

Title: Dude & Guest Ranches of Grand County, Colorado, Press Trip

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Description: Experience one of the most popular vacations in the western United States today at one of four world-class dude ranches. The Grand County Colorado Dude & Guest Ranch Association is comprised of six nestled in the heart of the Colorado Rockies. Located 70 miles west of Denver, Grand County has, in fact, earned the designation, "Dude Ranch Capital of the USA."

The four ranches – Bar Lazy J Guest Ranch, C Lazy U Ranch, Drowsy Water Ranch, and Latigo Ranch – offer lodging ranging from elegant lodge suites to rustic log cabins. Activities vary by season, and include swimming, tennis, river rafting, horseback riding, mountain biking, skeet shooting, hiking, hunting, four-wheel drive trips, cattle work, fly fishing, western dancing and volleyball.

Dates: June 1-Sept. 15, 2010

If these dates do not work into your schedule, we would be happy to include another appropriate staff person or freelance writer on assignment.

Journalists are invited to: Enjoy a stay at one of the following six ranches (assignments determined on a space-available basis). Set against the rugged beauty of Colorado's mountains, all of the ranches offer sunny, dry days and cool nights, gorgeous scenery and enough activity – or relaxation – to keep any guest happy.

1. Bar Lazy J Ranch

- a. Oldest continuously operated guest ranch in Colorado
- b. Located on the Gold Medal trout fishing waters of the Colorado River near Parshall
 - Adjacent to 30,000 acres of state and federal forestlands
 - Weekly talent show for guests

2. Aspen Canyon Ranch

- a. Built on an original pioneer settlement on the Williams Fork River near Parshall.
- b. Every cabin located along the banks of the river.
- c. Covers more than 50 square miles of private and leased land
- d. Pristine pine forest, rugged valleys, and rushing rivers and streams

3. C Lazy U Ranch

- a. Upscale, family style ranch with luxury accommodations, elegant dining, first-name-basis service.
- b. Riding available on 8,000 acres of trails and in the 10,000-square-foot indoor arena.
- c. Extensive supervised programs for children age 3 and up (including teen programs)
- d. Horsemanship clinics by well-known horse clinician Buck Brannaman

4. King Mountain Ranch

- a. Favorite destination for corporate retreats, family reunions and mountain weddings.
- b. Some of the best Rocky Mountain fly fishing, with Willow Creek running through the property.
- c. Adjacent to the Arapaho National Forest
- d. Skeet and trap shooting range, lighted tennis courts, heated swimming pool.

- e. Private 50-acre lake and children's pond stocked with rainbow, cutthroat and brook trout.
- f. Recreation center with antique two-lane bowling alley.

5. Drowsy Water Ranch

- a. 600-acred ranch nestled in its own private mountain valley.
- b. In business providing authentic western vacations for more than 70 years.
- c. Swimming, horseshoes, steak fries, trout fishing, square dancing, jeep trips, hayrides, movies, pack trips, gymkhana rodeos, raft trips, golf.

6. Latigo Ranch

- a. Located near Kremmling in the western part of Grand County.
- b. Homemade caramel corn upon arrival.
- c. Accommodations limited to 35 guests
- d. Careful matching of guests with horses (temperament, physical requirements, ability, progress).
- e. Authentic cattle drive with a local rancher available for experienced riders.

Web site: www.dude-ranch.com

Location: Grand County is located 67 miles west of Denver on U.S. Highway 40. Known for its extensive outdoor recreation opportunities and authentic western experience, the county is home to many of Colorado's dude and guest ranches, a major hot springs resort, and the most extensive network of mountain biking trails in the country.

Inclusions: All available for writers on assignment.

- Lodging (2 nights per ranch)
- All meals, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages during stay at ranch
- Air transportation to and from Denver, Colo.
- Transportation to and from Denver International Airport/Grand County, and from lodging property to and from golf courses, restaurants
- All activities offered by the ranch, including horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking, entertainment/shows
- Note: If your media outlet does not permit you to participate in complimentary trips, we are happy to work out an acceptable form of payment.

Exclusions:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities
- Checked baggage
- Rental car
- Items of a personal nature

Journalist requirements: Journalists with major travel, family, outdoors or other related sports media outlets; writers on assignment for travel, family, outdoors or other related sports articles.

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