# Alpine Villa A Tuscan Villa in the Alpines

# **User Manual**

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#### Introduction

We want to thank you for choosing the Alpine Villa for your event, retreat or vacation destination. We hope you find everything at or above your expectations. We designed the Alpine Villa to provide a place that facilitates fond memories for everyone that stays there. Please let us know if there is anything that you find lacking or you want to share your memorable experience with us.

The Alpine Villa is the second home we've built in Breckenridge, CO. Our first home was completed in 1992. As with this home, the first home was the culmination of efforts by many of our friends and family. If you stayed with us in our first Alpine Villa, you know that the theme of that home was openness, kid friendliness and outdoor recreation. We had young children at the time and our outdoor facilities were mainly built around them with outdoor activities such as a zip line, tree house, sledding hill, tree swings and a club house. After twelve years of great memories, we all grew up a little and our needs/desires changed. So, we decided to build a new villa in the alpines.

Our new Alpine Villa is actually phase one of what will be a two phase building process. Phase one is about half the size of what we expect to have when we're all done (building plans that include both phases are located on the wall in the upstairs office). Both phases are based on a Tuscan design theme with recreation, entertainment and business meeting effectiveness as the key attractions. You will notice when staying at the Alpine Villa that the house is unlike most any you have stayed in. Indoor amenities such as the gymnasium, steam room, home theatre, full house audio system and outdoor amenities such as the natural rock climbing wall, heated balconies, outdoor fire pit by the back pond and hiking trails around the river on the back of the property are all designed to provide a unique, fun filled experience for our guests. In phase two, we will be adding facilities such as a conference center that will enable electronic brainstorming to provide corporate off-site meeting facilitation.

Many friends and family members came to Breckenridge to help us build phase one. We want to especially thank Bill Hawkins, Jon Pomeroy, Doug Fitzgerald, Dewayne Olsen, the Mike & Kim Lambert family, Dave Finley, Roger Carver, Tom Marusa, Steve Hunter, Bill McAlister, Scott Price, Greg Lytle, Kevin Watson, Erwin Veteto, Dole Brewer, Don Cofer and the Brad & Tammy Lanham family. With their help during the summer of 2003, we were able to frame the house in 3 months. The entire building process took nine months. We broke ground in early May of 2003 and received our certificate of occupancy at the end of January of 2004. Planning and designing the house, however, took considerably more time!

We hope you have a great time at the Alpine Villa. To make your stay as comfortable, as convenient and as safe as possible, we've created this "user manual" for your reference. Please familiarize yourself with the contents of it before attempting to heat the house, use the steam room, climb the rock wall, operate the appliances or most anything else. It contains information you will definitely need to know!

Regards,

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# **Disclaimers and Safety Information**

Rock climbing, hiking and most every other physical activity has some degree of danger to it. Please ensure you and others in your party act responsibly. We want everyone's experience at the Alpine Villa to be positive .... and we do not accept responsibility for accidents or injuries!

Weather is not in our control. We hope that it snows and/or shines according to your wishes, but we don't take responsibility for inconveniences that the weather may cause you, including your ability to perform the activities you intended during your stay, your ability to access the Alpine Villa or your ability to get to any other destination during your trip.

EMERGENCY: If you can't reach us for some reason and need immediate local assistance, you may call:

- Tom Gleason 970-333-9669, 970-453-5540 or
- Bill McAlister 970-389-1806, 970-547-2984

# Extra Charges You Could Incur Staying at the Alpine Villa

As in staying in a hotel, you are subject to extra charges for extra services should you decide to take advantage of them. Please let all your guests know about these charges so there are no surprises to you if and when we send you a bill for these. These include, but are not limited to:

- Long distance dialing Line one in the Alpine Villa allows free long distance calling within the 48 contiguous United States. All other long distance calls on line 1 as well as any long distance calls (or faxes) on lines 2 or 3 are additional costs to you. We would prefer that you use your long distance calling card for these other calls to make our accounting and billing process simpler, but if this is not possible, please be aware that we'll be sending you a bill for any long distance charges that you might incur.
- Pay-per-view Our satellite TV service provides the option to receive pay-perview movies and sporting events. These services are additional costs and will be charged back to you should you decide to take advantage of them.
- Missing items We make many items available to our guests including basketballs, other equipment for the racquetball court, rock climbing harnesses, kitchen blender, other kitchen appliances, DVDs, books, computer printer, other office supplies and much more. All items are available for use by our guests, but are expected to be returned to their original location in full working order.

- Any item not found by our cleaning service will be noted and its value deducted from the security deposit.
- Damages We expect normal wear to occur over time and do not charge our guests for normal wear. However, if furniture is broken, holes are made in walls, burns are made in furniture, kitchen appliances are missing or things of this nature occur, we consider these subject to reimbursement.

# **Smoking**

Our house is smoke free. Smoking is not allowed in the house. However, the workshop and garage are heated areas where smoking is permissible. When smoking in these areas, please ensure that:

- the adjacent doors to the house interior are shut so that no smoke enters the house
- at least one garage door or workshop door is open to the outside so that the smoke can escape outside
- no cigarette (or cigar) butts are left on the floor or outside on the ground

# Adjusting to the Altitude

The Alpine Villa sits at an elevation of 9405 feet. At this altitude, the oxygen content in the air and the humidity is much lower than at lower altitudes. Your body will feel the change! The average person will need 2 days to acclimate to the altitude. The best approach we have found to hasten the process and limit it's side effects is to avoid significant physical activity on the first day, drink lots of water to stay hydrated, take aspirin/ibuprofen to lessen the potential for headaches and avoid alcohol. Alcohol constricts blood flow in your body which further reduces the already lower oxygen supply you will experience.

If you do experience headaches or shortness of breath for an extended period of time, you should consult with a local physician. In some cases, although rare, a physician will prescribe medicine and/or oxygen to cope with the effects of high altitude living.

Obviously, if you experience prolonged nausea, high fever or severe asthmatic type symptoms, call a doctor immediately.

