

Shelter Ministries is a hospitality service for evangelical missionaries. Our goal is to “Provide Rest and Renewal for Missionary Families.” Shelter Pines, a retreat center on 20 acres of wooded and pastoral countryside, is located in the “Black Forest” region just 25 minutes NE of Colorado Springs.

Tim Westberg, Shelter Ministries Director, and his wife, Lynn, were on staff with The Navigators for 26 years. They raised their two children while serving in central Mexico for 11 years.

Many missionaries come to Colorado to interact with their organizations or to visit the multiple attractions in the area. While they are here, we recommend some “down” time as well. Shelter Ministries provides a place where people can reconnect as families, and linger with Jesus, so that He can meet them wherever they’re at. Shelter Pines is a safe place to rest, walk, pray, read, play with your kids, get re-acquainted with your spouse, be refreshed, evaluate, renew and regroup.

What to expect: *Grace Suite* is a cozy attached cottage with a loft, bedroom, kitchenette and private deck. It has its own entrance, but you will share a driveway with the main house. In the living area, there is a queen bed, a small living room, and a 3/4 bath. The bedroom has bunk beds and a study desk. Linens, towels and dishes are provided. In the loft area, kids can play or sleep. There are laundry facilities on site.

You will be on your own for meals, though there are always a few basics in the kitchen to last for a couple of days. You can bring your own favorite things or use what’s here. We suggest you keep meals simple, so the main chef in your family can get some rest too. The nearest restaurants and grocery stores are about 15 minutes away. When possible, we like to share a meal with you in the main house sometime during your stay.

Cell phones do not reach out here. If people need to get hold of you, they can call our home number (719-522-1487). There is a phone in the suite with its own number, which you can give out if you want (719-495-2240). Long distance calls can be made with credit card or phone cards.

Many people ask about the cost of staying at Shelter Pines. Though we never want finances to keep someone from staying here, donations are appreciated and help keep Shelter Ministries available for others to enjoy. The Board recommends a range of \$30-\$50 a night or \$175 a week. Checks can be made out to Shelter Ministries.

Directions from Denver to Shelter Pines: I-25 south, take the Baptist Rd Exit (#158) east about 11 miles (Baptist Rd becomes Hodgen Rd at route 83) to Goshawk Road Rd W(a gravel road). Turn left. We are 16825, about 1/4 mile on the right....first driveway at the top of the hill after the mailboxes. Watch for the Shelter Pines sign.

Directions from Colorado Springs to Shelter Pines: Woodmen Road east to Black Forest Road....north about 1/4th mile, turn right onto Vollmer Rd. Go about 10 miles on Vollmer to Hodgen. Turn right about 1.2 miles to Goshawk Road West (a gravel road). Turn left. We are 16825, about 1/4 mile on the right....the first driveway at the top of the hill after the mailboxes. Watch for the Shelter Pines sign.

OR...Route 83 north to Hodgen. Hodgen east (about 6½ miles) to Goshawk Road West, (a gravel road 1.2 miles past Vollmer). Turn left. We are 16825, about 1/4 mile on the right...the first driveway at the top of the hill after the mailboxes. Watch for the Shelter Pines sign.

For reservations or other questions, please call us at 719-522-1487 or via email at contact@shelterpines.org. We pray that your stay here would be refreshing and restorative...that God would be to you and speak to you exactly what you need. Psalm 62