

Join professional photographer, Joseph Roybal, in a photo workshop offered exclusively to the Lone Tree Photography Club set in the San Juan Mountains July 21-23, 2017. The location of this excursion lends itself to be a bit more strenuous than most and to accommodate this I have arranged for our group to make our way into the backcountry with our gear being carried by llamas. Each llama has the capacity to carry 70lbs, which will give each participant 40lbs of gear she and he can bring in with them. I will be organizing an Organization and Information Meeting as time nears to get all participants together where we will go over a packing list of what to bring with you answering questions and assisting wherever I can. This will be a blast and I encourage anyone interested in participating to please keep in mind the Ice Lake area is a pretty strenuous hike in, however with the animals carrying most, if not all, of your load this will help immensely.

We will all need to stay the night in Silverton the evening of the 20th July to pack our panniers and go over llama handling techniques. A detailed Daily Agenda is below. In the Organization and Information Meeting I put on the calendar for participants will be a great time to ask any questions you may still have. What I would like to also mention: if anyone at any point during the weekend simply wants to rest or is tired and wishes to stay in camp, would prefer to photograph a different location than we are as a group, to feel free to do so. My goal is to go over technique, composition and my approach to a scene doing this during the daylight in a great general location for all of us to shoot together and then fan out allowing for each participant to come away with their own unique images.

Daily Agenda, subject to change based on weather (photographic portion):

Day 1, Thursday July 20:

Everyone is to meet at The Inn of the Rockies at the Historic Alma House at 4pm where Bill will meet us and go over handling and packing techniques of the llamas. You can certainly arrive earlier and check into your rooms/wander the town. We will pack our panniers for the weekend this afternoon to be able to simply load them onto the animals Saturday morning. We will all have a group dinner together after our meeting and get to bed to be ready for an early start Friday morning.

Day 2, Friday July 21:

Wake up, eat breakfast at our B&B and depart The Inn of the Rockies at the Historic Alma House 8:30am, Arrive to Mineral Creek Campground about 9am.

Bill to meet us and load the llamas with our gear. We will begin hiking in about 10am, hike should take about 2-3 hours.

We will setup camp in Lower Ice Lakes Basin, eat lunch and rest up a bit in camp. We will then have an early dinner and head up to Upper Ice Lakes for sunset and then will most likely stay up top through the blue hour and into the early hours of the morning photographing the Milky Way. I will teach and discuss these photographic techniques during the day to all interested in learning so we can all be ready and prepared to capture some amazing images. We will find our compositions earlier in the evening for this shot. We will either return to camp very early in the morning OR might even stay up top for sunrise and then head back down to camp to sleep.

Day 3, Saturday July 23:

Photograph sunrise and head back to camp to rest. After sunrise all participants are free to do as they wish, FREE TIME :) If you would like to hike around the area, scout Upper

Ice Lakes for your evening photo, please feel free! We will again have an early dinner and ascend to Upper Ice Lakes for sunset and I would like to again attempt for Milky Way this second night if possible/weather permits after sunset.

Day 4, Sunday July 24:

Photograph sunrise and head back to camp. We will have a light breakfast, break-down camp and load up aiming to be back to the car part where Bill will meet us about noon.

The nature of this photography workshop is to learn new techniques pushing your photographic creativity to the limit and into a new level. For those of you who are not familiar with backcountry tactics and general well-being, I assure you this is a highly travelled area that should not intimidate you. During the weekend all participants are welcomed to go at their own pace and fitness level, please listen to your bodies. We will be shooting sunrise, sunset and the timing I have organized to fall exactly on a New Moon so we can all also learn astro/night photography techniques. This will truly be a packed weekend of photography, camping, and story-telling under the stars. I have designed this out of a desire to help those individuals achieve a goal they may never have thought possible: to truly experience and live the life a landscape photographer does getting into one of the state's most beautiful and rugged landscapes filled with Columbines, pristine blue water and vistas you can't make up - it's of a fairytale. I love guiding, teaching and most of all sharing my knowledge with all of you and want to help everyone achieve their maximum potential.

