

Graybill 2014 Conference

Rocky Mountain National Park Excursion

There is one 11-passenger van making the trip to RMNP on **Wednesday, September 10th**.

The van will depart from the **Fort Collins Hilton** at **1:00pm**.

Please be sure to be there on-time so that we can take full advantage of the time we have up at RMNP.

A Jimmy John's sandwich, chips and water will be included, which you may eat anytime during the excursion. Your park entrance fee has also been covered by your registration fee. Additional drink options, soda and coffee, are available for purchase at the Hilton.

The drive to Estes Park takes about 1 hour with another 15 minutes to the Park Entrance where a stop may be made at the Beaver Meadows Visitor Center. If we stop, we'd spend approximately 45 minutes there – it is recommended to watch a 20-minute film on the park (shown on the hour and ½ hour).

Depending upon weather, we'll proceed to the Bear Lake or Alpine Visitor Center. There are several hikes that can be taken from the Bear Lake Trail Head, so we'll plan on spending approximately 2 hours there. If the weather is not good for hiking, we'll instead take the scenic Trail Ridge Road to the Alpine Visitor Center on the Continental Divide at 12,000 feet. There are snacks and souvenirs available at the APVC.

Expected time to be back in Fort Collins will be about **7 pm**. You may either get something to eat in Estes Park, or wait until you return to Fort Collins.

Bring comfortable hiking shoes, a jacket and/or sweater, sunscreen, sunglasses, Chapstick, bug repellent, and hat. Bring additional water for your hike and some snack bars!

Here's the RMNP website – please take a look, as there is much information about safety and things to see in the park: <http://www.nps.gov/romo/index.htm>

For questions **about this excursion**, please contact **Kristin Stephens**: 970.581.7580