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Writing Your Wedding Announcement Letter

For a *destination wedding* with recreation and overnight accommodations available, inform your primary guests of your plans well before the invitations are sent. This may include your family, wedding party, and your oldest and dearest friends. Early announcement will allow out of state and out of town guests to arrange for overnight accommodations, travel, vacation time, and recreation plans.

We suggest that your announcement letter be sent out 3-9 months before your date. You may want to send your letter in conjunction with your holiday greetings, as many people will choose their vacation time at the beginning of the New Year.

Items that you may want to include are:

- BMRR website address
www.BeaverMeadows.com
- Your wedding planning website
- The Dates of Your Events
(Specific times may not be known yet for ceremony, reception and other plans)
- Referral information for Other area lodging
- BMRR Reservation Desk Phone Number
- Other group plans (afternoon rafting trip for friends & family)
- BMRR address
- BMRR map
- Area attractions outside of BMRR

We recommend that you also include the following information in your wedding announcement letter...

Elevation & Climate... Our elevation at the base area of the resort is 8,400 feet. Altitude sickness can affect those who are not acclimated to this elevation. If your guests are from a lower elevation or have any concerns about our altitude in reference to medical conditions, they should consult their doctor.

The air often feels cooler and dryer, and the sun more intense at our elevation. Guests should be advised to bring sunscreen, lip balm, hats, bottled water, and skin lotion. Guests should be advised that drinking ample amounts of water at our elevation is highly recommended.

In general, the temperature at the resort will average 10-15 degrees cooler than the Ft. Collins area. They say that, "If you don't like the weather in Colorado, wait five minutes and it will change!" This is especially true for mountain areas. When clouds pass over, the temperature may drop ten degrees, and rise again once the cloud has passed. A typical day will likely have a variety of sunshine and clouds. The Big Bear Pavilion is fully heated.

January
day 30-45
night 15-25

February
day 25-45
night 15-25

March
day 35-50
night 20-35

April
day 55-70
night 30-45

May
day 60-75
night 35-50

June
day 65-80
night 40-55

July
day 70-90
night 45-60

August
day 65-80
night 40-55

September
day 60-75
night 35-50

October
day 50-65
night 30-45

November
day 45-60
night 30-45

December
day 35-50
night 15-25

Ceremony & Reception Dress... Keep in mind the climate difference and mountain breeze when planning ceremony and reception dress. Attire that might be quite appropriate for a summer day in town may not be suitable here. Therefore, consider our average temperatures when choosing your attire. Dressing in layers often ensures that you will be comfortable throughout the range of temperatures that may occur throughout the day. A shell, light jacket, or sweater is always recommended to be on hand. For winter weddings, guests should expect to dress for a winter wonderland. Shoes should be low heel, as our ceremony sites are natural outdoor areas and may not be level. A high heel will likely sink into the ground. In the wintertime it is advised that snow boots be worn to the Big Bear Pavilion and dress shoes carried. Guests may also want to bring a change of clothes for outside and evening activities.

Packing Recommendations... Guests should ideally bring a little of everything for our mountain ranch setting: shorts, tank top, jeans, long sleeve shirt, sweatshirt, hat, comfortable walking/hiking shoes, sweater, light rain jacket or umbrella, cowboy boots, etc... During the winter months, sweaters, snow gear, and snow boots are a must. The more prepared guests are, the more comfortable they will be.

Many of your guests, especially those coming from out-of-state, may choose to extend their vacation around your event. They may wish to consult their travel agent about other Colorado or Wyoming attractions that they can experience during their vacation. Contact information is listed below.