# **Heating and Cooling the House**

The house is heated with an in-floor radiant heating system. Hot water flows through tubing that is embedded in the floor. This hot water radiates heat through the floor that in turn, heats the house. Thermostats in each room or living area control the

amount of time that hot water flows through the tubing in that particular room/area. This system is very efficient, but has one drawback. It can take several hours from the time a thermostat change is made for a significant change in temperature to occur, since it takes time for the heat to radiate through the floor. However, the house has two other sources of cooling and heating that you can take advantage of, particularly when quick changes are desired.

To quickly heat the main living areas of the house, there are two gas fireplaces on the second floor that are each capable of heating 3000 square feet of floor space. Each fireplace has two controls, one that controls the on/off for the gas to the fire and one that controls a fan that blows hot air out of the fireplace. To turn on the fireplace, turn on the wall switch next to the fireplace which will provide gas to the fire and start the fire. Then push up the fan switch (which is usually already on) to the fully up position. It takes approximately 15 minutes for the fire to reach the required temperature that will actually turn on the fan. (The fan only comes on after the fireplace is hot enough to generate hot air.) After the fan comes on, you can increase or decrease the fan speed by raising and lowering the fan control knob. To turn off the fireplace, just turn off the main switch which turns off the fire. It again takes approximately 15 minutes for the fan to turn off as the fireplace temperature comes down. **Note:** Please ensure that the fan is on when the fire is on. Without the fan, the rock wall, mantle and anything on the mantle becomes very hot. These fireplaces put out significant heat!

To quickly cool down a room, just open a door or window and turn on the ceiling fan.

On especially hot days during the summer, the loft area can become uncomfortably warm as all the heat that rises in the house ends up in the loft. To circulate this air and cool down the loft, there is a large high velocity fan available. It is usually located in the walk in attic in the loft. Place the fan so that it blows air out of the double door opening that overlooks the media lounge. This will cause air to be pulled into the loft from the spiral staircase and therefore circulates the air in the loft. When you are finished with the fan, please put it back in the attic storage room.

During the winter, if snow has built up on the balconies, there are time control switches that turn on the heaters in the concrete. If you would like to turn on these floor heaters to melt the snow, turn the black knob on the timers to the desired time.

#### **Kitchen**

Our kitchen is fully stocked with utensils and typical kitchen appliances. It is also typically stocked with basic condiments, coffee, flour, sugar, etc. and depending on the prior guests, may even have food items in the refrigerator and/or freezer. Feel free to take advantage of these items. The guidelines we have used in the past that seem to work well is that if you use something up completely or significantly reduce the amount of something, then please replenish it for the next guests. Also, please

try to return things back to the cabinet/drawer they came from. It helps with organization!

There are instruction manuals for all the appliances located in a two-drawer black filing cabinet in the upstairs laundry/office room. (This room will be an upstairs laundry room in phase 2, but is currently outfitted to be a temporary office.) The manuals are in the front folder of the top drawer. We believe that the appliances are self explanatory and function as you would expect, but if you need instructions for any of the more advanced features, the manuals are available to you.

A few helpful hints for the most typical uses:

**Gas range**: The back center burner is a simmer burner. The other four work as you would expect.

**Electric oven:** The oven can be used as a regular oven or a convection oven by making the desired selection from the panel. Because of the altitude, we don't recommend using the convection oven for baking things that need to rise, e.g. cakes, breads.

**Warming oven:** This also functions as a normal oven.

**Microwave:** Be aware that our microwaves (one in the kitchen and one in the bar) are very powerful. You might try reducing the cooking time if you are accustomed to using older and less powerful microwaves. Also note that because of the altitude, liquids boil at lower temperatures and therefore anything liquid that you might heat in the microwave will boil over easily.

**Hot water dispenser in kitchen sink:** This water is at boiling temperature. Please be careful. It is **HOT**.

**Dishwasher:** Selection buttons are on top of the door when the door is open. The most efficient combination of buttons is to select "smart wash" and "air dry". To use the same selection previously used, push the "start" button and close the door. NOTE: It may take up to 45 seconds or so before you hear the dishwasher begin.

#### **BBQ Grill**

The BBQ grill is located on the front balcony. It has a large cooking area with three normal burners, a rotisserie burner and a wood chip smoker burner. There are light and fan switches in the vent hood above the grill.

To use the three normal burners for basic grilling:

- start by turning the left most burner control knob to "high", wait 2-5 seconds and then press the small ignition button (on the farthest left part of the control panel) to start the first burner
- turn the second burner on by turning the middle control knob to high, wait 2-5 seconds and then press the ignition button to start it. (It may start burning without the igniter from the adjacent burner already burning)
- turn the last burner on by turning the right most control knob to high and pressing the ignition button again after a few seconds
- When the grill reaches the desired temperature, turn the burners down (or off) to gain the desired temperature

#### To use the smoker feature:

- add small wood chips in the pull out tray on the front of the grill
- turn the smoker burner control knob to high and press the ignition button
- turn the smoker control knob down to reach the desired level of smoking
- you may need to add wood chips depending on how long you are cooking and how much smoke flavor you want
- if you are slow cooking, you may want to place your meat on the upper rack and place a pan of water on the normal cooking surface. NOTE: if you use a pan, please use the pan made for this which is usually located in the cabinet under the grill ... or use disposable aluminum pans available at the supermarket

#### To use the rotisserie feature:

- place the meat on the rotisserie skewer and secure the meat tightly with the two fork attachments. Note: Chicken and turkey legs will flop around on the bird if they are not secured tightly with the forks or cooking string
- insert the skewer into the rotisserie motor and turn on the motor
- turn the rotisserie burner control knob to high, press in the black safety button above the control knob and press the ignition button to start the fire
- release the safety control knob about 20 seconds after the fire starts
- adjust the burner knob to the desired temperature

Please don't forget to turn off the gas burners when you are finished grilling!

