



All Aboard!

Rocky Mountain Cy IV

November 11 - 15, 2010

Iowa State Cyclones vs. Colorado Buffaloes

Once again, the Cyclone Gridiron Club is sponsoring a trip to the ISU-Colorado football game and we're riding the rails aboard Amtrak's California Zephyr. Join fellow ISU football fans for a fabulous trip to Denver and Boulder, Colorado for the game 11/13/2010. Sign up below!

Deadline for registration is September 1, 2010.



CGC Colorado Train Trip 2010 Registration Form

Passenger #1 (Check One Only)

- \$410/person hotel double occupancy \$355/person triple occupancy \$535/person single occupancy
 \$385/person hotel double occupancy (62 or older) \$330/person triple occupancy (62 or older)
\$510/person single occupancy (62 or older)
 \$165/person (Child 15 or younger w/adult) \$230/person (Child 18 or younger w/adult)
(Please print as shown on your government-issued ID):

First: _____ Middle _____ Last: _____ Birthdate: ___/___/___

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Passenger #2 (Check One Only)

- \$410/person hotel double occupancy \$355/person triple occupancy \$535/person single occupancy
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Passenger #3 (Check One Only)

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Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ (Continue next page)

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Total from *Registration Page 1*: \$ _____

Add \$228 for an Amtrak Roomette (See 1 Below): \$ _____

Add \$150 (regardless of occupancy type) for Brown Palace accommodations (limited availability,
first come-first served): \$ _____

Add \$50/person for each non-CGC member: \$ _____

One year **tax-deductible** CGC Family (spouse & dependent children) membership (\$100): \$ _____
--or--

Add \$25/per person late registration (after September 1st): \$ _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

(1) Note that the number of Amtrak roomettes is limited and will be filled on a first come basis. Please include a separate check for the \$228. You will be notified if you **do not** get a roomette and your check will be returned to you.

Please mail with a check made to "Cyclone Gridiron Club": to:

Rocky Mountain Cy IV
c/o Mike Lacey
4825 NE 140th Ave
Elkhart, IA 50073-9137

Included in the Trip:

- Roundtrip reserved coach seat on the train, Osceola-Denver.
- Luggage transfers between Denver Union Station and the hotel.
- 2 nights in the hotel, including hot breakfast buffet Saturday and Sunday.
- Roundtrip bus transportation to Boulder.
- Game ticket.

Note:

- The schedule for Amtrak (particularly eastbound on the way home) is very unreliable. A number of factors out of our control can impact the timing of our travels.
- Questions? Check out the information below or contact Mike Lacey at mfacey@hughes.net / 515-367-3083 or Jay Chapman at jay@cyclonegridironclub.com / 515-480-4638.



Cyclone Gridiron Club Rocky Mountain Cy IV – FAQs

How and When Do I Reserve a Place?

Reservations must be made by September 1, but the sooner the better. Availability is limited.

We need payment in full at the time reservations are made. Make your check or money order payable to: **Cyclone Gridiron Club** and send it **Rocky Mountain Cy IV c/o Mike Lacey 4825 NE 140th Ave Elkhart, IA 50073-9137**. Include the name and mailing address of each member of your party, as well as the birth date if you qualify for a junior or senior rate.

You will get a full refund if you cancel before July 1. Between July 1 and Aug. 15, cancellation will incur a 10% penalty. Cancellation between Aug. 15 and Sept. 15 will incur a 50% penalty. After that, any refund would be dependent upon what the club could negotiate with the various service providers that required pre-payment.

What Are the Accommodations?

You will have a reserved seat in the coach of the train. These are similar to bus or airline seats, only larger with more legroom and able to recline much closer to horizontal. Restrooms are similar to those in airliners, only larger. You are free to walk around the train and use the lounge, observation and dining cars. Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the train.

Each hotel room has two double beds, although upon request, a room with one queen-sized bed may be substituted. For three in a room, a rollaway bed would be included upon request.

The Comfort Inn Downtown is where we stayed before and it is linked by a sky bridge to the Brown Palace Hotel. The Brown Palace shares the facilities with the Comfort Inn and is one of the most famous buildings in Denver.

Can We Get a Bedroom on the Train?

Yes, as long as they're available. We have reserved several roomettes, which will add \$228 per roomette to the cost. These are private compartments with facing seats the porter converts to upper and lower berths for the night. They are small. The bathroom is down the hall. A shower is on the lower level of the sleeping car.

At roughly twice the price of a roomette, Amtrak also offers a slightly larger 2-person bedroom with private toilet, or a family bedroom that sleeps 2 adults and 2 children. If you prefer one of those, let the club know as soon as possible so we can check price and availability.

If you have sleeping accommodations you will not have a seat reserved in the coach, but you can still socialize with your fellow fans in the observation or lounge cars. A bonus: Meals in the dining car are free (except alcohol and gratuity) for passengers with sleeping accommodations.

Must We Leave from Osceola?

No. You can board the Zephyr West of Osceola at any of its stops. If you want to board East of Osceola, it can be arranged for a relatively small additional charge, for example \$25 per person from Mt. Pleasant or \$50 from Burlington.

How Reliable is the Schedule?

Not very. That's why we are leaving Thursday and returning Monday instead of Friday and/or Sunday. In 2004, the train was on time leaving both Osceola and Denver. In 2006, it was 1 hour late leaving Osceola Westbound, gained time, and then hit a deer necessitating mechanical repair, arriving Denver 1 hour late. It left Denver Eastbound 7 hours late at 3 a.m. Monday. In 2008, it was on time leaving Osceola Westbound and 2 hours late, leaving Denver Eastbound at 10 p.m. Think of it as an adventure!

What Will We Do With All That Free Time in Denver? The Comfort Inn Downtown is in the LoDo (Lower Downtown) area, which centers on several blocks of 16th Street that is for pedestrian traffic only, except for free shuttle trams that run every few minutes. The area is home to many cafes, shops, bars, bookstores, movie theaters and other attractions.

On past trips, some people have rented a car and driven to Rocky Mountain National Park or other area destinations. Depending upon the weather, you might be able to arrange golf or a half-day of skiing (you would have to rent equipment, as Amtrak has no provision for checking golf clubs or ski gear). Denver has plenty of attractions, including professional football, basketball and hockey teams, although they haven't announced their schedules yet.

What's the Deal on the Train with Luggage, Coolers, Beverages, etc.?

Amtrak does not check baggage at Osceola, but there are racks for suitcases on the lower level of the cars. These can be accessed during the trip, but as the area is not secure, it's a good idea to keep your valuables with you.

You can take coolers, food and beverages onto the train, within reason. Obviously, something that's going to block the aisles or otherwise cause problems would not be permitted.

Meals are served in the Dining Car at appropriate hours at prices comparable to a semi-nice restaurant (think Red Robin or Applebee's). Snacks, beverages, microwave pizza and sandwiches are sold in the lounge car, which is open at various periods during the trip but not at all times.

How Do I Get Between Union Station and the Hotel?

When we arrive in Denver, a small moving van will collect the luggage at the train station and take it to the hotel. Passengers can take a cab to the hotel, which is a short and inexpensive trip, but most prefer to take the tram. It runs every 6 minutes at that time of day. It's free. You get on it across the street from the train station and get off a block from the hotel. It takes you the length of the 16th Street Mall, giving you a good idea of the lay of the land.

The moving van will be back at the hotel Sunday to load up the luggage after you check out of your room and take it to the railroad station. It will remain there, locked, so we can spend the afternoon unencumbered by suitcases.

What Are the Check-in and Check-out Times at the Hotel?

The hotel policy is check-in at 4 p.m. Friday and check-out at noon Sunday, but they will work with us as much as possible, depending upon how full they are.

If you want a late check-out, it probably will be no problem.

An early check-in depends upon how many rooms are occupied the night before we arrive. In 2004, we were given rooms as soon as they were cleaned in the afternoon. In 2006 and 2008, all the rooms were ready for us when we arrived at 8:30 or so Friday morning, which was really a pleasant surprise.

If a room isn't ready for you when we arrive and you want to leave the hotel to have breakfast, sightsee or something, secure storage is available for your luggage.

Still Have Questions?

You can contact Mike Lacey at mflacey@hughes.net / 515-367-3083 or Mike Deupree at mdeup@earthlink.net / (319) 541-9028 or Jay Chapman at jay@cyclonegridironclub.com / 515-480-4638. These web sites are a great resource, as well:

www.amtrak.com has all the information you might want about the train.

www.denvercomfortinn.com has information about the hotel.

www.lodo.org has information about the area where we'll be staying.

