

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF BOOKBINDING

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS: Telluride Campus

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PAYMENT & CANCELLATION POLICY

Student balances must be paid in full at least 45 days prior to the first day of class. Students with unpaid balances after this date risk losing their space to another applicant. The Academy accepts personal checks and money orders made payable to the Ah Haa School (our umbrella organization—US currency only, please), or credit cards (Visa, MasterCard and American Express).

Upon registration, all students are subject to a \$50 cancellation or transfer fee per class. If a student cancels his/her registration 45 or fewer days prior to the first day of their class, any money he/she has paid to the Academy will not be refunded. Furthermore, no refunds will be given to students who do not show up for their course(s) or who drop out after the class has begun.

Forty-five days prior to the start of a class, any student who has reserved a space in AAB student housing is liable for the full amount of their housing bill. No cancellation refunds will be given after this date.

Please make sure that the AAB class you are enrolled in has met its minimum enrollment. Please do not purchase your airline tickets until a minimum enrollment for the class has been reached. We will be unable to refund airline tickets for classes that are cancelled due to minimum enrollment.

HOUSING INFORMATION: Telluride

We coordinate shared condominiums, houses and apartments for our students, and this allows us to get better discounts on lodging for you. Telluride is a resort community; therefore accommodations are typically quite expensive. The average cost for housing for a private room in a shared condo is \$350-\$450/week. We won't reserve anything for you without speaking to you about it. As soon as student housing is finalized, you will receive specific information regarding your lodging. Each unit is located within the town of Telluride and within reasonable walking distance to the bookbinding studio (if you have any physical limitations, please let us know as soon as possible). A free town shuttle is also available most of the day. Housing situations change from year to year, depending upon availability and price. Although we do our best to meet all of your needs, we can only guarantee requests for private bedrooms (in a shared condo/house). Shared bedroom accommodations are subject to availability. If a student requests

shared housing and it is not available, they will have to pay the private bedroom rate or make other arrangements. You will need to make your own housing arrangements if: you have very specific housing requirements that are not conducive to a shared condominium/house situation; you would like to bring a pet; or you plan to bring other family members or guests. If you would like to make your own housing arrangements, let us know, as we might be able to assist you.

A few things to note:

- Housing consists of private bedrooms in a shared house or condo that you would share with other students. You may or may not have a private bathroom. We also try to arrange for single sex condos and houses. Please let us know if this is something you would prefer—a single sex accommodation.
- Condominiums and houses include a living and dining area, full kitchen, television and telephone. All linens are provided and maid service will clean the condo every seven days. Wireless Internet is usually provided, but not always. There is wireless Internet at the school and at the library, and several coffee shops around town.
- Telluride is a very small town—less than one mile from end to end—and all accommodations, grocery stores, restaurants and shops are located relatively close to each other. It is unlikely you will need a car during your stay. A free shuttle loops around the town between 7 a.m. and midnight. If you do bring a car, parking is usually provided at your condominium or house. Be prepared to pay a parking meter if you park around town.

SCHOOL LOCATION: Telluride

The American Academy of bookbinding is located at the Old Stone Building at 117 North Willow Street in downtown Telluride. Our main office at the Ah Haa School for the Arts is at the Depot at 300 South Townsend Street. After you have checked into your accommodations and unloaded your luggage, you might want to go over to the Old Stone Building and set up your workspace there. We offer 24-hour access to the bookbinding studio. There are two doors to the building, and the main door that we use for entry is on the side of the building next to the alley, inside the fence. If you are standing in front of the building and looking directly at it, walk around the left-hand side of the building and you will see two double doors. Most likely the AAB administrator will be in the building to greet you. During arrival days, the studio will be open much of the day, but if you arrive and the studio doors are locked, call Deb Stevens at these numbers: 970-728-8649 office; 970-708-9013 home/cell.

On the main floor there are 10-12 work areas that are marked by a cutting mat on the tabletop. You can look around and find a free spot, which will be noted by the name of a student who has claimed that spot. Feel free to unload your tools and set up a workspace how you would like. At the top of the stairs on the left is Deb Stevens' office, and to the right is the 'student lounge.' This is a place for you to hang out, read, eat your lunch and relax. Feel free to make yourself at home here if you arrive early and need a place to stay until your accommodations are ready.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Please plan on arriving in Telluride by mid afternoon on the day before your class begins if you are meeting as a group on Sunday night (not all classes meet on Sunday night, so it doesn't matter when you arrive if you are not meeting on Sunday.) Student housing should be available by 4 p.m. but is often ready earlier. We have a student lounge where you can wait in case your housing is not ready upon your arrival. You are also encouraged to drop off your tools and acquaint yourself with the bookbinding studio before your first class meeting. Please note that Telluride's elevation is 8,750 feet above sea level; some students suggest arriving a day early in order to acclimate.

Your departure day should be scheduled for the evening of your last class or the next morning (check-out time is 10 a.m.). **If you plan to arrive a day or more early or depart a day or more later, you may need to make additional housing arrangements for your extra time in Telluride. Please let me know this as soon as possible so I can accommodate you.** Please make sure you email me with your travel information including your flight arrival and departure information.