Ft. Collins Convention & Visitor's Center
420 S. Howes St. Ste. 101, Ft. Collins, CO 80521
970-482-5821 or 800-274-3678
<http://www.ftcollins.org/>

Denver International Airport
<http://www.flydenver.com/>

Poudre River & Red Feather Lakes Tourist Council
<http://www.discovercoloradovacations.com/>

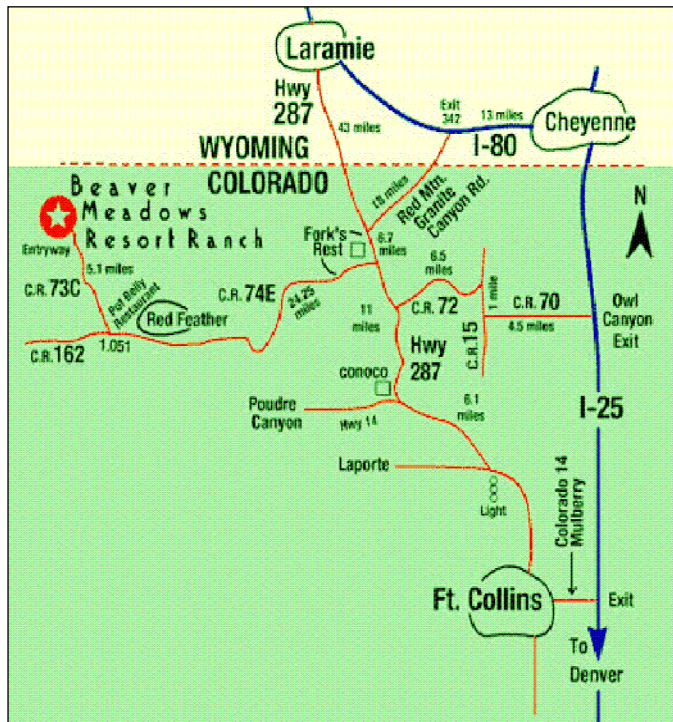
Directions from DIA to Beaver Meadows... As you exit DIA you will already be on Pena Blvd. Take Pena Blvd. south to I-70 West. Take I-70 West to I-270 West, then I-270 West to I-76 West. Take I-76 West to I-25 North. You will follow I-25 North all the way to Ft. Collins.

Once you reach Ft. Collins, take the Hwy. 14 (Mulberry) exit from I-25 and head west into Ft. Collins, then turn north onto Hwy. 287 (College Ave.). Go north on Hwy. 287 for 21 miles until you reach the small town of Livermore. At Livermore, turn left onto County Rd. 74E.

Continue on Cty. Rd. 74E for approximately 24.5 miles until you see exits for the village of Red Feather Lakes. Continue past the Red Feather Lakes turn-off until you see the Potbelly Restaurant on the right-hand (north) side of the road. About 1000 ft. past the Potbelly Restaurant, the road turns to the right, headed north; at this point the road has turned into County Rd. 73C (also called 'Creedmore Lakes Road'). Follow Cty. Rd. 73C 4.3 miles northwest to the Beaver Meadows Resort Ranch entryway. You will see a peaked log sign with BMRR logo and

letters. Follow the entryway and soon you will descend into the resort and to our main parking lot. During regular hours, you may check in at our reservations desk, which is located in our gift shop. After gift shop hours, you may check in at our restaurant.

Driving time from DIA is approximately 2.5 hours. Red Feather Lakes is 110 miles from Denver, 45 miles from Ft. Collins, and 60 miles from Cheyenne. Ft. Collins is 65 miles from Denver.



Directions from Cheyenne to Beaver Meadows... From Cheyenne, take I-25 south to Ft. Collins. Once you reach Ft. Collins, take the Hwy. 14 (Mulberry) exit from I-25 and head west into Ft. Collins, then turn north onto Hwy. 287 (College Ave.). Go north on Hwy. 287 for 21 miles until you reach the small town of Livermore. At Livermore, turn left onto County Rd. 74E.

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Follow Cty. Rd. 73C 4.3 miles northwest, the pavement ends and the road will be a dirt road, continue on 73C for 3 miles to the Beaver Meadows Resort Ranch entryway. You will see a peaked log sign with BMRR logo and letters. Follow the entryway and soon you will descend into the resort and to our main parking lot. During regular hours, you may check in at our reservations desk, which is located in our gift shop. After gift shop hours, you may check in at our restaurant.