# **Clothes Washer and Dryer**

**Clothes washer:** Instructions for washer use are under the lid. Please use LIQUID ONLY in the bleach and fabric softener dispensers. When warm water is selected, the water spray will alternate between cold and hot on "auto".

**Clothes dryer:** Please be sure to clean the lint tray after every use.

#### **Bathroom Toilets, Showers and Tubs**

The toilets in the Alpine Villa are the latest and greatest water efficient toilets you can get. The good news is that they consume less water than older traditional toilets. The bad news is that they are not very tolerant of wads of toilet paper your kids might try to put in there. Please let those who might need to know that they need to be careful about filling the toilet with toilet paper know that they need to be careful. If you do encounter a toilet that is full of toilet paper and won't flush, there are toilet bowl plungers located in each bathroom. To use the plunger effectively, ensure that the plunger has a good seal in the toilet bowl, then push quickly and firmly. It usually takes several attempts, but then pushes on through.

Both showers and both bathtubs in the house use the same shower control knobs. Simply turn the lever counterclockwise to turn on the water and increase the temperature. Fully counterclockwise is full "hot". We suggest that you turn the lever to the fully hot position, then turn it back clockwise for about 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a turn. Adjust the temperature to your liking from there. The plumbing system includes a recirculation line to ensure that hot water is immediately available to the shower. You should not have to wait more than about 5 seconds to get hot water. During heavy hot water usage, if the water temperature drops during a shower, you may need to temporarily turn up the hot water a little. It usually recovers within a couple of minutes. When the boiler gets the signal to start heating, it gets the water hot fast.

#### Blankets, Linens and Pillows

Extra blankets, linens and pillows can be found in the linen closet. This closet is accessed from the door located in front of the entry area to the two back bedrooms ... or from the other side which is in the temporary office. There may be extra comforters for the sleeper sofas in the top of the bedroom closets. Please keep the linen closet organized for the next guests and for ease of cleaning for the housekeepers.

#### **Keys, Locks and Doors**

We designed the Alpine Villa to be used in several room configurations. The most typical configuration is where the entire house is available to our guests, but we have configured doors/locks to enable partitioning off some portions of the house when guests only want to use a subset of the house. One partition is the upstairs double door that can be used to lock off the two back bedrooms, the side balconies, the wet bar and the media lounge. We call this partitioned set of rooms our "two bedroom hotel configuration". Another partition is the large door into the living room/kitchen area. This door can be used to lock off what we call the "efficiency apartment" which includes one bedroom, the kitchen, the front balcony and the living area. Areas that are available and common to any configuration which are not lockable include the

garage, the steam room, the downstairs laundry room, the gym, the office and the 3<sup>rd</sup> level loft. In summary, we have designed the house and keyed the doors in a way that enables three primary configurations:

- Full house configuration
- Efficiency apartment configuration
- Two bedroom hotel configuration

We also designed the Alpine Villa to include many extra closets so that we can store away our personal belongings in the house while we are away. These closets (and a few selected cabinets) are locked and not intended to be accessed by our guests (most of our belongings there are just making a temporary stop at the Villa on their way to Goodwill Industries and so you're not missing out on much by not using them!).

Exterior doors (except the front door) use a "3 point lock mechanism". This means that when you shut the door and firmly pull up on the lever, door pins lock the door in the 3 places - at the top of the door, the bottom of the door and in the middle of the door at the lock. You will need to engage the 3 point mechanism before turning the deadbolt knob for the deadbolt to work.

Note: On the double doors, you will need to pull up on the lever on both doors and turn the deadbolt lock knobs on both doors to fully secure the doors.

For your convenience, we leave a garage door opener hanging on the key rack in the garage next to the door entering the house. Please return the garage door opener to the rack before you leave.

# **Security System**

We've set up a guest security code for guests that want to arm the security system during their stay. Contact us for the security code. There are two security key pads, one on the wall in the downstairs hallway just as you enter the house from the garage. The other is on the wall upstairs next to the door opening just as you enter the kitchen area. The numeric portion of the keypad can be exposed by pulling down the front cover which hinges at the bottom of the unit.

To arm the system while away from the house, press the four digit code number into the keypad followed by pressing the "Away" button. This leaves you with enough time to exit the house and then re-enter the house before sounding the alarm system. Enter the four digit code upon returning to disarm the system. This mode turns on the perimeter (doors) sensors and the interior motion sensors.

To arm the security system at night or while occupying the house, enter the code on the keypad followed by the "Stay" button. To disarm the alarm before opening any exterior or garage entry doors, enter the four digit code. This mode only arms the perimeter devices and not the motion detectors inside the house.

# **Home Theatre and TV Systems**

Please leave the cabinet doors OPEN when the audio/video equipment is running in the living room and/or in the home theatre. The receivers, DVD players and other equipment generate a significant amount of heat and can overheat, if they don't have a way for the hot air to escape.

We have five TVs in the house:

- Home theatre
- Living area
- Master bedroom
- Office
- Loft

Here are the operating explanations for each TV system.

#### Home Theatre

Our home theatre equipment has many features and capabilities. As you would expect, with so many features, it can be complicated to operate. Here are the basic facts you need to know to operate the remote controls to watch a DVD or satellite TV in the home theatre:

#### To watch satellite TV:

- Turn on the video monitor (it should be preset to TV channel 4)
- Turn on the Integra amplifier and set the input to "satellite"
- Turn on the satellite receiver
- Using the satellite remote control, press the "guide" button to scroll through the available channels
- Note 1: If you use the Integra amplifier universal remote control, ensure you have the INPUT set to "Sat" or "V1" for satellite and that when you want to control the satellite receiver, you set the MODE to "Sat". "Input" determines what signal comes out the speaker system. "Mode" determines what device you are controlling with the remote.
- Note 2: If you are able to hear the TV, but can't see the picture, you may need to reset the input on the TV. Using the TV remote control, press "input" repeatedly until you get to "Input 4 Component".

