

**54th ANNUAL FRONT RANGE UU NINTH GRADE TRIP  
PRELIMINARY 2017-2018 TRIP SCHEDULE**

**Classes/Retreats:**

October 15	Boulder	1:00-3:00 PM	Class
November 3-5	Greeley	Fri 8:00 PM - Sun 10:00	Retreat
December 3	Jefferson	1:00 -3:00 PM	Class/fundraiser
January 19-21	Jefferson	Fri 8:00 PM - Sun 10:00	Retreat
February 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Universalist	1:00-3:00 PM	Class
March 3-4	Boulder	Sat 9:00 AM - Sun 10:00 AM	Retreat
April 20-29	1 <sup>st</sup> Universalist	8:00 AM Friday	54th 9th Grade Trip
May TBD	TBD	Sat PM to Sunday noon	Recognition Service

The 54th Ninth Grade Trip, sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist churches and fellowships of Cheyenne, Ft. Collins, Greeley, Boulder, Boulder Valley, Denver, Golden, Littleton, Parker, and Colorado Springs is an educational trip to the Hopi and Navajo reservations. The trip happens in mid April each year and lasts for ten days. The first and last days are spent traveling to get from Denver to Durango and then back again. The remaining days are spent as follows:

- Hopi Mesas - We will spend three days on the three mesas of the Hopi people. During our time there we will visit Hopi villages and possibly see a Kachinas dance. Watching a Kachina dance is one way for us to observe and respect an important element of the Hopi religion.
- Flagstaff - Visits to Sunset Crater, Wupatki Ruins and the Walnut Canyon Ruins provide further insight into pre-historic cultures and geology of the area.
- Ganado/Hubbell's Trading Post – Part of a day will be spent touring the oldest still operating trading post and Hubbell's home. In addition, demonstrations in Navajo weaving and a talk on Navajo rugs are often available at this stop.
- Canyon de Chelly/Chinle - One day is spent at Canyon de Chelly visiting various sites including White House ruins and Spider Woman Rock. One night is spent at Chinle Elementary School.
- Navajoland - Two days are spent at the Tohaali Navajo School, experiencing the life of a Navajo student. Ninth grade trippers attend school with Navajo students.

For more information or if you have questions, contact Mitch Pingel at 303-469-9417, or [mitch@uu9gt.org](mailto:mitch@uu9gt.org).

Much of this information is available on the trip website at [www.uu9gt.org](http://www.uu9gt.org).