Ascendigo Summer Adventures

2022 FAQs:

- COVID Policies are subject to change based on CDC and American Camp Association recommendations. Current policies can be found HERE.
- Weekly Cap? Participants who have never attended Ascendigo Programs, are capped at 1 week during their first summer. Returning families do not have a cap on the number of weeks the participant may attend, however, we ask that families be mindful that our demand for services far exceeds our current capacity.
- Why camp still reduced in size?: We have been severely impacted by the lingering impacts of COVID-19. Namely, staff and vehicle shortages, as well as changes to licensing regulations around Children's Youth Residential Camps in the state of Colorado.

General FAQs:

- What makes Ascendigo Unique? Ascendigo doesn't utilize a singular therapy style, rather we train staff in a blend of different techniques that we call The Ascendigo Way. This method is person centered and naturalistic and it combines techniques from Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), Therapeutic Recreation (TR), Professional Sports Instruction, and a variety of other fields. Most of all, our staff are trained to have fun and tailor each experience to the individual and their needs.
- What ages to you accept: we accept ages 7 & older. Per licensing requirements, children and adults will be in separate groups.
- **Do you only accept ASD?:** No, Ascendigo accepts individuals with a variety of differences (ex: Down Syndrome, ADHD, IDD) & and we do not require a diagnosis. If you have concerns about whether your participant will be a good fit, give us a call.
- **Behavior Restrictions?** To date we have never turned away a participant due to behavioral challenges. Our highly skilled team is experienced in coaching individuals of all abilities, however, Ascendigo does reserve the right to refuse attendance or require the family to pay for additional staff and/or resources to ensure a safe experience. If you are concerned about a participant's behavioral challenges, give us a call to discuss.
- **Health Restrictions?** Our program has a Nurse Health Consultant but does **not** employ and M.D. or D.O. If you have concerns about your participants needs, please give us a

call at 970-927-3143. Ascendigo reserves the right to deny services if we cannot provide an adequate level of health or behavior support.

- **Does my child need previous sport experience?** No, our programs are autism friendly and fostered to instruct at the participants skill set. We welcome beginners and advanced athletes.
- I need registration help: see a step-by-step registration guide HERE. Our staff are also standing by to assist M-F 9am-5pm.
- Do you offer financial aid?: Yes, Ascendigo offers a scholarship program thanks to the support of our generous donors. You may reserve a spot at camp by paying only 10% of the tuition fee (contact <u>ibustamante@ascendigo.org</u> for a coupon). Then, families are required to apply for a scholarship HERE, which will be awarded by an independent committee. Scholarships typically are not awarded for more than 1 week of attendance.