#### To watch a DVD:

- Turn on the video monitor
- Turn on the Integra amplifier and set the input to "DVD"
- Turn on the DVD player and insert the DVD
- When the DVD playing options appear on the video monitor, select these options when available:
  - Wide screen
  - DTS if available, otherwise select surround sound
- Note: If you use the Integra amplifier universal remote control, ensure you have the INPUT set to "DVD" and that when you want to control the DVD player, you set the MODE to "DVD". To adjust the volume, you set the MODE to "AMP" and adjust the volume as desired

#### Living room

The living room TV is similar to the home theatre, with the exception that the TV must be left on channel 3. Assuming no one has changed the TV channel, you simply need to:

- Turn on the video monitor (it should be preset to TV channel 3)
- Set the Sony receiver input to "video"
- Turn on the satellite receiver
- Press the "guide" button on the satellite remote control to scan the available channels
- Note: If you do not hear audio coming out of the speakers in the living room, check to make sure the "monitor light" on the Sony receiver is not on and the A/B speaker buttons are in the proper position. To turn off the monitor function, press the "tape 2 monitor" button. The "A" speaker button should be pressed in (on) and the "B" speaker button should be out (off).

To play a DVD in the living room, you need to:

- Turn on the video monitor
- Turn the video monitor to channel 90 (S-Video)
- Set the Sony receiver input to "Video"
- Turn on the DVD player and insert the DVD

To play a VHS tape in the living room, you need to:

- Turn on the video monitor
- Turn the video monitor to channel 3
- Set the Sony receiver input to "Video"
- Turn on the VHS tape player and insert the tape
- Set the VHS player "TV/VCR" mode to "VCR"

#### Master bedroom

To watch satellite TV in the master bedroom:

- Turn on the video monitor (ensure the "TV/Video" selector is set to "Video2")
- Turn on the satellite receiver
- Press the "guide" button on the satellite remote control to scan the available channels

To play a DVD in the master bedroom, you need to:

- Turn on the video monitor (ensure the "TV/Video" selector is set to "Video1")
- Turn on the DVD player and insert the DVD

#### Office

The monitor in the office is directly connected to the satellite receiver in the living room. In the office, you can only watch the satellite station that is programmed on the satellite receiver in the living room. If someone is watching TV in the living room, you will only be able to watch what they are watching on the office TV. If no one is watching TV in the living room, then you get to program it for what you want to watch. To watch satellite TV in the office:

- Turn on the monitor in the office (ensure its set to channel 3)
- Turn on the satellite receiver in the living room (Note: You do not have to have the video monitor in the living room on for the satellite signal to be received on the office monitor, but it can be if its more convenient to see the on screen programming guide)
- Using the satellite remote control, set the channel to your desired setting (e.g. CNN Headline News is channel 204)

#### Loft

To watch satellite TV in the loft area:

- Turn on the video monitor (ensure the TV "input" is set to channel 3)
- Turn on the satellite receiver
- Press the "guide" button on the satellite remote control to scan the available channels

To play a DVD in the loft, you need to:

- Turn on the video monitor (ensure the "input" selection is set to "Video2")
- Turn on the DVD player and insert the DVD

To order pay-per-view movies, please contact Elizabeth: 817-430-2240. You will need to specify:

- What TV you want the show on
- Time of the show

#### **House Audio**

There are three independent audio systems in the house:

- Garage and workshop audio system
- Living room audio system that controls all individual room and balcony speakers
- Home theatre which can be controlled through the living room system or run independently

#### Garage/workshop system

The receiver for the garage and workshop is located above the desk in the workshop. To operate this system:

- Turn on the receiver with the remote control (usually located on the workshop desk or in the workshop desk cabinet)
- On the receiver, press "A" to play music only in the workshop
- or press "B" to only play music in the garage
- or press "A+B" to play music in the workshop and garage
- Note: When in A+B mode, the volume control will adjust the volume in both areas. You can not adjust the volume in the garage independently of the workshop.
- Also note that the music in the workshop/garage can be heard in the upstairs bedrooms so be sensitive to the volume level at night when people might be sleeping

#### Living room

All rooms and balconies, with the exception of the garage and workshop, are controlled by the living room audio system. (Note that the home theatre speakers can also be controlled directly from the receiver in the home theatre). To listen to music in any of these rooms:

- Turn on the Sony receiver in the living room
- To listen to radio broadcasts, set the input on the receiver to "tuner"
- or set the input to CD and insert a CD if you wish to play CDs
- Then, from any room or balcony with a wall control switch, gently depress the center of the wall switch to turn on the speaker for that room (Note: A small green light will appear on the switch when the speaker is on)
- To turn up the volume in a room, gently press the upper part of the switch. To turn down the volume, press the lower part of the switch.
- To turn off the music in a specific room, press the center of the switch again.
- Note: If you do not hear music coming out of the speakers in the living room, check to make sure the "monitor light" on the Sony receiver is not on and the A/B speaker buttons are in the proper position. To turn off the monitor function, press the "tape 2 monitor" button. The "A" speaker button should be pressed in (on) and the "B" speaker button should be out (off).

To listen to music (or CDs) in the home theatre, you can set the Integra amplifier to receive the same music signal coming from the living room, or you can listen to music independently of the living room. To listen to the signal coming from the living room, turn on the Integra amplifier and set the input mode to "kitchen".

To listen to a broadcast station independent of the living room, set the Integra amplifier input to "Tuner". To listen to a CD independent of the living room, set the

Integra amplifier input to "DVD", turn on the DVD player and insert the CD into the DVD player.

# **Phone System**

We have three phone lines:

- Line One: 970-453-4924 (United States long distance calling free, all other locations use calling card)
- Line Two: 970-547-9988 (local calls or calling card calls only)
- Line Three: 970-453-6519 (typically connected to the fax, but local calls also OK)

Long distance in the continental United States is available at no charge to our guests ONLY ON LINE ONE. Please use your long distance calling card if using lines two or three.

Our printer/fax is usually connected to line three. If you need to send a long distance fax, please temporarily change the phone line on the fax from line three to LINE ONE to avoid long distance charges.

