



Old Antarctic Explorers Association

**2024 Reunion
August 7-11
Colorado Springs, CO**



The hotel and reservation phone number:

**7290 Commerce Center Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80919
(719) 599-9100**

Welcome to the 2024 reunion of the Old Antarctic Explorers Association! Please join us in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where you can connect with both old friends and new! Just off I-25, the hotel is three miles from the United States Air Force Academy and the University of Colorado. Pikes Peak Highway is 20 miles away and many of our rooms have views of the Rocky Mountain range. This hotel offers everything you need for a great experience, from design-inspired guest rooms to onsite parking. Our casual restaurant, **14ers**, serves fresh Colorado favorites, gluten-free dishes, and sharing plates. We have a 24-hour snack shop in the lobby and room service. Stay active at our heated indoor pool or work out in the fitness center.



Be sure to call the hotel directly and ask for Veronica in Sales or call her directly at (719) 955-6826 for your reservations. Tell her you are with the **OAEA Reunion** group to get the **discounted rate of \$154 plus tax** (breakfast is included). **Parking is free.** Please inform the hotel if you need a handicapped accessible room. Hotel Reservations must be made prior to **July 7, 2024**, to guarantee space and rates. Reservations made after this date will be on a space available basis and the discounted rate will not be guaranteed. We look forward to seeing you!

Airport Transportation: The hotel does not offer shuttle service from/to the airport. However, taxis, Lyft and Uber are convenient ways to get to the hotel.

IMPORTANT NOTE

We ask for your own safety that someone accompanies you on your trip or that you ensure your family is aware of your traveling plans. Please provide us with the name and phone number of someone not attending to be contacted in case of emergency. Thank you.

Cancellation Refund Policy: If there are any extenuating circumstances, such as COVID-19 outbreaks or travel bans, complete refunds will be made to anyone registered for the reunion. If a tour must be cancelled but the reunion goes on the tour will be refunded.

All tours must achieve a minimum (30) number in order to complete the tour. We need all attendees to understand that the cutoff date of **July 7, 2024**, is primarily for the hotel and to guarantee the minimum number for tours. **IT IS NOT A CUT OFF DATE THAT MEANS YOU CAN NO LONGER SIGN UP FOR THE REUNION.** Please be aware that if you decide on-site that you want to take a tour, it will be based on space available on the coach. **Note: Registration for tours will not be accepted after July 25, 2024.**

You can register for the reunion now. Just print and complete the registration form on page 6 and mail it with your **check** in accordance with the instructions on the form.

[Note: as a savings to you, we do not accept credit cards.]

***Remember, Colorado Springs is over 6000 feet in altitude.
Drink a lot of water to avoid headaches and altitude sickness.
If you think you already drink water, double the amount.***



Agenda

All tours include transportation, guide (when applicable) and entrance fees. Meals are included only if indicated. Tours will board approximately 15 minutes prior to the departure times listed here. Check signs available at the registration desk in case of changes.

<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, August 7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Check in!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hospitality Room Opens</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pizza Party!</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, August 8</p> <div style="display: flex;">   </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Board Meeting for Board Members</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tour #1 – Air Force Academy/Garden of the Gods \$82 (includes transportation, guide, and lunch)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. This drive through the USAFA will show the magnificent facility where so many young people receive the finest of educations and become officers for both the Air Force and newly formed Space Force. Then on to the Garden of the Gods with lunch at the historic Trading Post. Garden of the Gods Park is a registered National Landmark with dramatic views including 300' towering sandstone rock formations against a backdrop of Pikes Peak. The view of Pikes Peak from the Gateway Rocks is one of the most photographed sites in the country. The park is rated as one of the top 10 visited natural attractions in the United States.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, August 8</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tour #2 – Flying W Ranch - \$110 <i>(includes transportation, admission/dinner/show)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. An 'Old West' dinner at the historic Flying W Ranch. This facility was completely wiped out by wild fire a few years ago and has been re-built and opened again last year. A fantastic time for all with things to see and do as well as the dinner and entertainment by the 2nd oldest western band in the country.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, August 9 (choice #1)</p> <div style="display: flex;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>(Important: Because of the altitude at the summit - 14,115 ft – we recommend that you not choose this trip if you have any heart or breathing issues. They do have medics at the summit, but we prefer not bringing you back in an ambulance.)</p> </div> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tour #3 – Pike's Peak – America's Mountain - \$110 <i>(includes transportation, Cog tickets)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Kathryn Lee Bates wrote the words to America the Beautiful following her trip to the top of the mountain (in a horse and buggy). You'll enjoy modern transport to visit the beautiful new Summit House complete with gift shop and eating area. You must try the "high altitude donuts". Upon returning from the mountain, spend some time in Old Colorado City shopping at the unique shops and having lunch on your own at any of the numerous eating establishments.</p>

Friday, August 9 (choice #2)



Tour #4 – United States Olympic/Paralympic Museum \$60 (includes transportation, admission)

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. This museum opened in 2021 and has been rated as the best interactive museum in the country, It is well worth the visit There are often Olympians there so visitors can meet and talk with them – both those currently in training and some former medal winners can be seen here. This plus the Olympic Training Center has given Colorado Springs the title of Olympic City, USA. This visit will be followed by time in **Old Colorado City** just as in Tour #3. Rest of the afternoon and evening on your own.

