

A photograph of the Anderson Ranch arts center building in winter. The building is a multi-story wooden structure with a prominent tower on the left side. The roof is covered in snow, and snow is falling around the building. The building has several windows, some of which are illuminated from within. The foreground is covered in a layer of snow.

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JANUARY STUDENT HANDBOOK

Thank you for joining us! We hope you enjoy your time here and are moved by our mission to enrich lives with art, inspiration and community. Please read the following as it contains important information.

If you have any additional questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Additional information about your stay at Anderson Ranch Arts Center can be found on our website: [andersonranch.org](#). This information includes the following:

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Anderson Ranch! We are excited to welcome you to your winter program experience, which is sure to be inspiring and exciting. This handbook will help you get the most out of it. Winter programs help you see yourself and your work from a new perspective. Your growth may be as straightforward as earning a new technique or as expansive as provoking a new life's path. It is likely that your winter program will unfold differently than you imagined; embrace the experience. If you have taken winter programs in the past, remember that no two are alike, but all are sure to inspire you beyond your wildest expectations.

INTRODUCTION

Winter programs generally meet from 9AM to 5PM, Monday through Friday, unless stated otherwise in the course description. Winter programs are intensive experiences, and participants may find themselves in the studios in the evenings. In signing up for your winter program(s), you have made a commitment to attend in full. Arriving late, departing early, or missing class in the middle of the day is disruptive. Please come prepared to participate in a positive and constructive manner, and be ready to engage with the studio coordinators and peers.

The student handbook provides important information on what you need to do before you arrive as well as room and board details. Information about how to get on the Ranch, local weather, housing options and other important logistical details can be found on our website. Familiarity with these will ensure that when you arrive at Anderson Ranch you can immerse yourself in your winter program without delay. If you have any questions regarding course content, faculty, or skill level, please do not hesitate to contact us.



LODGING

Housing offerings are very limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. The earlier you reserve housing, the better your chance of receiving your preferred option. Anderson Ranch is offering two single-occupancy housing options for January 2026. Shared housing options will not be available. For the safety of the Anderson Ranch community, Ranch-provided housing is only available to students who are attending winter programs.

LODGING CANCELLATION POLICY

To cancel lodging and receive a refund, notify us at least 60 days before the start of your lodging reservation. If we are given the required 60 days' notice, we will refund your payment less a \$250 cancellation fee per week of lodging reserved. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made within 60 days of the start of the lodging reservation.

ON-CAMPUS LODGING AT THE WYLY HOUSE DORM

Private Room & Bathroom

- Room Type: Private room with twin bed and private bathroom.
- Room & Board Rate: \$1,646.51 per week (plus 12.8% tax on the lodging portion) for six nights and select meals.
- Select Option B1 in the registration shopping cart.

Private Room & Shared Bathroom

- Room Type: Private room with twin bed and shared (possibly co-ed) bathroom.
- Room & Board Rate: \$1,270.75 per week (plus 12.8% tax on the lodging portion) for six nights and select meals.
- Select Option B2 in the registration shopping cart

General Information

The Wyly House is a two-story, co-ed building conveniently located on the Anderson Ranch campus and is situated between the Snowmass Club golf course and the Ranch Café. There are 18 clean and modest bedrooms with private or shared bathrooms, a lounge and a communal laundry room available by appointment. Each room is equipped with a mini refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker.

* The State of Colorado requires us to charge sales tax on lodging. A sales and lodging tax of 12.8% will be added to the lodging portion at the time of registration. To guarantee your housing reservation, payment is due in full 60 days prior to the start date of your stay.

Check-In/Check-Out

Check-in is from 12-5PM at the Welcome Center on Sunday, January 4th. You may leave your luggage on the front porch of the main office building if you arrive before the office opens at noon. If you arrive after the office has closed, your lodging packet will be in the Information Kiosk, inside our main gate. We encourage you to plan your arrival so that you are able to check in while the office is open.

For participants checking in on January 14th or 21st, your housing packet with your key and room assignment will be in the Information Kiosk located inside our main gate.

Check-out is at 10AM Saturday following the end of your winter program. Please return your room key to the drop box at the front door of the Welcome Center.

Parking

Parking is available in the main lot, except for marked reserved spaces. Participants may park in any open spots but may occasionally be asked to move their vehicle to accommodate snow removal.

Cleaning

Anderson Ranch lodging is cleaned according to CDC guidelines. One set of linens and bath towels are provided. Additional fresh linens are available by request by emailing guestservices@andersonranch.org. Routine cleaning during the week is limited to common spaces and commonly touched surfaces. There will be a mid-stay room clean for participants staying longer than one week. Participants under the age of 18 are not permitted to stay in The Wyly House.

LODGING

Special Requests

Please let us know when you book your lodging reservation if you have any physical limitations with regards to walking, stairs, vision or hearing as this will help us to provide you with lodging that will best suit your needs. Anderson Ranch is unable to guarantee special amenities or room specific lodging assignments. If you have specific dietary needs or food allergies, booking your own accommodations off-campus is your best option so that you have access to cooking facilities.

Smoking, Drug and Alcohol Policy

Pitkin County law prohibits smoking (tobacco or marijuana) in any buildings or in any lodging at Anderson Ranch. Anderson Ranch is a smoke free campus. The consumption of alcohol and/or marijuana is not permitted in the studios.



OFF-CAMPUS LODGING OPTIONS

If you wish to explore other sources for housing in the area, the following numbers may be of interest:

- Stay Aspen Snowmass: 888/649-5982 or www.stayaspensnowmass.com
- Snowmass Club Villas: 800/213-3214 or 970/923-7077 or www.destinationhotels.com/destination-residences-snowmass/accommodations/villas-at-snowmass
- Stonebridge Inn: 800/213-3214 or 970/923-2420 or www.destinationhotels.com/stonebridge-inn
- The Limelight Snowmass: 855/369-2460 or www.limelighthotels.com/snowmass
- The Viewline Resort Snowmass: 970/923-8200 or www.viewlineresortsnovmass.com
- Viceroy Snowmass: 877/235-7577 or 970/923-8000 or www.viceroyhotelsandresorts.com/snowmass

WAYS TO GIVE



YOUR GIFT WILL SUPPORT:

- 150+ visual arts workshops taught by over 150 faculty
- 28 Artists-in-Residence
- 16 Visiting Artist projects, where artists are invited to spend a week to a month or more in our studios
- More than 10 yearly gallery exhibitions featuring local, national and international artists
- More than 40 yearly Artist Talks where faculty and Visiting Artists talk about their work
- Community outreach and collaborations with local organizations such as the Aspen Art Museum, ACES, Aspen Music Festival, Aspen High School and Crystal River Elementary School in Carbondale, CO
- Scholarships: More than 30% of our workshop participants come on scholarship
- State-of-the-art facilities

Anderson Ranch Arts Center is a place that inspires creativity and provides our participants with the time, facilities, tools and instruction essential to give that creativity form.

As a learning community, we welcome people of every age, ability and skill level to partake of our programs and step outside of their everyday lives to reconnect with themselves as artists.

YOUR GIFT

No matter the size, your gift is important. Each year, the Ranch relies on the generosity of our supporters to provide 50% of the costs associated with Workshops, Artists' Residencies, Community Outreach and Public Events.

Anderson Ranch Arts Center is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.

WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR EFFORTS.