

Local Information for ICM-8, April 25-29, 2016, Boulder, Colorado

Boulder, Colorado is situated 1655 m above sea level at the eastern edge of the Rocky Mountains. The city of 100,000 residents features spectacular mountain views, excellent dining and shopping opportunities, the flagship campus of the University of Colorado and a vibrant student population. In late April, daytime high and nighttime low temperatures average 17°C and 3°C, respectively. Precipitation averages for the month are 30 cm (snow) and 8 cm (rain). Actual temperatures and precipitation amounts in April are widely variable, so please come prepared for possible cold and snow or wet weather.

The airport nearest to Boulder is Denver International Airport (DIA). See <http://www.flydenver.com/> for more information about the airport.

VISA for Entry into the United States of America

Depending on your nationality you may need a visa to enter the USA for this meeting. Information about visa requirements to enter the USA can be found at:

<http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/general/visa-wizard.html>

Please check the visa requirements for your particular situation. If you need a letter of invitation to support your visa application to attend this meeting please notify the GRUAN Lead Center as soon as possible (gruan.lc@dwd.de).

Security Clearance for Site Visit of the Boulder NOAA Facility

Our “site visit day” on Thursday April 28th will include a tour of the NOAA building in Boulder. Entering this building requires a pre-established clearance by the US Department of Commerce (DOC). Please read the following information very carefully.

All non-US citizens must furnish the following information to Ann Thorne (Ann.Thorne@noaa.gov) more than one month before our visit.

Full Name
Date of Birth
Place of Birth (include city)
Nationality
Passport Number

There are no exceptions to this requirement. Please mention in your email to Ann that you are supplying this information for the GRUAN tour in April. **Non-US citizens will need to show their passport as they pass through the DOC security checkpoint on our way to the NOAA building.**

US citizens must notify Ann Thorne by email of their intention to tour the NOAA building as a part of the GRUAN site visit day at least one week before our tour.

US citizens must present a state-issued Drivers License or ID card as we pass through the security checkpoint on our way to the NOAA building. **NOTE:** Drivers License or ID cards

from the following states will not be accepted: Arizona, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, New York (NY **enhanced** ID will work). If you have any doubts that your Drivers License or ID card may not be accepted, please also bring your passport.

Transportation between DIA and Boulder

There are a few choices for transportation between DIA and Boulder. The least expensive is a public bus (RTD); van shuttle services are at least three times the cost of the public bus. Only SuperShuttle (see below) applies a group discount to reservations for two or more persons.

RTD Skyride Route AB

The AB bus departs DIA approximately once per hour, from the **west side of the main terminal, level 5 (arrivals, baggage claim), Proceed out Door 506 to Island 5**. One-way fare is \$9 (cash only, no change given) payable as you board the bus. Tell the driver you want to get off at the **Broadway and Baseline** stop. Here are the schedules for the AB bus:

<http://www3.rtd-denver.com/schedules/getSchedule.action?runboardId=161&routeId=AB&routeType=9&direction=W-Bound&serviceType=2#day>

The Boulder Inn is approximately 600 m from the Broadway and Baseline stop. Follow the route indicated by black arrows on the Boulder street map below in this document. For bus travel from Boulder back to DIA, board the Route AB bus at the stop on the west side of Broadway, directly across the street from the stop where you departed the bus when arriving in Boulder.

There are two 10-passenger van shuttle services that make trips approximately once per hour between DIA and Boulder. These will take you to (or pick you up from) the Boulder Inn. Both companies have sales and service counters in the main terminal of DIA, but you will receive the most prompt service if you reserve your shuttle in advance. Both companies claim they will honor missed reservations due to late flight arrivals. Schedule your shuttle at least 30 minutes after your scheduled flight arrival time at DIA (at least 60 minutes for international flights due to immigration and customs procedures) – you will need this time to make your way to the main terminal, retrieve your luggage from baggage claim, check in at the shuttle service counter and exit the terminal to board your van.

SuperShuttle

<http://www.supershuttle.com/Locations/BoulderDEN>

From DIA to Boulder Inn (or reverse)

Each Way: \$35 for 1 passenger/ \$12 additional passenger

Green Ride Boulder

<http://greenrideboulder.com/>

From DIA to Boulder Inn or (or reverse)
Each Way: \$30 per passenger

Taxis are also an option (http://www.flydenver.com/parking_transit/transit/taxis).
The fare between DIA and Boulder is approximately \$90 one way.