#### **Internet Access and Ethernet Network**

We currently have a 100baseT Ethernet network in the house. However, the local phone and cable companies have yet to make high-speed Internet access available to our location. Until they do, you will need to plug one of our 3 phone lines into your computer's modem to gain Internet access. Most national Internet service providers have a Summit County local dial-up phone number to avoid long distance charges.

We have an HP 7130 all-in-one printer/fax/copier/scanner connected to the Ethernet network. If you wish to use the printer, you will need to install software on your computer. You will need to setup a printer on your computer with the appropriate HP printer drivers. You will also need to install the Netgear print server driver if you connect to the printer via the network instead or direct USB attachment to the printer. Software CDs for both installations are located in the office in the cabinet above the desk. If you do a lot of printing, copying and/or faxing, please contribute to the inkjet printer ink inventory by buying a cartridge while your out shopping at Wal-Mart, OfficeMax, etc. The HP Inkjet cartridges used for the printer are "number 14".

If you need to change the print cartridge, pull out and up on the front cover where the hand hold indentation is to access the cartridge(s). After the print cartridges automatically move to the center, you pull up on the print cartridge to remove it.

# **Rock Climbing Wall**

Rock climbing can be a very dangerous activity. Please seek advice and instruction if you are not familiar with this sport. If you are familiar, then please enjoy our rock climbing wall on the exterior of the north facing racquetball wall. You will see two auto-belay ropes tied to hooks in the climbing wall. Ensure you wear an approved rock climbing harness and connect it to the auto-belays with TWO carabineers. Each carabineer should go through both loops in your rock climbing harness.

We keep rock climbing harnesses in the cabinet in front of the entry to the racquetball court. If you do not bring your own harness, you may borrow one of these. Please ensure that you return the harness(es) to this cabinet when you have finished your climb.

NOTE: The auto belays must stay secured to the wall hooks or to a climber's harness. If you let go of the belays, they will instantly rise to the roof's edge and remain there until they are retrieved. You will be held responsible for retrieving the belay should this happen.

#### **Outdoor Furniture, Chimenea and Fire pit**

We leave our permanent outdoor furniture outside on the balconies. If you need additional chairs, we keep extra fold-up chairs in the outdoor closet accessible from the front balcony. If you use them, please put them back in the closet when finished. They are made of materials that age quickly when left out under the UV rays of the sun.

If you wish to start a fire in the Chimenea located on the front balcony, please use all the normal precautions you would typically use when starting and maintaining an outdoor fire, e.g. don't add too many logs at once, don't let the fire get to large, don't start the fire if high winds are present, etc. We try to keep some cut wood on the balcony, but if there is none available, there are many pine tree branches, fallen trees and misc wood that can be scavenged around the treed area on the front portion of the property.

Our fire pit is located on the bank of the river in the back of the property. Please ensure the fire danger is "low" per the county fire department's daily reporting before making a fire. When you do make a fire, please keep it contained to the rock fire pit. Wood (e.g. dead willows, fallen trees) can be scavenged around the river area and on the hillside behind the river.

#### Steam Room

The controls for the steam room are located on the wall inside the steam room. Press "On" to start the steamer. It takes about 5 minutes for the steam to heat and begin

spraying out. The default temperature is 110 degrees Fahrenheit. There is a temperature up/down adjustment button. We recommend that you do not increase it. The default time that the steam comes out for is about 15 minutes. We recommend that you not increase it.

The steam room will quickly de-hydrate you. Drink lots of water before and after your steam bath. If you get short of breath or your heart starts racing, get out of the steam room!

When finished taking a steam bath, leave the door open for at least 24 hours so that the moisture will evaporate. When the room is dry, you can shut the door. Leaving the door closed when moisture is present will cause mold to grow in the steam room.

#### **Racquetball Court**

The racquetball court is available and intended for your use. Please respect the floor, the walls and the equipment. Street shoes are not permitted in the court. Please wear court tennis shoes that have white soles ... or go bare footed or sock footed. Please do not bring food or drinks into the racquetball court. Note: You can be heard playing racquetball in the adjacent media room and back bedroom. Please be respectful if someone is sleeping or watching a movie!

The basketball goal folds against the wall to lessen the interference it might cause when using the court for walleyball or racquetball. To fold or unfold the goal, use the long handled orange hook hanging on the wall next to the court entrance. Using the hook, grab the spring loaded gray pin on the goal's support bar and pull down. It will release the pin and allow the goal to swing in and out.

When using the net for walleyball, please ensure that no-one hangs on the net. It is not designed to support the weight of anyone, adult or children. To install or remove the net, you may need to use the short ladder in the workshop to reach the connections for the upper net hooks.

Basketballs, dodgeballs, racquetballs, racquets, the walleyball and the walleyball net are located in the cabinet in front of the entry to the racquetball court. Please return all balls and racquets to the cabinet when you leave the court. It is highly recommended that you wear some form of eye protection when playing in the court. NOTE: Please do not use these balls or racquets outside of the racquetball court. They are not intended for any other use.

NOTE: No food or drinks are allowed in the court.

# Garage

Enjoy parking your vehicle in the heated garage as its available and intended for your use. If your car leaves sand or dirt on the garage floor, please don't sweep it into the floor drains. It clogs the drains. If you do have a sizable amount of dirt that gets into the floor drain, please remove the drain cover plates and vacuum the dirt out with the heavy duty "wet/dry vac" usually located in the workshop.

#### **Pets**

We allow pets that are "potty trained" to stay with their owners at the Alpine Villa, but ask that you take extra care when doing so. We encourage you to have your pets sleep in the garage or workshop (both are heated). If you let your pets in the house, please ensure they don't get on the furniture. If they shed hair, please limit their occupation to the rooms you are willing to vacuum before your departure.

