security helps enforce curfews.



Appropriate Conduct

We must be considerate of other guests in the hotel during Western National Roundup. Noise in the halls and rooms **must** be kept at a minimum. Please limit talking to quiet conversational levels. Other guests may be trying to sleep. This is especially critical as you go back to your rooms each evening after your state meeting. Groups that make too much noise will be asked to locate another hotel and move to it.

Running in the halls is prohibited.

Riding the elevator excessively will not be permitted.

Girls and guys may not visit in lodging rooms. Visiting must be done in lobbies and other common gathering areas. Texting and cell phones should not be used during any workshop or main session. Remember that all delegates have signed a code of conduct that must be followed.



Hotel Room Hints

Housekeeping cannot move your personal items off the bed or floor. If items are thrown around the room, it will not be cleaned.

Leave dirty towels in the bathtub or on the bathroom floor.
The bottled water found in your hotel room is not complimentary. Do not use it unless you expect to pay for it. The same applies for in-room movies.
Do NOT use the fire sprinklers for hanging items.

Western National Roundup Photos

There will be photographs on the event posted on the Western National Roundup website. Please visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/westernnationalroundup> to see these pictures.

Expressions of Appreciation

4-Her's and FFA members are well-known for the excellent way in which they express appreciation to all who help make Roundup happen. The list includes donors, presenters, volunteers, parents, and Extension administrators. While you are at Western National Roundup, you will receive a list of donors and supporters to whom you need to send a thank you. Please be prompt in sending these notes. The person to whom you are writing should receive it before the end of the year. Remember to thank your local Extension staff and parents for the support and encouragement that they have given you. While in the hotel, please remember to let those who serve you know that you appreciate their hard work.

Spending Money

Your meals that are included in your registration cost vary on depending on the package that is purchased. Please see below to see which meals you will need to purchase on your own. Those delegates going to the National Western Stock Show on Saturday should plan on purchasing their lunch at the NWSS grounds. Please plan on buying the meals that are not included in your registration package.

Package A: Friday, Saturday and Sunday breakfasts; Friday dinner (banquet), 1 delegate/contestant lunch. (Used either Friday lunch or Saturday dinner depending on when your contest is.)

Package B: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday breakfasts; Friday dinner, Saturday dinner

Package C: Sunday breakfast

Package D: Sunday breakfast, Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner

In addition, you will want to bring money for the following: snacks, souvenirs, the Event Store, National Western Stock Show, shopping and tips. You will need money for meals while you are traveling and three lunches. It is recommended that you bring a minimum of \$125.

Western National Roundup Tour Choices:

(please fill out choice on registration form)

Uncover the Secrets of Rocky Mountain National Park: (8 hours)

Discover **Rocky Mountain National Park**. Travel part of Trail Ridge Road, the highest continuous paved highway in America. Experience multiple life zones as you explore different elevations in the park. Learn about the history, geology, wildlife and plant life in the park. "Meet" the locals: elk, mule deer, big horn sheep, coyote, fox, pikas and marmots. Be amazed at nature's handiwork: Deep gorges, glacial lakes, open valleys and towering mountains. We'll make lots of stops to explore and take photos. Free time in the village of Estes Park. **[Lunch included.]**

Full Day Price per person: \$60PP

Colorado Springs & Pike's Peak: It's Peak Perfection: (8 Hours)

Nestled at the foot of Pike's Peak, the city of Colorado Springs offers some of the most spectacular scenery in the Rocky Mountain region. Get acquainted with the city as we tour around today. Visit the **Garden of the Gods**, a 1300 acre city park with spectacular red rock sandstone formations. Can you find the Scotsman? The Kissing Camels? The Cathedral Spires? **Lunch included at the Garden of the Gods Visitor Center**. Visit the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame. Tour the **US Olympic Training Center**. See the state of the art facilities; learn what life is like for the over 8,000 dedicated athletes who train here each year. No visit to the Springs is complete without a driving **tour of the Air Force Academy grounds**. *Catch the Spirit of the Springs!*

Price per person: \$60PP

SKIERS & BOARDERS AT LOVELAND SKI AREA

Enjoy a full day pass for skiing or snowboarding at one of Colorado's best known and best loved ski areas. [Lunch Included]

Price per person: \$90 PP

For ski equipment rental: Add \$20pp to package price

For snowboard equipment rental: Add \$25pp to package price

Lesson prices-to be determined

GEORGETOWN

See the Loveland Ski area as we drop off the skiers/boarders for their day on the slopes. Continue on to Georgetown, Colorado for a day of exploring on your own. Your guide will provide local stories, lore and legends en route. Nicknamed "The Silver Queen of the Rockies," Georgetown has over 200 original buildings still standing. The bordellos and bars of yesterday are today's unique shops and eateries. Admission to **two** museums is included: Hamil House **and** Hotel de Paris. **[Lunch Included.]**

Price per person: \$80 PP

TEXAS de BRAZIL

Thursday night Activity (5 Hours)

Join us for an evening of unique food and fun at Texas de Brazil.