Saturday, August 10



Tour #5 – National Museum of World War II \$119 (includes transportation, admission & buffet lunch)

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Opened to the public in 2012 this museum documents the role that military aviation played in the emergence of our nation as a world power during WWII. Through a combination of its aircraft collection, exhibits, interactive displays and docent led tours, the museum tells the story of our nation's tremendous technological advancements during the War and describes the lasting social and economic changes that were essential to the success of the Allied war effort. The museum is on an active airfield and the visit includes tours of its workshops and aircraft restoration facility.

Italian Buffet – Chicken Alfredo, Baked Spaghetti with garlic bread, vegetable tray, choice of soda, tea or coffee

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Airplane Restaurant

Saturday, August 10

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. General Assembly (to include Memorial Service, Pledge of Allegiance, Guest Speaker)

Saturday, April 10

5:30 p.m. Pictures

Note: The onsite coordinator from ACR is a professional photographer and will have an area set up for group shots – large group, small groups, couples – whatever you want. She does not charge your group or ACR anything to be onsite and manage the entire reunion. Nor does she require a minimum amount. She makes her money for this event by the pictures sold. You order whatever you want, they are printed during the week and can be picked up and taken with you as you leave. The large group shot is \$20 for an 8 X 10, others are less. (She does many of the pictures for the Air Force Academy, schools and special events in the Colorado Springs & Denver area)

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Banquet – \$50

London Broil with Mushroom Sauce
Grilled Chicken Breast with Chardonnay Cream Sauce
Honey Garlic Salmon
Served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Squash & Zucchini, House Salad / Assorted Warm Rolls/Butter
Fruit Cobbler with Fresh Whipped Cream
Iced Tea, Coffee, Water

Sunday, April 14

Check-out

Due July 7, 2024

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Registration
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This name will be used on your Name Badge, please print clearly:

First Name:	Last Name:
Spouse:	Guest(s)
Address:	City:
State / Zip	E-Mail:
Phone:	Cell Phone:
Years Served: 19 _____ - 19 _____	Rank/Rate:

Number of Persons X Cost per person = Total Cost

Aug 7	Pizza Party (included in Registration Fee)	_____	@	\$82.00	= \$	_____
Aug 8	Tour #1 USAF Academy/Garden of the Gods Trading Post Lunch Sandwich _____ <i>Roast Beef</i> _____ <i>Turkey</i> _____ <i>Ham</i> _____ <i>Veggie Wrap</i>	_____	@	\$82.00	= \$	_____
Aug 8	Tour #2 Flying W Ranch	_____	@	\$110.00	= \$	_____
Aug 9	Tour #3 Pikes Peak	_____	@	\$110.00	= \$	_____
Aug 9	Tour #4 US Olympic/Paralympic Museum	_____	@	\$60.00	= \$	_____
Aug 10	Tour #5 National Museum of WWII / Buffet Lunch	_____	@	\$119.00	= \$	_____
Aug 10	Banquet _____ <i>London Broil</i> _____ <i>Chicken Breast</i> _____ <i>Salmon</i>	_____	@	\$50.00	= \$	_____
	Registration Fee (each attendee must pay this fee) (includes registration, hospitality room, pizza party)	_____	@	\$50.00	= \$	_____
	Total:				= \$	_____

Emergency Contacts (Someone NOT attending):

Name:	Phone:	Relationship:
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Please identify any special accommodations you may need:

Physical support: _____ Special Meals: _____
Other: _____

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SEND THIS FORM & A CHECK (PAYABLE TO "A COMPLETE REUNION") FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO:

OAEA Reunion c/o A Complete Reunion 2220 Glenwood Circle Colorado Springs, CO 80909	Contact Sherry at (719) 380-1412 email us at sherry@acomplereunion.com or monica.complereunion@gmail.com and visit our website at www.complereunion.com
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Refund Policy:

Cancellations before July 7, 2024, will receive a full refund minus \$18.00 processing fee. There will be no refund after that date. All tours must have a minimum number of people per tour. If you register for a tour and do not attend, you will NOT receive any refund. You will receive a confirmation letter detailing your selections within 7-10 days of us receiving it.