# **Hiking and Fishing**

Our property backs up to the National Forest. About 300 yards behind our property are two trail systems, the Colorado Trail which runs from Denver to Grand Junction and a shorter trail system that runs into Keystone. These trails are for hiking and bicycling only. Be aware that the trails are heavily used in the summer and any motorcycle or ATV would be quickly encountered by other hikers/bikers who at best would scowl at you and worst would report you to the National Forest Service. There are abundant motorcycle, ATV and 4x4 trails available at the end of Tiger Road, approximately 3 miles further east of our house.

There are two water features on the property, a pond in front and the Swan River in back. You are welcome to fish in the river in back. Please don't fish the pond in front. We are trying to repopulate the pond in the front with fish. You are welcome to help us repopulate by releasing any fish you catch in the back river into the pond and by feeding the fish.

We typically have fish food in 5 gallon buckets, along with bird and deer food, in the workshop. Feel free to feed the birds, deer, and/or fish in the pond or river. To feed the fish, throw out 10-20 pellets of fish food at a time and watch the fish come to the surface and eat the food. We typically feed them about a ½ cup of pellets per feeding. When they no longer come up for food when you throw it out, you know you have fed them enough.

There are also hundreds of other lakes and rivers in Summit County. It's best to get advice from one of the local fishing supply stores and/or guides as to which lake has been most recently stocked or has had the best results recently.

Our preferred fishing locations are:

- a series of small ponds further east off of Tiger Road. Take the South Fork dirt road to your right off of Tiger Rd, then take another right on a small dirt road. This small dirt road will lead you past several well populated small ponds.
- several ponds on the east side of the Breckenridge golf course that have been great fishing holes. You'll need to fish these ponds early in the morning or late in the evening to avoid any errant golf balls while you are fishing!
- Montgomery reservoir. Head south through Breckenridge and over Hoosier Pass. On your way down, you will turn right onto a gravel road that leads to Montgomery reservoir. We like to fish near the "water channel" entrance in Montgomery.
- Officer's Gulch. Head west on I-70 out of Frisco to the next exit, "Officer's Gulch". This is a nice lake on the North side of the highway there.
- Other lakes you might check out include Lake Dillon between Breckenridge and Frisco on Hwy 9, the Twin Lakes south of Breckenridge just west of Hwy 9 before you get near the top of Hoosier Pass, Crystal Lakes just south of Breckenridge a couple of miles west of Hwy 9 and the Mohawk lakes not too far from the Crystal lakes. Note: You can locate all of these lakes on the area trail map we have hanging downstairs in the workshop
- Other rivers you might fish in are the Blue River which runs along Hwy 9 throughout Breckenridge, the Blue River further north in Silverthorne and the French Creek which runs parallel to our Swan River, but further south in the next valley over from ours. To get to French Creek and the ponds off of it, go south on Hwy 9 about 3 miles, turn left at the 7-11 convenience store and follow the road east up the valley until you see the river and ponds. There are also plenty of ponds off of our own Swan River. You can hike along the river in our backyard up or down the valley and find many beaver dams that are excellent fishing holes. You can also find larger ponds off of the Swan River by driving further east on Tiger Rd a couple of miles.

# **Hummingbirds and Bears**

In the summer, feel free to put out the hummingbird feeder if it's not out already. We like to put it on the wall hook outside on the front balcony. We have lots of hummingbirds, so be prepared to refill the feeder every 4-5 days if you want to keep up with them. To prepare the hummingbird food, boil 2-3 cups of water with one cup of sugar. When the mixture has cooled down, pour it in the feeder.

In the summer, we have had a bear occasionally come around the dumpster at night. To prevent the bear from getting in the trash, be sure to pull the bar over the top of the dumpster when finished putting trash in it. This normally will keep the bear out. If you find trash all over the ground in the morning after doing this, you've got an extra smart (or strong) bear. To increase the deterrent, you can pour about one cup of bleach, ammonia or paint thinner inside the dumpster. This will usually last a couple of days and motivates the bear to find another source for dinner ... at least for awhile.

# Things you may leave here and/or use

We welcome anyone who stays in the Alpine Villa to leave any memorable photographs of their trip in our "friends and family" photo album. It's usually located on top of the 2 door cabinet near the dining table in the living room.

During your stay we encourage you to read our books and use our DVDs. If you happen to buy a book and/or DVD and want to donate it to our collection, we welcome that too. Also, in your travels around the area while on your vacation, if you run into some interesting rocks, mining artifacts or other knick-knacks you don't want to take with you, you are welcome to leave them on the shelves in the living room or home theatre for your (and others) future enjoyment.

We have ski bibs, jackets, snow boots and other winter accessories available for your use. They are located in the garage closet on the step up as you enter the house from the garage. Please clean and return anything that you use prior to your departure. If you have older ski clothing that you would like to donate, you may leave them in the closet.

In the shed (small detached building), we keep an assortment of snow sleds. You are welcome to use the sleds. Please return them to the shed immediately after each use. If they are left out during a snowfall, they can become buried under a layer of snow in a matter of minutes and will likely remain buried in the snow until the spring thaw and unavailable for anyone's use!

# **Departure Checklist**

Before you leave, please check these following items:

- Ensure all items are returned to their original location:
  - o Rock climbing harnesses in the cabinet in front of the racquetball court
  - o Racquets and balls in the cabinet in front of the racquetball court
  - Snow sleds in the shed
  - Ski bibs, jackets, gloves and boots in the garage closet just before entering the house
  - Games in the media lounge cabinets (please sort game pieces and cards if applicable)
  - Folding chairs in the front balcony closet
  - o Books in the bookshelf in the 2<sup>nd</sup> story hallway
  - o DVDs in the media lounge cabinet
- Turn all thermostats down to 55-60 degrees.
- Turn off all lights.
- Turn off fireplaces.
- Ensure BBQ grill burners are turned off.
- Ensure all sink, shower, and tub faucets are turned off.
- Ensure the steam room door is open.
- Ensure that all water hoses (outside and in the garage) are turned off.
- Shut and lock all windows. We frequently find bedroom and bathroom windows left open! NOTE: Most of the windows are "double hung". That means the top window pane comes down in addition to the bottom window pane going up. To close and lock the windows, you may have to push up on the top window pane while pushing down on the bottom window pane.
- Pick up any outside trash.
- Check all bedrooms and bathrooms for personal belongings.
- Ensure coffee maker, oven, and other cooking appliances are turned off.
- Refill the 2 jugs of water in the refrigerator when the refrigerator is relatively empty to reduce electricity consumption.
- Shut and lock all exterior doors. Ensure electric door on racquetball court glass wall is down.
- On exterior double doors, make certain both 3 point locking mechanisms are locked (pull UP on both door handles to make sure mechanisms are locked)
- Collect all keys.
- We understand that accidents happen and/or things wear out. If something is broken or doesn't work properly, please let us know so that we can fix it before the next guests arrive.

