

## WELCOME TO TELLURIDE!

Below are a few notes about our town to help make your visit more enjoyable:

### TOWN OF TELLURIDE

Telluride is a historic, former mining town in the heart of Colorado's San Juan Mountains. Situated in a box canyon, the town itself is only about a mile long and contains approximately 2,000 full-time residents. Telluride is a very walkable town – everything is within a few short blocks of Ah Haa and free shuttle buses and the gondola make getting around town and into the Mountain Village quite simple.

If you are driving, note that parking is tricky. Because Ah Haa does not have on-site student parking available, those who need daytime parking should park at Carhenge, a free day-lot located within walking distance of Ah Haa via the River Trail. [View on Map](#). Students are welcome to drop their class materials at Ah Haa prior to finding parking for the day.

Some side streets near the Ah Haa allow for free 2-hour parking, while metered parking downtown is available at a rate of \$1 per hour, with a 3-hour maximum. The meters accept credit cards or coins. Be sure to read parking signs! Parking limits are strictly enforced, 8am-6pm, Monday-Saturday (Telluride Marshal's Department, 970.728.3818). Parking is free on Sundays and holidays.

Telluride does not have a dedicated art store. A limited variety of art supplies can be purchased at Timberline Ace Hardware on main street, and at Ah Haa, but it is recommended that students bring any required class materials with them or ship them in advance. (Dick Blick, Utrecht, Cheap Joe's and Jerry's Artarama are good online art suppliers.) We strongly urge out-of-town students who are flying here to ship their art supplies to Telluride, particularly any solvents (Gamsol and/or Galkyd).

Students can ship their materials to the following physical address:

Ah Haa School for the Arts  
C/O *STUDENT FULL NAME*  
300 South Townsend Ave.  
Telluride, CO 81435

(Our mailing address is PO Box 1590, but please use only use UPS or FedEX for shipments.)

Due to our remote location, It is recommended that students send materials at least 10 days in advance of any registered classes.

### **TELLURIDE'S ALTITUDE**

Telluride sits at 8,750 feet above sea level, which can be a difficult adjustment for those coming from lower altitudes. Visitors might experience shortness of breath, lightheadedness, disturbed sleep, and/or headaches. Drinking lots of water and avoiding alcohol, caffeine and strenuous exercise for the first few days can help minimize these symptoms. If you have high blood pressure or sleep apnea, the lack of oxygen could have a greater impact. A majority of Telluride visitors have minimal symptoms related to altitude, especially when they take preventative measures. For a more detailed description of altitude sickness and recommendations for dealing with it, please visit Telluride Medical Center's website [here](#).

Telluride's high altitude means the sun's rays are quite strong, so sun protection is highly recommended. Days can be quite warm, but evenings can get quite chilly, so plan to dress in layers.

### **NO PLASTIC BAGS ORDINANCE**

The Town of Telluride has banned the use of single-use plastic bags in grocery stores and throughout town. If you do not bring your own reusable bag, expect a 10-cent per-paper bag charge to be added to your purchase total. (Ah Haa has nice canvas bags available for purchase – also serving as a useful souvenir of your visit!)