Fees for this course include the workshop, llama rental, tent use while camping and meals while in the backcountry. I am asking that everyone plan on pairing up with someone for the two nights we are camping. This will help streamline and simplify packing and weight distribution on the llamas. Should anyone wish to sleep solo, feel free to bring your own tent, however you will need to inform me prior so I can make adjustments if necessary and you will be responsible for the transporting of it. I will be renting two man tents for the weekend that are great and are comfortable. For meals I will be purchasing delicious Mountain House meals for breakfast and dinner, lunch will be lighter e.g. nuts, dried fruit, chocolate, salami, cheese - as example. I ask should anyone have strict dietary requirements they let me know so I can accommodate this.

What is NOT included: transport to/from Silverton, accommodation and meals while in Silverton.

For accommodation: I have blocked out rooms in one of Silverton's most quaint and unique B&B's for the group, the Inn of the Rockie's at the Historic Alma House. It is a small house and the owners will take great care of us. The general nature of this type of lodging being a smaller B&B is most rooms will have two beds, however those who call in and book soonest will have priority on their arrangements. There are enough rooms for everyone for the night of the 20th, prices range from \$119 up. Please ask for Betty and tell her you are a part of the Joseph Roybal Photography Workshop.

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If anyone is wanting to go on this incredible expedition and you are afraid you do not

have adequate gear, please keep in mind REI will rent everything you will need: Tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, trekking poles and probably more.

Each participant will need to have: Sleeping bag (good to 15 degrees), sleeping pad (I love anything [Big Agnes](#) inflatable and insulated), trekking poles, sturdy hiking boots that you have already broken-in, rain jacket/shell, synthetic base layer (x2), wool insulating layer(s) as it does get chilly at night (upper body and leggings -[HellyHanson Lifa StayDry](#) are awesome!), beanie (hat), light gloves/mittens, wool socks (x3), Exoficio underwear (2x), extra AA/AAA batteries, water filter (I love the [Sawer Mini](#), if you wish to go bigger, the larger [MSR](#) is great), shoes for hanging out around camp like Crocs (please keep them closed-toe, no flip-flops), blister prevention kit ([Moleskin](#)), first-aid kit (band aids and antibiotic cream) and general toiletries (toothbrush/paste, toilet paper, moist towelettes, hand sanitizer, bug spray, ibuprofen). It sounds like a lot, but it really isn't and the llamas will make easy work of hauling it all in. We can discuss all of this in our Meeting that I aim to have in mid-June to allow time for everyone to buy and try anything they will need.

Camera gear, filters, tripod, memory cards, extra batteries, cable release for long exposures, [small travel umbrella](#) - Bring lenses to cover all of your "ranges", but please try not to double up e.g. carrying two wide-angle lenses like the 16-35mm and then a 24-70mm. For example, I carry my 14-24mm f/2.8, 50mm f/1.8, and 70-300mm f/4-5.6 plus filters and accessories. For night photography you will ideally want to have a wide angle lens (approx ~15mm focal range w/ F stop of 2.8 or faster).

Misc: hammock, snacks, kindle, lantern for tent and anything else you think you will need.

Please keep in mind this is a backcountry camping location and there are no facilities in the area. We must and will practice backcountry techniques and mentality of "pack it in, pack it out" respect for our gorgeous nature to preserve it for others to enjoy. I will go over these techniques in the class coming up, location and date both TBD.

Until then, please take a look at the information below and visit the Ice Lakes website to get an idea of the area, map of the terrain, lay of the land and vertical feet gained for reference. Note: the llamas will stay at camp once we arrive, we will be completing the final 1-1.5 mile hike to Upper Ice Lakes on our own.

Ice Lakes Trail Hiking Info:

- * Distance: 7.0 miles (round trip) to Ice Lake
8.4 miles (round trip) to Island Lake
- * Elevation: 9,840-ft. at Trailhead
12,270-ft. at Ice Lake
12,392-ft. at Island Lake
- * Elevation Gain: 2,430-ft. to Ice Lake
2,552-ft. to Island Lake
- * Difficulty: moderate-strenuous
- * Basecamp:

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Everyone will need to download this Injury Release form, print it out and bring it on the 20th to give to Bill, owner of the llamas: <http://redwoodllamas.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Redwood-Llamas-Release-of-Liability-12.11.16.pdf>