If you are flying into Telluride and have last minute changes, please let us know as soon as possible. Based on the information I receive from you, I arrange for your airport pick-up from the Telluride Airport. Again, you will need to arrange your own transportation from Montrose or any other airport. Call Deb Stevens at 970.708.9013 and leave a message if you are calling after hours with your detailed flight information, if there has been a change.

TRANSPORTATION

By Air:

Telluride has a small, fair-weather airport; commercial flights into Telluride are by prop plane only. The next closest airports are in Montrose (65 miles), Grand Junction (127 miles), Cortez (80 miles) and Durango (120 miles). Direct flights are available to either Telluride or Montrose from Denver and Phoenix. If you fly into Grand Junction, Cortez or Durango, you will have to rent a car to get to Telluride, there is no inexpensive shuttle service available from these airports. We recommend flying to Montrose as the shuttle is more convenient.

If you fly into the Telluride Airport, an AAB staff member will meet your flight, take you to the bookbinding studio to drop off your supplies, and then bring you to your accommodations. If your flight is diverted to Montrose due to weather or any other reason, you will need to take a shuttle to Telluride. Simply go to one of the shuttle desks when you get off the plane and they will book you on their next run. Unfortunately the airline does not pay the shuttle fee for diverted passengers, so you will need to be prepared to pay a fee. (Follow the directions below for specifics on where the shuttle driver should take you.)

If you fly into the Montrose Airport, you should make an advance shuttle reservation for transport into Telluride with Telluride Express (1-888-212-8294). The fee is usually \$50 one-way, but can be as high as \$125 without advance reservations, for only one passenger, or for flights that arrive after 8 p.m. or depart before 6 a.m. (these fees are also subject to change). Have the driver bring you to your accommodations (I will send

you a map and address) or to the AAB studio. If an AAB staff member is not there, there will be a packet taped to the door with your name on it, directions to your accommodations, and a key. Have your shuttle driver wait while you get the directions, and then have him/her take you to your accommodations. An AAB staff member can help you bring your tools and materials to the school the next morning if you need assistance. Or you might want to set-up your work area that day.

Departure

Don't forget to schedule a shuttle ride for your return trip if you are scheduled to depart from the Montrose Airport. This can be done while you are at the Academy.

For Those Driving to Telluride:

Take Highway 145 to Telluride via Montrose or Cortez.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

AAB Office number:	(970) 728-8649
Ah Haa School (Depot Building) 300 S. Townsend	(970) 728-3886

STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

Deb Stevens, AAB Administration	(cell) 970-708-9013
Judy Kohin, Executive Director, Ah Haa	(cell) 970-708-1374

SHIPPING AND MAILING

Students are welcome to send boxes of bookbinding materials in advance. Because of our remote location, things take a little longer than usual to get here, so plan for a few extra days in transport.

Send all packages to: The American Academy of Bookbinding
c/o The Ah Haa School for the Arts
P.O. Box 1590
117 North Willow St.
Telluride, CO 81435
Attn.: your name

To prevent any mix up between the Post Office, UPS, FedEx or any other carriers, make sure you include both our post office box and our street address. UPS and FED-Ex use the street address, and the US Post Office uses the PO Box.

WHAT TO BRING

Spring classes start at the tail end of our winter season, so there may be snow on the ground and it will generally be much colder than in the summer. Classes in April can expect snow, rain and often warm, sunny days. Be prepared for cold and wet weather. But I'm sure we will also get some nice days. In May the weather becomes warmer, but again, you should be prepared for that freak May snowstorm. Telluride is situated at 8,750 feet, and this mountain town sees all kinds of weather. Fall starts early in Colorado, so be prepared for cool days and cold nights. We often have Indian summer

here, and we could go weeks without rain, but do be prepared for all types of weather.

With this weather in mind, the following clothing items are nice to have with you:

rain jacket

sweater or jacket for cool evenings

comfortable walking shoes

casual clothing (nothing here is fancy), shorts, t-shirts, and long pants

sun glasses, hat and sunscreen—the sun is very strong at this altitude

TELLURIDE'S ALTITUDE

Telluride sits at 8,750 feet above sea level. Students who come from sea level can be slightly affected by the altitude. The most common symptoms that you might experience are shortness of breath, light headed-ness, disturbed sleep and a headache. Drinking lots of water and avoiding alcohol and caffeine the first few days will help minimize your symptoms. And you should avoid strenuous exercise. If you have high blood pressure or sleep apnea, the lack of oxygen could have a greater impact. Of the hundreds of students who have come to Telluride to study at the American Academy, 95% have minimal or no symptoms. For a more detailed description of altitude sickness, please visit Telluride Medical Center's website: www.tellmed.org/webloc and go to Local Health Concerns/Common High Altitude Symptoms.

TELLURIDE'S BAG ORDINANCE

The Town of Telluride has an ordinance calling for a ban on single use plastic bags. When you go shopping in Telluride during your stay here, be sure to carry along your own, reusable bag. If you forget, retailers will have paper bags for your use. There will be a 10 cent charge per paper bag. So bring along your favorite reusable bag or purchase one here to carry home with you as a souvenir and reminder.

Thank you for registering for a class with the American Academy of Bookbinding; we look forward to welcoming you to Telluride!!

Telluride, CO

Telluride

117 North Willow Street

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Individual styles

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117 North Willow Street - AAB

300 South Townsend

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