Thank you for helping keep our costs down and maintaining the house for our next guests.

# **Cleaning Checklist**

If you have been "certified for self cleaning", on your departure, please use this checklist to ensure all cleaning tasks are performed:

- Linens:
  - Wash and dry all used sheets and towels. Replace bed sheets with clean ones. Fold and return linens to closets.
- Kitchen:
  - Clean oven, refrigerator, microwave, sink, countertops and cabinet fronts.
  - Check and clean coffee pot for left over grounds.
  - Wash and put away all glasses, dishes, pots, pans, utensils, etc.
- Bar
  - Clean microwave, sink, countertops and cabinet fronts.
  - Wash and put away all glasses.
- Floors:
  - Vacuum carpet floors.
  - o Clean up soiled areas with carpet cleaner.
  - Sweep and mop all tiled areas.
  - Sweep and mop tiled stairs.
- Racquetball court
  - Sweep with dust mop.
  - Clean any dirty spots with a damp towel.
  - Windex the glass wall.
- Trash:
  - o Remove trash from all wastebaskets and bundle in trash bags.
  - Place trash bags in outside dumpster.
  - Place new plastic bags in trash cans.
- Bathrooms:
  - Clean sinks, countertops, bathtubs, showers, and toilets.
  - Replace empty toilet paper rolls.
  - Throw away used soap bars.
- Steam room
  - Wash and disinfect.
- Garage and Workshop
  - Sweep floors.
- General
  - Dust table tops.
- Grounds:
  - Pick up any trash left outside.
- Also see: "Departure Checklist" for thermostat settings and other information

Thank you.

# Our favorite places to Eat, Shop, Play and Go

We keep brochures for many local attractions in the 2 door cabinet near the dining table in the living room. We also leave coupons in there whenever we have them. Feel free to use the coupons and/or leave coupons for others if you have extra.

#### Playing and Going

- Rafting Buffalo Joe's Whitewater Rafting Brad Smith 719-395-8757
- Snowmobiling Good Times Adventures 970-453-7604
- Bicycle rentals Lone Star Sports in Breckenridge 970-453-2003
- Golfing Breckenridge Golf Club 970-453-9104
- Golfing Raven Golf Club 970-262-3636
- South Park in Fairplay re-creation of 1800s gold mining town 719-836-2387
- Georgetown Loop Train Ride Georgetown

#### **Eating**

- Breakfast Daylight Donuts in Breckenridge, Blue Moose in Breckenridge, Claimjumper in Frisco, Butterhorn in Frisco
- Lunch Butterhorn Bakery in Frisco, Horseshoe II in Breckenridge, Agave's in Breckenridge
- Sports Bars Eric's in Breckenridge, Ullr's in Breckenridge, Fatty's in Breckenridge, Dillion's Dam Brewery,
- Dinner with the kids Eric's in Breckenridge, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. in Breckenridge, Xtreme Pizza in Breckenridge
- Dinner, Mexican LaHacienda in Frisco, Jalepeno's in Breckenridge, Old Dillion Inn in Silverthorne, MiCasa in Breckenridge
- Dinner, American Silverheels Ore House in Frisco, Hearthstone in Breckenridge, Café Alpine in Breckenridge, Briar Rose in Breckenridge, Blue Spruce Inn in Frisco
- Dinner, Ethnic Swiss Haven Fondue in Breckenridge, St. Bernard's Italian in Breckenridge, Giamipietro's Italian in Breckenridge
- Ice Cream, Cookies, Coffee Clint's in Breckenridge and The Crown in Breckenridge

#### Shopping

- Silverthorne outlet malls in Silverthorne
- Scrapbook materials in the Country Crafts store in Breckenridge
- Rock and minerals store in Breckenridge (Larry and Sandy Lewarton owners)
- Puzzles and coffee beans in Java Jungle in Breckenridge
- Clothing, shoes, purses and gifts in Goode's in Breckenridge (John and Carrie Balma – owners)

# **Interesting facts**

- It is approximately 100 miles from the Alpine Villa to the Denver Int'l airport
- It is approximately 119 miles from the Alpine Villa to the Colorado Springs airport
- The Alpine Villa is located at an elevation of 9405 feet
- Summit County has approximately 27,000 full time residents
- Most snowfall in Breckenridge typically occurs in March and April

# Helpful information and phone numbers

- Alpine Villa Owners: Mike & Elizabeth Hawkins, hm 817-430-2240, Mike mobile 214-293-5500, Eliz mobile 972-571-4663
- Wayside Inn Motel & emergency local contact Tom Gleason 970-333-9669, 970-453-5540
- Alternative emergency local contact Bill McAlister 970-389-1806, 970-547-2984
- Transportation to and from the airport Resort Express 970-468-7600, Colorado Mountain Express 970-926-9800
- Taxi Service 970-453-TAXI
- Ski rentals & repair Lone Star Sports in Breckenridge 970-453-2003
- Computer repair and online access Rocky Mountain Computer in Frisco 970-668-2708

