



**Welcome to TAEC 2026**  
**Trucking Association Executives Council Annual Meeting**  
**July 19–22, 2026**

Nestled in the beautiful Rocky Mountains of Steamboat Springs, TAEC 2026 offers an outstanding opportunity for industry leaders to connect, collaborate, and enjoy one of Colorado's premier mountain destinations. Additional meeting details and registration information are available at [TAEC 2026 Meeting Information](#).

**The Steamboat Grand**  
Steamboat Grand [Web](#)  
Address: 2300 Mt Werner Cir,  
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487  
Phone: +1-970-871-5500

Located at the base of Steamboat Resort, The Steamboat Grand offers:

- On-site dining and lounge options
- Heated outdoor pool and hot tubs
- Fitness center and spa services
- Walkable access to restaurants, shops, and mountain village activities
- Beautiful mountain views and summer recreation access

The hotel is approximately 30–40 minutes from Hayden/Yampa Valley Regional Airport (HDN).

### **Featured Speakers**

The TAEC 2026 program features:

- Administrator Derek Barrs, FMCSA
- Greg "Boss" Woolridge – former Leader of the Blue Angels
- Autonomous Vehicle Panel
- Danielle Chaffin, Highway Veritas
- Culture Index with Justin Anderson
- Cowboy Poet Terry Nash
- Dep. Asst. Secretary Cathy Gautreaux, USDOT
- Doug Marcello, Esq., Saxton & Stump
- Rebecca Brewster, ATRI
- State Trucking Association Executives

One of the highlights of TAEC 2026 will be Tuesday evening's unforgettable mountaintop dinner experience. Guests will enjoy a scenic gondola ride to the top of the mountain, taking in breathtaking views of the Yampa Valley and surrounding peaks along the way. The evening promises great food,

fresh mountain air, and the perfect setting to relax, network, and experience the unique charm and hospitality that make Steamboat such a special destination.

Plan to join us for Morning Yoga each day near the pool. Led by Melanie Williams, start your day with a relaxing and beginner-friendly morning yoga session designed to gently awaken the body and mind. This easy-paced class focuses on light stretching, breathing, balance, and mobility, making it perfect for all experience levels — including those new to yoga. Surrounded by the fresh mountain air and beautiful scenery of Steamboat Springs, it's the perfect way to recharge, reduce stress, and prepare for a productive day ahead.

## Flying Into Steamboat Springs

### Recommended Airport

Yampa Valley Regional Airport (HDN)

- Approximately 30–40 minutes from Steamboat Springs
- Served by several major airlines with seasonal direct flights from major U.S. cities ([Fly Steamboat](#))

### Alternate Airports

Denver International Airport (DEN)

- Approximately 3.5 - 4 hours driving time to Steamboat Springs

Eagle County Regional Airport (EGE) near Vail

- Approximately 1.5 – 2 hours driving time to Steamboat Springs

## Ground Transportation

### Shuttle Services from Hayden Airport (HDN)

Recommended providers include:

- [Storm Mountain Express](#) – 970-879-1963
- [Ski Town Transportation](#) – 970-457-1000
- [Steamboat Central Reservations Transportation](#) – 877-783-2628

Most shuttle providers offer:

- Shared shuttle service
- Private SUV or van transportation
- Direct hotel drop-off at The Steamboat Grand
- Advance reservations required

## Weather & Altitude Considerations

### Summer Weather

Typical July temperatures in Steamboat Springs:

- Daytime highs: 75–85°F
- Evening lows: 45–55°F

Afternoon thunderstorms are common in the mountains during summer months.

## Recommended Clothing

- Light daytime attire
- Layers for cool evenings
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Rain jacket or umbrella
- Sunscreen and sunglasses

## Altitude Information

Steamboat Springs sits at approximately **6,700 feet elevation**. Tuesday dinner will be on the top of the mountain at **10,000 feet elevation**. Visitors may experience mild altitude effects, including:

- Fatigue
- Mild headaches
- Shortness of breath during activity

## Helpful Tips

- Stay hydrated
- Limit alcohol during your first day
- Use sunscreen frequently
- Pace outdoor activities initially
- Drink plenty of water during flights and upon arrival

## Area Activities & Recreation

[Steamboat Springs Chamber of Commerce](#)  
[Visit Steamboat Springs](#)  
[City of Steamboat Springs Visitor Information](#)

## Steamboat Rodeo

Fridays & Saturdays in July - <https://steamboatprorodeo.com/rodeo-guide/general-info/>

## Golf

Popular nearby courses include:

- Rollingstone Ranch Golf Club – [www.rollingstoneranchgolf.com](http://www.rollingstoneranchgolf.com) - \$195 - \$255
- Haymaker Golf Course – [www.haymakergolf.com](http://www.haymakergolf.com) - \$165 - \$179

## Spa

Rocky Mountain Day Spa – [www.steamboatmassage.com](http://www.steamboatmassage.com) – 970-871-6111. Mention TAEC for a 10% discount.

