

T H E M I L E H I G H C I T Y
DENVER

DENVER METRO CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

STUDENT & YOUTH SAMPLE ITINERARY WITH PERFORMANCE OPTIONS

DAY 1-Discover Denver at a Mile High

Afternoon: Located in City Park and only minutes from downtown Denver, visit the **Denver Museum of Nature & Science** or the **Denver Zoo**. The Denver Museum of Nature & Science is the fifth largest of its kind and houses an **IMAX** theater and the **Gates Planetarium**. The Denver Zoo is home to more than 4,000 animals and is open year-round.

www.dmns.org or www.denverzoo.org

Evening: Watch a **Colorado Rockies** game at **Coors Field (performance opportunity)**.

www.coloradorockies.com

DAY 2-Best in Show

9 a.m.: Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the **Denver Performing Arts Complex (DPAC)**, the second largest performing arts complex in the country, featuring 10 performance venues seating more than 10,000 people for opera, symphony, ballet, Tony Award-winning theatre and touring Broadway shows. Student matinees often available. www.denvercenter.org

11 a.m.: Walk to the **Denver Pavilions (performance opportunity)**, downtown Denver's outdoor entertainment and shopping destination located on the 16th Street Mall. Hard Rock Café and Lucky Strike have plenty of space for your group to have lunch.

www.denverpavilions.com

2 p.m.: Just a few blocks away is **Civic Center Park**. In the middle, this park is surrounded by many of Denver's great attractions including the **Denver Art Museum**, **State Capitol (performance opportunity)**, the **US Mint**, **Colorado History Museum** and the **Denver Public Library**. Each of these attractions has something unique to offer groups.

Evening: Visit Colorado's only year-round professional dinner theater in South Denver, **Country Dinner Playhouse**, (theater in the round) offers live Broadway musicals and a generous buffet. Before or after the show, groups can experience a backstage tour or even meet an all-star cast member for no additional charge.

www.countrydinnerplayhouse.com

DAY 3-Where the West is Fun

9 a.m.: Journey to **Dinosaur Ridge**, a scenic mountain ridge where the world's first large dinosaur bones were discovered. Many different group opportunities are available. www.dinoridge.org

11 a.m.: Through the Tesoro Foundation, daytime educational tours of **The Fort** are offered for groups of 20 or more. The Fort is a replica of Bent's Fort, an 1830s famous Santa Fe Trail fur trading fort near La Junta, Co. Lunch may be added, featuring old west cuisine like Washtunkula Stew (historical buffalo stew with fire roasted corn and sunflower seeds) or buffalo burgers.

www.thefort.com

1 p.m.: **Red Rocks Amphitheatre (performance opportunity)** is a world renowned, one-of-a-kind natural wonder located in the foothills, just 15 miles west of Denver. Guided tours include a special "Backstage Pass" where your group can sing or play an instrument on stage, as well as a tour of the Visitor Center. Experience exceptional Western food with an optional lunch at Ship Rock Grill and then take a guided tour.

www.redrocksonline.com

3 p.m.: **Buffalo Bill Grave & Museum's** exhibits include memorabilia from Buffalo Bill's life and Wild West shows, Indian artifacts, antique firearms and other Old West artifacts. Groups can take part in "Buffalo Burgers & Buffalo Chips"- This package includes a buffalo burger lunch, buffalo chip throwing contest, a hike up to Buffalo Bill's Grave and then a tour through the Museum.

www.buffalobill.org

Evening: A great place for groups is **Casa Bonita**, Denver's exciting entertainment restaurant. Mexican and American food, delicious Casaritas, strolling mariachis and cliff divers in a Mexican village atmosphere!

www.casabonitadenver.com

DAY 4- (OPTIONAL) It's Playtime

10 a.m.: A perfect last day event is visiting **Six Flags Elitch Gardens (performance opportunity)**, one of the nation's only downtown amusement park. Groups can enjoy two parks in one including the Island Kingdom Water Park for one admission price