

just ask
US
your question

Christian
Johnson '21
asks...
"what's
something
you've never
done in colorado
but want to?"



"I've never gone **SNOW SKIING** before, but I would definitely **LOVE TO GO** because I feel like I am missing out on such a big **OPPORTUNITY** since we live in **COLORADO**."

Alina Lopo '19

"I would like to go up to **ASPEN** because it seems so pretty up there. I have just heard from people that it's a **BEAUTIFUL PLACE** and it is where all the rich people live so it must be **NICE**."

Jessica Clinton '20

"I would like to go **SNOWBOARDING**. I have just never had the chance to, but it looks **REALLY FUN**. I think I would really enjoy getting the chance to do it because Colorado is such a **POPULAR** place to snowboard."

Bryce Jones '20

"I would say **KAYAKING** outby the **COLORADO RIVER** because I find that to seem like a fun time 'cause you'll learn as you go and you get to **EXPERIENCE** the cold and **RAPID** waters the rivers have."

Dylan Vargas '19

it's **OUR** mile high state

students share
what they do
while living in
colorado

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going FISHING

CATCHIN' SOME FISH. Tyler Spletzer '21 was known to spend a lot of his free time fishing.

"Colorado is a great place to go fishing because there is so many different bodies of water and a lot of large mouth bass," Spletzer said.

With over 300 lake reservoirs in the state of Colorado, Spletzer spent a majority of his time at a lake, but did find time



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to travel to other states as well.

"I like to go to 'Mondu Farms' in South Dakota to fish because they're some good good friends of my family out there. It's super fun and relaxing hang out and do nothing," Spletzer said. "As for where I fish in Colorado, I want to keep that classified because it is a really good fishing spot and I dont want to give it away That is what it's all about when you fish."

SNOWBOARDING & skiing

FROM COPPER MOUNTAIN to Loveland, students like Olivia Canaday '20 and Stella Hindman '19 spent a few of their winter weekends up skiing and snowboarding.

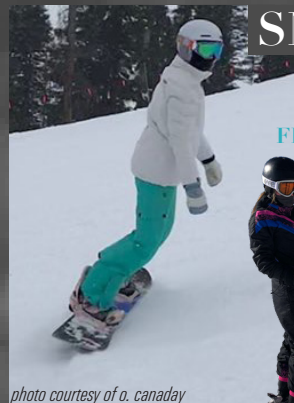


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"I love to be outside, especially where there's a beach because I love surfing, but because we don't have beaches in Colorado snowboarding is the surfing of Colorado. It is just so much fun to speed down the mountains looking at all the white snow and amazing scenery," Canaday said. "I usually ski in Loveland but my favorite place is Beaver Creek."

Waiting around after completing a ski run, Stella Hindmen '19 hangs around at the bottom of the ski run.

Hindmen spent most of her winters up at Winter Park in Grand County Colorado.

"This is going to sounds kind of hippy but one reason I like to ski is that I get to be outside in the mountains and that's really calming for me. I just feel more connected to people and the world," Hindmen said. "I also like the time I spend with my friends and family while I am skiing. It's a good bonding experience." photo courtesy of s. hindmen

go for a HIKE

photo courtesy of b. martin

HIKING THESE TRAILS.

Following the tradition of stacking rocks on one another as they hike, Braeden Martin '19 poses for a picture on a rocky trail near Georgetown. "My favorite part of hiking is being in nature and being out in the woods and seeing the view. I got into hiking because I lived in the country and so I was always in the woods, and then I grew up hunting as well." Martin said.



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CLIMB THAT TREE.

Hiking in Golden Gate State Park. Rachel Morris '19 hangs from a tree. "Hiking in Colorado is always a different experience. When you get the chance you can go up to the mountains and stop anywhere on the side of the road and make an adventure of it. It is the times when things don't go exactly as planned that you get the best views."

the grizzly ROSE

ON SUNDAY NIGHTS, students could attend the Grizzle Rose for Family Night. For some like Alexandra Atkins '19 and Samantha DeMers '19, they took up line dancing.

"Being able to put our cowboy boots on and then go line dancing was definitely a good memory

that I got to share with one of my best friends," DeMers said.

DeMers and Atkins also rode the mechanical bull.

"Samantha and I almost died when we were riding that bull and it was harder than I thought it was, but it was a memory," Atkins said.



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national western STOCK show

ATTENDING THE NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK show during the first few weeks of January, Lyndsie Dent '19 and Breanna Peterson '19 watched cowboys and cowgirls compete at the venue in Denver.

"This was my first time that I have ever been to the stockshow so it was cool to just experience all the different parts of it and to see how different sports can be," Peterson said. "\

On the opening night of the stockshow, the first event was the Team Colorado vs The World Team Cinch Competition which was the major headline



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for the stockshow. Along with watching different bullriding and sheep riding competitions, people could go around the different stables and stalls to visit and feed the different animals.

"I was able to go to the stock show earlier when it came to town, and I had a great time with Breanna (Peterson '19). My favorite part about watching the stock show was definitely the bullriding because it is for sure the most intense event there is. I mean, they are riding a bull who weighs about 2,000 pounds. It is super interesting and is the most exciting event to watch out of all them," Dent said.

eating at casa BONITA



photos by a. ruybal



CELEBRATING THEIR 45TH YEAR, Casa Bonita restaurant in Denver provided food, performances, and activities for customers. Students like Amanda Ruybal '19 went there with family and friends who came to town for visits.

"The food is known to be so hilariously bad, but living in Colorado, you have to eat there atleast once. The sopapillas are really the best thing to get there and you get as many as you want," Ruybal said. "I usually get the tacos when I am there. They have this all-you-can eat enchillada special that most people end up getting."

As a person walked into Casa Bonita, they would put in their food order and then grab a

tray and wait in line to get their order. Once a person had their food, they were taken to different areas of the building where they could either be serenaded by a mariachi band or could watch cliff divers perform in front of the 30 foot waterfall. If a person ever needed a waiter, they would just put up their red flag at their table. After a meal, customers could go through different caves or play games in the arcade.

"Casa Bonita is kind of like a casino. You can watch the divers, play at the arcade, shop at the gift shop and go into the cave which are all fun things to do," Ruybal said. "If you haven't ever been to Casa Bonita, you have to go there atleast once. You can't say you are from Colorado if you haven't been there."

“Our state is so **UNIQUE** in the fact that we have mountains, plains and deserts that allows various types of wildlife to thrive throughout the state. This makes **HUNTING AND LIVING IN COLORADO SUCH A LUXURY.**”

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Thomas Kistler '19

HUNTING



photo courtesy of t. gonzales



concert on the ROCKS

RED ROCKS had a variety of different artists perform including R&B artist, Khalid. Torrey Gonzales '20 and Shelby Adams '20 both attended his concert at the Red Rocks Amphitheater.

"It made it so magical because Red Rocks is such a beautiful venue. It was cold and rainy, but when he was performing it was like everything bad went away," Gonzales said.

Khalid sold out the venue on May 14, 2018 with 9,525 audience members in attendance.

"My favorite part was when Khalid played my favorite song by him, 'Let's Go.' My best friends and I loved it," Adams said. "There is something about seeing a concert at Red Rocks that is like no other. It must be being outside surrounded by the mountains and the blue sky. It just makes a concert special."