## Horseback Riding

Experience the beauty of Routt National Forest on horseback with guided trail rides. [Del's Triangle 3 Ranch](#) | [Saddleback Ranch](#)

## Fishing

Enjoy fly fishing or spin fishing in the Yampa River or nearby lakes, with guided trips available for all skill levels. [Steamboat Fly Fisher](#) | [Bucking Rainbow Outfitters](#)

## Hiking

Explore Steamboat trails, from relaxing riverside walks to scenic hikes. In May, lower-elevation trails are often dry, while higher-elevation trails may still have snow or muddy conditions. To protect the

environment, please avoid using muddy trails, as they can be easily damaged. Popular options for this time of year include the Yampa River Core Trail (a paved path along the river), Spring Creek Trail (a gradual climb with scenic views), and the lower section of Fish Creek Falls (a short hike to an iconic waterfall).

[Trail Information](#) | [Interactive Trails Map](#)

## Mountain Biking

Ride through scenic road routes or enjoy early-season mountain biking on drier lower-elevation trails. Gravel and road biking can be great options while trails are drying out. Rentals available. [Bike Town USA Guide](#)

## Hot Springs

**Strawberry Park:** Relax in natural, mineral-rich hot springs in a beautiful, rustic setting just outside town. Reservations required. [Strawberry Park Hot Springs](#)

**Old Town Hot Springs:** Located downtown, this family-friendly facility features multiple soaking pools, lap pools, and waterslides. [Old Town Hot Springs](#)

**Helicopter Tours:** Enjoy an unforgettable aerial view of the Steamboat area with a private helicopter ride. [Zephyr Helicopter Company](#)

## Indoor Activities

**Shopping in Downtown Steamboat Springs:** Explore a variety of boutique shops offering unique local products, outdoor gear, and Western wear. Popular stops include [Steamboat Apparel & Gifts](#), [F.M. Light & Sons](#), [Ohana](#), the [Steamboat Hat Shop](#), [Off the Beaten Path](#), and the [Homesteader](#).

**Steamboat Art Museum:** Discover rotating exhibits showcasing Western and contemporary art in a historic downtown building. [Steamboat Art Museum](#)

**Tread of Pioneers Museum:** Learn about Steamboat's rich history, from its ski heritage to pioneer life in the Yampa Valley. [Tread of Pioneers Museum](#)

**Bowling & Arcade at Snow Bowl:** Enjoy a fun night out with bowling, arcade games, and live music. [Snow Bowl](#)

**The Crooked Key Escape Rooms:** Test your puzzle-solving skills with themed escape rooms, perfect for groups and families. [The Crooked Key](#)

**Steamboat Climbing Collective:** Try indoor rock climbing with options for beginners and advanced climbers. [Steamboat Climbing Collective](#)

**Howelsen Ice Complex:** Go ice skating or try bumper cars on ice at this year-round indoor rink. [Howelsen Ice Complex](#)

## Mythology Distillery:

Experience locally crafted spirits and explore the innovative distilling process at this Steamboat Springs distillery, offering tastings and a cozy atmosphere.

[Mythology Distillery](#)

**Storm Peak Brewing Company:** Sample locally brewed craft beer in a relaxed atmosphere with indoor and outdoor seating. [Storm Peak Brewing](#)

**Steamboat Tennis & Pickleball Center:** Play a round of tennis or pickleball at this indoor facility open year-round. [Steamboat Tennis & Pickleball Center](#)

## Restaurants Near The Steamboat Grand (Walking Distance or Short Drive)

### [The Cabin](#)

The Cabin features a menu of fresh favorites for every palate including great burgers, sandwiches, salads and appetizers. Our chef favors scratch cooking and local ingredients. Located on the lobby level of the hotel.

### [Cafe Diva](#)

Known for its creative American cuisine and intimate atmosphere, perfect for a cozy dinner near the base area.

### [Ore House at the Pine Grove](#)

A classic spot for steaks and seafood, offering a comfortable and rustic atmosphere. (drive or shuttle ride)

### [Wild Plum](#)

Enjoy wood-fired pizzas and a selection of seasonal dishes in a relaxed atmosphere at the base of the mountain.

## Downtown Steamboat Springs Restaurants

### [E3 Chophouse](#)

A high-end steakhouse offering prime cuts of beef and fresh seafood.

### [Aurum Food & Wine](#)

An upscale restaurant serving modern American cuisine, perfect for a special night out in downtown Steamboat.

### [Mazzola's Italian Diner](#)

A cozy, family-friendly Italian restaurant known for its hearty pastas and pizzas.

### [Laundry Kitchen & Cocktails](#)

This modern American restaurant offers creative cocktails and delicious dishes in a vibrant setting.

### [Harwigs](#)

An elegant fine dining spot offering French-inspired cuisine, perfect for romantic dinners or special occasions.

We look forward to welcoming you to beautiful Steamboat Springs for an outstanding 2026 TAEC Annual Meeting.



Questions?

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