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**OURAY COLORADO USA
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GREETINGS YOUTH ATHLETES!

We are excited to invite you to the beautiful town of Ouray Colorado USA, home of the Ouray Ice Park which features over 200 man-made ice and mixed routes. The competition venue features an artificial wall that sits high atop the walls of the Uncompaghre Gorge. The competition routes feature a mix of ice, rock, and plywood and will give you a thrilling challenge as you compete for a spot on the podium.



Marcus Garcia will be our head route setter for this event. Marcus has a long history as an athlete, coach, and route setter. Marcus is the head route setter for the Ouray Ice Festival competition and has extensive experience setting brilliant routes on the Ouray competition tower. For this event, we will be adding multiple plywood sections to the rock below the comp tower to make sure the competition is fair for all athletes. We will also be utilizing some of the ice (dependent on conditions) around the comp tower, so make sure to brush up on your ice skills.

Kendra Stritch will be the President of the Jury for this event. Kendra brings a wealth of experience being one of the longest-running athletes from the USA as well as heading up USA Ice Climbing. Kendra will bring her expertise of being not only an athlete, but judge as well to make sure this competition runs smoothly and fairly.



Dustin Lyons is the organizer and director of this event. Dustin is the owner of The Scratch Pad, which is located in Bountiful Utah, and is Utah's only drytooling gym and training center. Dustin has been coaching a youth team since 2021 and currently coaches 5 of the 10 USA Ice Climbing Youth Team members including Landers Gaydosh. Dustin is passionate about growing the sport of ice climbing and supporting the next generation of ice-climbing competitors.

Peter O'Neil is the Executive Director of the Ouray Ice Park. Peter first came to the San Juan Mountains of Colorado over 30 years ago and has been in love ever since. Peter has extensive experience as an executive director and has ushered in significant support for the Ouray Ice Park which benefits tens of thousands of climbers each and every year.



We would love to have you join us in the beautiful mountains of Colorado and look forward to you having a wonderful time here. We have some great things planned for you and we know you will enjoy all that Ouray has to offer. We hope you'll take some time to climb in the park outside of the competition event and we are confident that making this journey to join us will be well worth your time.

Please use the information below to plan your trip and reach out if you have any questions or need any additional support. We look forward to seeing you this coming February!

Thank you,

Dustin Lyons
UIAA Comp Director
Ouray Ice Park
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OURAY ICE PARK

REGISTRATION:

You can register for the competition ahead of time at:

<https://uiaa.results.info/users/login>

Competition fees will be:

- \$60 Lead
- \$60 Speed
- \$80 Dual (Lead & Speed)

SCHEDULE:

Friday Feb 7th 2025

- 12:00 - 16:00 Practice/training on rock at Ice Park Comp Venue
- 16:00 - 18:00 Registration at BaseCamp Ouray
- 18:00 - 18:30 Opening Ceremony
- 18:30 - 19:00 Technical meeting at BaseCamp Ouray

Saturday Feb 8th

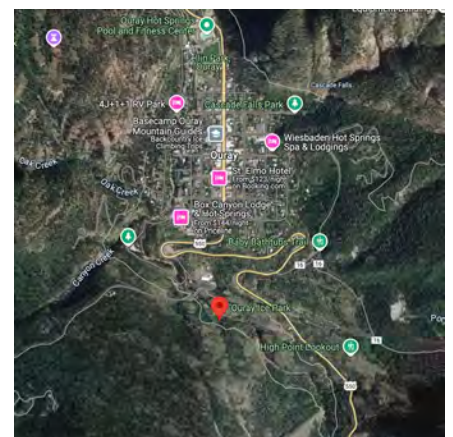
- 08:00 Warmup zone open
- 09:00 - 11:00 Lead Qualification – U16 then U18/U20 Female
- 09:00 - 11:00 Speed Training & Qualification Male – U16, U18, U20 - 1 attempt in training
- 13:00 - 16:00 Lead Qualification – U16 then U18/U20 Male
- 14:00 - 16:00 Speed Training & Qualification Female – U16, U18, U20 - 1 attempt in training
- 18:00 - 20:00 Evening Presentation TBD at the Ouray Community Center

Sunday Feb 9th

- 8:00 Warmup zone open
- 9:00 -11:00 Speed Finals - U16, U18, U20
- 11:45 -12:00 Isolation Zone Open/Close
- 12:40 - 12:50 Route observation
- 13:00 - 16:00 Final - U16/U18/U20 – Male & Female
- Awards/Closing Ceremony

LOCATION:

Ouray Colorado USA & Ouray Ice Park
280 Co Rd 361, Ouray, CO 81427

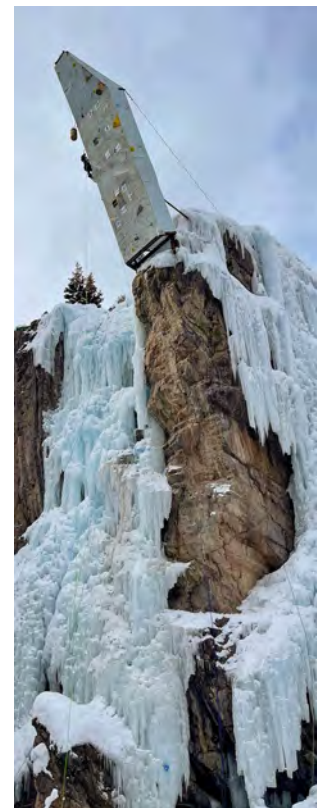


Competition Venue



COMPETITION VENUE:

The Ouray Ice Park has been hosting ice climbing competitions since the late 1990's. The Park now features a semi-permanent comp structure that tops out at 33m above the bottom of the Uncompahgre Gorge. The competition venue allows for climbing on both natural rock & ice, as well as plywood on the structure. The comp venue is located in the beautiful Ouray Ice Park just below the lower bridge, which allows spectators a great view of the action. This is truly one of the most iconic competition venues in the sport.



TRAVEL TO OURAY:

Airport options:

The best airport to fly into is Montrose Colorado MTJ. Flights arrive in Montrose frequently. Please make every effort to fly directly to Montrose. Shuttles are available to Ouray from the Montrose Airport [here](#) & [here](#). Please indicate you are part of UIAA ICWYC

If you are unable to fly directly to Montrose, other airport options are Denver DEN or Salt Lake City SLC, however it is approximately a 6 hour drive to Ouray from these airports through mountainous terrain with possible weather concerns.

There are options for travel from Denver to Ouray including:

Bustang with a route from Denver to Grand Junction [here](#) and a connecting route from Grand Junction to Ridgeway [here](#). You will still need transportation from Ridgeway to Ouray, which is about 11 miles (17km)

Amtrak has a train route from Denver to Grand Junction [here](#). You could then take the Bustang to Ridgeway or a shuttle can be arranged from Grand Junction to Ouray.

Please make every effort to fly directly to Montrose as this makes travel logistics much easier.

All efforts will be made to assist with travel logistics to make your experience as smooth as possible. Please email your travel itinerary to uiaacompdirector@ourayicepark.com

LODGING IN OURAY:

We have a block of discounted rooms reserved for this event at the Twin Peaks Lodge: Book your rooms through this link:

<https://www.reseze.net/servlet/SendPage?hotelid=1582&skipfirstpage=true&page=121609>

The Twin Peaks Lodge is the preferred lodging option for this event and is within walking distance from the Ice Park and competition venue, as well as the rest of the town of Ouray. You will not need a car once you are in town and staying at the Twin Peaks.

The Twin Peaks has a great pool and hot tubs for those after climbing soaks. Breakfast options are available as part of your stay at Twin Peaks.

There are also other options for lodging in Ouray including Airbnb as well as other hotels.



RECREATION:

Climbing in the Ice Park is one of the best things to do in Ouray in the winter and the park offers over 200 ice and mixed routes for all abilities. There are also great ice and mixed climbing options outside of the park.

After a day of climbing you can enjoy one of several hot springs options, including the pools and hot tubs at the Twin Peaks Lodge, the Ouray Hot Springs Pool, or the nearby Orvis Hot Springs. There are also hot springs and a vapor cave to enjoy located at the Wiesbaden Hot Springs Spa.

Basecamp Ouray will serve as the headquarters for this event and has indoor climbing facilities which can serve as a great place to practice and warm up. This is also a great place to hang out with other athletes and climbers before and after competition. Basecamp Ouray will also be able to help with sharpening tools and other gear maintenance or rentals.

There is great skiing nearby in Silverton and Telluride, as well as great backcountry options. There are snowmobile rentals and guided tours nearby as well.



FOOD:

There are many great food options in Ouray for dining and a grocery store.

Ouray Grocery: Grocery store carrying a wide selection of goods, including produce, meat, and sandwiches. 621 Main St, Ouray, CO 81427

Artisan Bakery & Cafe: [Link](#)

Bon Ton: <https://> [Link](#)

Brickhouse: [Link](#)

Colorado Boy Southwest Pub: [Link](#)

Full Tilt Saloon: [Link](#)

Goldbelt Bar & Grill: [Link](#)

Kami's Samis: [Link](#)

Maggie's Kitchen: [Link](#)

Mi Mexico: [Link](#)

MineShaft Restaurant & Tiki Bar: [Link](#)

Mojo's Coffee Chai & Teas: [Link](#)

Mouse's Chocolates and Coffee: [Link](#)

Ouray Brewery: [Link](#)

Ouray Ice House:

Taste: [Link](#)

Thai Chili: [Link](#)

The Drinking Cup:

The Outlaw: [Link](#)

The Saloon at The Western Hotel: [Link](#)

The Smokehouse: [Link](#)

The Yankee Girl Restaurant and Bar:

Timberline Deli:

