

HELIKOS SUMMER SCHOOL 2023

BOULDER INFORMATION KIT

TRAVELING TO BOULDER

When flying in, the closest airport is *Denver International Airport* (**DIA** is the acronym people use, but the airport code airlines use is **DEN**). From DIA to Boulder downtown it's about 45 min. driving.

Boulder and Denver Downtown are about 1/2 hour - 45 minutes away by car.

There is a direct connection between Denver Airport and Boulder via bus, the company name is RTD (www.rtd-denver.com), and the bus line is AB and AB1

<https://www.rtd-denver.com/app/route/AB/schedule>

Location of the Training

The training will happen at the **Boulder Circus Center**, in North Boulder.

Here is their web site with contact information and location.

<http://bouldercircuscenter.net/>

Boulder, Colorado

Boulder is a beautiful town, right at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. It is famous for its wonderful surrounding and the many outdoors activities that are possible there.

Here are some useful websites.

<https://www.bouldercoloradousa.com>

<http://www.bouldercounty.org>

<http://www.nps.gov/romo/index.htm>

ACCOMMODATION IN BOULDER

The training is not residential, so no accommodation or meals are provided.

Participants are responsible for organising their own staying.

Boulder offers a variety of housing options. It is a University town. People sublet their apartments, move frequently, etc. There are many places unoccupied, especially in the summer. There are places available for month-to-month rents. You can also simply form a group/duo/trio, and stay somewhere together.

AirBnB

<https://www.airbnb.com/>

AirBnB is a very popular platform where you can meet people that rent their room/house for a few nights or for extended periods. Once you create a profile, you'll be able to connect with people and enquire about their places.

Craig's List

<http://boulder.craigslist.org/>

You will find many, many offerings in the local area. You can also post a listing saying exactly what you are looking for: what kind of room and place you'd like and for how long, who you are and what you are looking for (just a couch, or a room, or a full sublet...). It can happen that you find exactly what you were looking for! Mostly, students find places by contacting those posts that match their desires. Through Craig's List, if you are looking in the summer, you will likely be able to find landlords who are happy to rent for short periods.

Other Resources

In the past, students of our workshops have often found accommodation here

<https://yourboulderabode.com/>

The owner, Megan, knows about our work.

Or here:

<https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/2737>

These websites have some potentials too:

Boulder Creative Housing <https://www.facebook.com/groups/393216030699308/>

<https://www.vrbo.com>

<https://www.sublet.com>

There are companies that arrange temporary 'executive' rentals but their prices tend to be quite high.

Sharing a house/apartment with fellow students

Once your application has been accepted, and your deposit received, we can send the email contacts of the group to everyone who wish to share contacts.

If you are looking to rent with other participants you can communicate with each other, prior to the training. **Craigslist** is really the one to look at, for this - they have the best options and range of pricing.

You can also make arrangements to come to town, stay at a place for a few days, and look during the off time for another accommodations and set yourself up.

During the past intensive workshops, people have used all sorts of accommodation arrangements: stayed at hostels, stayed at hotels, found temporary rentals or sublets, stayed with a friend until they found a place/house-sits/temporary rentals through Craig's List, a local paper, or posting at a yoga studios/movement studios, etc.

Several people met in class and looked together for a place and found one within the first few days.

Connections

People who have come to town for extended clown training have also had a lot of luck working through an **activity or practice** they are strongly involved with. For example – some people who were involved in contact improvisation utilized contacts from their area and got recommendations and suggestions of people to contact in Boulder, CO.

Others have worked through the juggling community. So our point is: ask people to make enquiries, and be open to different options and pro-active, if you'd like to be in a house-share situation, versus renting, etc. There are various FaceBook groups that connect practitioners of a particular discipline.

FOOD

Boulder offers a wide range of option, from big Supermarkets like Safeways, King Soopers or Trader's Joe, to health food stores like Whole Foods. If you have access to a kitchen, cooking at home will reduce your expenses. There is a fridge and a Microwave at the Circus Center, and you can bring your packed lunch with you.

TRANSPORT

There is mass transit company in the Denver/Boulder area. It is called RTD, and you can visit their website and find out about routes and timing. (www.rtd-denver.com), There are two bus stops about 15 min walk from the BCC (0,7 miles and 0,8 miles) Carpooling from and to the Boulder Circus Center is very likely to happen, because in our experience some participants will have a car, either because they drive to Boulder or because they rent one.

The best way to go around in Boulder is by Bicycle and students often get a second hand bike during their staying in town.

Many studnets have been cycling to class, from North Boulder or from Downtown, or South Boulder - it is a decent ride (more of a downhill on your way back from class, thankfully.)

There is also a bike sharing system <https://boulder.bcycle.com/> as well as electric scooters available for rides through UBER.
And there is a car-sharing company: <https://carshare.org/>

In general, we have seen that it takes the first couple of days of the training for a group to find its best functioning in terms of transport, car-pooling and timing.

We wish you safe travels to Boulder and the best luck and delight in organizing your staying in Boulder.

All the best

THE HELIKOS TEAM