# **Satellite Television Programming**

Channel	Channel Name
265	A&E
311	ABC Family
367	America's Collectible Network
243	America's Store
254	American Movie Classics (AMC)
282	Animal Planet
720	Barclaycard English Premier League Soccer <sup>6 8</sup>
264	BBC America
329	Black Entertainment Television (BET)
523	BLACK STARZ!
353	Bloomberg Television
273	Bravo
374	BYU Television <sup>3 4</sup>
350	C-SPAN <sup>3</sup>
351	C-SPAN2 <sup>3</sup>
296	Cartoon Network
412	Casa Club TV <sup>2 4</sup>
371	Church Channel
355	CNBC
357	CNBC World
202	CNN
419	CNN en Espanol <sup>2 4</sup>
358	CNNfn / CNN International
249	Comedy Central
327	Country Music Television (CMT)
203	Court TV
369	Daystar Television Network <sup>3</sup>
219	DIRECTV Channel
201	DIRECTV Customer News
103	DIRECTV FREEVIEW Events
212 / 500	DIRECTV Movies This Week

100, 200, 516, 551	-
105 / 200	DIRECTV Pay Per View Schedule
220, 603, 753	DIRECTV Sports Schedule
212 / 500	DIRECTV Sports This Week
278	Discovery Channel
279	Discovery Health
290	Disney Channel (East)
291	Disney Channel (West)
236	E! Entertainment Television
206	ESPN
208	ESPN Classic
209	ESPN2
207	ESPNEWS
422	EWTN <sup>3 4</sup>
232	FINE LIVING
368	FitTV
231	Food Network
258	Fox Movie Channel
360	Fox News Channel
645	FOX Sports Net Rocky Mountain
339	Fuse
248	FX
404	Galavision
309	Game Show Network
605	Golf Channel
312	Hallmark Channel
204	Headline News
269	History Channel
229	Home & Garden Television (HGTV)
240	Home Shopping Network (HSN)
550	Independent Film Channel (IFC)
012	KBDI (PBS, Denver, CO) * 8
050	KCEC (Uni, Denver, CO) * 8
004	KCNC (CBS, Denver, CO) * 8
025	KDEN (Ind., Denver, CO) * 8
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031	KDVR (Fox, Denver, CO) * 8
011	KKTV (CBS, Colorado Springs, CO) * 8
007	KMGH (ABC, Denver, CO) * 8
005	KOAA (NBC, Colorado Springs, CO) * 8
059	KPXC (PAX, Denver, CO) * 8
013	KRDO (ABC, Colorado Springs, CO) * 8
006	KRMA (PBS, Denver, CO) * 8
800	KTSC (PBS, Colorado Springs, CO) * 8
020	KTVD (UPN, Denver, CO) * 8
014	KTVJ (TFT, Denver, CO) * 8
009	KUSA (NBC, Denver, CO) * 8
002	KWGN (WB, Colorado Springs, CO) * 8
002	KWGN (WB, Denver, CO) * 8
053	KWHD (Ind., Denver, CO) * 8
021	KXRM (Fox, Colorado Springs, CO) $^{\star}$ 8
057	KXTU (UPN, Colorado Springs, CO) $^{*\ 8}$
252	Lifetime
253	Lifetime Movie Network
375	Link TV <sup>3</sup>
438	Maria+Vision <sup>2 3 4</sup>
356	MSNBC
331	MTV
416	MTV Espanol <sup>2 4</sup>
333	MTV2
802-843	MUSIC CHOICE
824	MUSIC CHOICE - '70s
823	MUSIC CHOICE - '80s
817	MUSIC CHOICE - Alternative Rock
830	MUSIC CHOICE - Big Band & Swing
826	MUSIC CHOICE - Bluegrass
841	MUSIC CHOICE - Blues
829	MUSIC CHOICE - Classic Country
819	MUSIC CHOICE - Classic Rock
834	MUSIC CHOICE - Classical Masterpieces
843	MUSIC CHOICE - Contemporary Christian

813	MUSIC CHOICE - Dance
833	MUSIC CHOICE - Easy Listening
842	MUSIC CHOICE - Gospel
822	MUSIC CHOICE - Hit List
840	MUSIC CHOICE - Jazz
836	MUSIC CHOICE - Light Classical
816	MUSIC CHOICE - Metal
820	MUSIC CHOICE - Progressive / Adult Alternative
811	MUSIC CHOICE - R & B and Hip-Hop
812	MUSIC CHOICE - Rap
808	MUSIC CHOICE - Reggae
818	MUSIC CHOICE - Rock
802	MUSIC CHOICE - Showcase
831	MUSIC CHOICE - Singers & Standards
839	MUSIC CHOICE - Smooth Jazz
810	MUSIC CHOICE - Smooth R & B
821	MUSIC CHOICE - Soft Rock
825	MUSIC CHOICE - Solid Gold Oldies
806	MUSIC CHOICE - Sounds of the Seasons
838	MUSIC CHOICE - Soundscapes
828	MUSIC CHOICE - Today's Country
844-851	MUSIC CHOICE Espanol
849	MUSIC CHOICE Espanol - Salsa y Merengue <sup>2 4</sup>
376	NASA TV <sup>3 4</sup>
276	National Geographic Channel
721-733	NBA LEAGUE PASS <sup>6 8</sup>
366	Newsworld International
212	NFL Network
701	NFL SUNDAY SNAP <sup>6 8</sup>
299	Nickelodeon / Nick at Nite (East)
300	Nickelodeon / Nick at Nite (West)
302	Nicktoons
298	Noggin / The N
608	Outdoor Life Network
251	Oxygen

PAX TV
PBS You <sup>3</sup>
PUMA TV <sup>2 4</sup>
QVC
RFD-TV <sup>3 4</sup>
SCI FI Channel
Shop At Home Network <sup>3</sup>
ShopNBC
Speed Channel
Spike TV
TBS Superstation
TechTV
Telemundo East <sup>2 4</sup>
The Learning Channel (TLC)
TNT
Toon Disney
Travel Channel
Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) $^{\rm 3}$
TRIO
Turner Classic Movies (TCM)
TV Guide Channel
TV Land
Univision
USA Network
VH1
WE: Women's Entertainment
Weather Channel
WGN Superstation
Word Network <sup>3</sup>
World Harvest Network <sup>3</sup>