Lodging and Meeting Venue

The GRUAN ICM-8 will be held at the Best Western Boulder Inn (<http://boulderinn.com/>). Your stay at the Boulder Inn will greatly facilitate your week because the meeting venue is located on the property, otherwise you will need to find your own transportation to and from the meeting each day. If you stay elsewhere you will be assessed a \$25 fee for the week to cover the cost of snacks and beverages provided during meeting breaks. The deadline for making reservations at the GRUAN-discounted rate is 1 March 2016. Please do not delay in making your reservation at the Boulder Inn if you wish to receive the discounted rate.

Many of you may already have received information about the discounted room rate at the Boulder Inn and the methods available to reserve a room. If not, here is that information.

Reserving a Room at the Boulder Inn

The Best Western Boulder Inn is offering a discounted room rate of \$134 USD (plus 12.5% taxes) per night for ICM-8 participants. This rate is for a room with one king-sized bed or two queen-sized beds and includes a complimentary hot breakfast, complimentary in-room Wi-Fi, a mini refrigerator, a balcony or patio, snacks and beverages during the meeting, and use of all facilities at the Inn. The discounted rate is available from Friday 22 April through Sunday 1 May. For more details about the Boulder Inn, including location, amenities and facilities, please see <http://www.boulderinn.com/>

Reserving a room at the Boulder Inn will make your stay in Boulder much easier because the meeting venue is located on the property, otherwise you will need to find your own transportation to and from the meeting each day. Note: The Boulder Inn has offered free use of its meeting facilities for ICM-8 if at least 40 room reservations are made by meeting participants. If you stay elsewhere you will be assessed a \$25 fee for the week to cover the cost of snacks and beverages during the meeting.

We ask you to please stay at the Boulder Inn at the GRUAN-discounted rate by making your reservation as follows:

By telephone, reservations can be made from within the USA by calling 800-233-8469 and using the code "GRUAN".

Bookings can also be made using the Best Western on-line reservation system. Click this link:

<http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/priceAvail.do?propertyCode=06103&promoCode=GRUAN&arrivalDay=23&arrivalMonthYear=201603&departureDay=30&departureMonthYear=201603>

Click on the box “Promotional Rate” and enter “GRUAN” in the promotional rate box if it isn’t already there

A credit card will be required to reserve a room. If needed, the reservation may be cancelled without charge before 4:00 PM the day before your reservation begins. Please read the cancellation policy under “Room Details”.

Lunches

Lunches on meeting days (Mon-Wed, Fri) will be served just outside the meeting room at the Boulder Inn. During the Thursday site visit we will be eating lunch in the NOAA Building. The cost of these 5 lunches is estimated to be \$75 for the week, to be paid in full (US dollars only) before the first lunch is served on Monday, April 25th. Prior to the meeting we will likely be sending out a request form for these lunches that you will need to complete and return via email. This will allow you to make some selections and raise any concerns about food-related problems like allergies and dietary restrictions.

Social Events

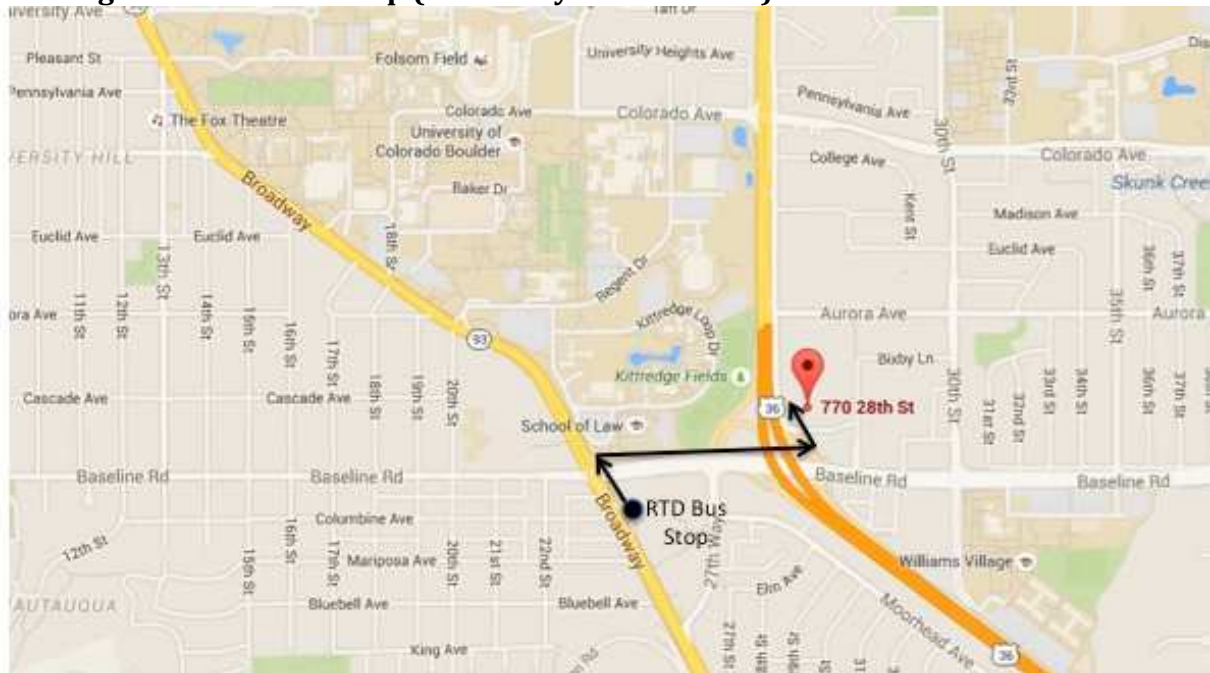
We will be having a **Conference Dinner** on Thursday evening at 7:30 PM at Carelli’s of Boulder, an upscale Italian restaurant <http://www.carellis.com/>. The restaurant is a 3-minute walk from the Boulder Inn. The estimated cost of this dinner, including wine, is \$50 per person. There will be a sign-up sheet at the registration/information table of the meeting venue. Payment in full (cash only) for the conference dinner will need to be made by 5:00 PM on Tuesday.

A GRUAN celebration party is being planned for one evening during the week (not Thursday). Details about the party are still being worked out.

Payments

Payments for lunches and the conference dinner (estimated total \$125) plus \$25 for meeting snacks/beverages (only if you are not staying at the Boulder Inn) will need to be made in cash (US Dollars only) at the registration/information table of the meeting venue.

Walking route: RTD bus stop (Broadway and Baseline) to the Boulder Inn



A bird's-eye guide to Boulder's restaurants, markets and shopping areas



Restaurants, Markets and Shopping Areas (see map above).

For scale the distance between Baseline Road and Arapahoe Avenue is 1.6 km.

1. Southeast of the Boulder Inn (just south of Baseline Road)

Sprouts Farmers Market– small but well-stocked grocery market

Dark Horse Pub (casual pub with food, drinks and games)

Moe's Original BBQ (fast casual)

Cafe Mexicali – Mexican cuisine (fast casual)

Cosmo's Pizza - pick-up or delivery only

Dairy Queen – soft-serve ice cream treats, burgers

Carelli's of Boulder – upscale Italian (Note: Conference Dinner restaurant)

McDonald's – fast food burgers and salads

2. Southwest of the Boulder Inn (SE corner of Broadway and Baseline Road)

Whole Foods Market – small but well-stocked grocery market

Beau Jo's Pizza – Colorado mountain pizza pies

Noodles and Company –noodle dishes, from Thai to Japanese to Italian (fast casual)

The Taj – Indian cuisine

May Wah – Chinese and Thai cuisine, Vietnamese noodle bowls

Taco Bell – fast food Mexican

Einstein Bagels – fast food bagels and sandwiches

Starbucks Coffee

Wendy's – fast food burgers and salads

3. Directly north of the Boulder Inn (NE corner of 28th Street and Arapahoe Avenue)

29th Street Outdoor Mall – all kinds of shopping and restaurants

4. Northwest of the Boulder Inn (both north and south of Arapahoe Avenue, just west of 28th Street)

Safeway Market – full-service grocery supermarket

Red Robin – gourmet burgers

Tiffin's Indian Cafe – range of curries, biryanis, tandoori (fast casual)

Rincon Argentino – food of Argentina

Zolo Southwestern Grill – variety of small plates and full dinners with southwest flavors

Tokyo Joe's –noodles and other Japanese-American dishes (fast casual)

Yellowbelly – chicken dishes and sandwiches (fast casual)

Cuba Cuba Sandwicheria – Cuban sandwiches, mojitos and sangria (fast casual)

5. Pearl Street Pedestrian Mall

4-block outdoor pedestrian mall – all kinds of shopping, bars and restaurants