Price per person: \$79PP

Includes transportation/driver to/from hotel

Includes driver gratuity

Does not include Centennial guide

Does not include any activities, only meal

Price per person: \$59PP

Does not include transportation to/from hotel

Flag Ceremony and State Delegation's Responsibility:



Each state will need to delegate one youth participant to carry their state flag in the opening and closing ceremonies. At Conference registration, please notify the conference staff of that person's name. Flag bearers will need to meet at the registration area on Thursday, at 5:30 p.m. for flag practice.

Denver Touring and Shopping:

States wishing to visit Denver and the surrounding area on their own should arrange this prior to Thursday, or after the closing activities, Sunday. You may also check the Denver Visitors Guide for more information, www.denver.org.

National Western Stock Show:

All Roundup participants will receive a National Western Stock Show pass. Livestock and Horse Judging contestants will receive a NWSS badge. Other delegates will be issued a one day pass. This will allow entrance into the NWSS and all participants are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will also be a NWSS booth at Western National Roundup with more information.

For delegates not in judging competitions will be able to take the NWSS shuttle leaving and returning to the hotel. It is a good safety precaution to travel in groups, tell your chaperone where you are going, and to note the location of bus drop off/pick up.

Please be considerate of the animals and owners at NWSS. A good rule of thumb is to ask before you pet an animal, do not run, do not yell, and watch where you are walking.

Safety Precautions

Recent events have caused all of us to be more concerned about our personal safety. The National 4-H Western Roundup staff goes to extraordinary means to ensure adequate plans are made for the safety of delegates. The following suggestions have been developed with help from local police and security at Western National Roundup venues:



Street Safety

As in any big city you will encounter a number of panhandlers. They can be aggressive in asking you for money. Be courteous but unless you have unlimited resources you will be unable to give each of them a donation. It is suggested that you politely **turn down** their requests. Do not allow strangers to handle your luggage. Pack only what you can carry.

Delegates are only allowed to leave the hotel in groups of four or more. Adult chaperones must be made aware of when you leave, where you are going and when you plan to return. If you have a cell phone, give the adult chaperone your number or that of a member of your group.



Hotel Safety

Doors to sleeping rooms must be locked at all times. Doors that are propped make an easy target for thieves and other criminals. Even for short trips to adjoining rooms or to the closest ice machine, delegates must lock doors securely. Valuables must never be left in open view in your room. Each room has a safe for use. The hotel does have limited safety deposit boxes that can be secured at the front desk.



Airport Security

Many delegates will be flying into Denver. Airport check-in is changing daily. Pack everything possible into the luggage that you will check at the airport. Bags that you attempt to carry on will be scrutinized thoroughly. Items that have sharp points will be confiscated by airport security. This includes things as small as tweezers, nail clippers, and pocket knives. Do not embarrass yourself or your delegation by attempting to bring those with you through airport security.

Any metal objects that you wear will slow the process down. You may want to put things such as big metal belt buckles in the suitcase that you check. Your positive, helpful attitude will make a tremendous impression on those you encounter and will make the job of security officers easier.

Be sure to keep your photo identification in a secure place as it is necessary for flight

identification. Do not allow strangers to handle your luggage. Remember- pack only what you can carry.

Please go to <http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/prohibited/permitted-prohibited-items.shtm> to see the latest airport regulations for luggage and carry-on items.



Health Considerations

The following guidelines have been issued by the Center for Disease Control.

Individuals who currently have or have had the flu or flu-like symptoms in the 7 days prior to the event should not attend Western National Roundup unless they have been fever-free (under 100oF) for over 24 hours.

To avoid potential contamination, delegates and chaperones are encouraged to wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizers on a regular basis. Coughs and sneezes should be directed into a tissue, handkerchief, or the crook of your arm.

Emergencies

Emergencies come in a variety of severities with specific responses for each.

Minor emergencies

Locate your state coordinator immediately.

Ask their help in coming up with the best solution.

Major emergencies

Use the closest phone to call for help.

In the hotel dial 55 or 0, outside the hotel dial 911

Call your state coordinator or ask someone to call for you.



2012 marks the 93rd Western National Roundup Event. It is an opportunity for the Cooperative Extension System to recognize our nation's brightest and best young people. The program is designed to help you continue your development as the leaders of the next millennium. We hope that the skills and knowledge gained during your experience in Denver will empower you to return to your community and "Make the Best Better."

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