

# Amache Pilgrimage

May 15-17, 2026

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# Friday Schedule

9:00 am

Volunteer check in at community center

9:30 am

Disperse to work sites

12:00 pm

Lunch at Shorty's  
(cash only)

1:00 pm

Finish tasks  
(if necessary)

2:00 pm

Registration opens at Granada HS

2:30 pm

Amache rangers on site  
12 Block

4:30 pm

Cook-out dinner  
Hosted by Granada High School  
\$10 cash or check

6:00 pm

Presentations  
Granada HS Auditorium

- **Amache Overview and Summer Field School**—Dr. Bonnie Clark, Denver University
- **Amache Projects and Site Updates**—Chris Mather, NPS
- **Grassroots Preservation**—Natasha Varner, PhD
- **Community Connections**—Rachael Storm, PhD, History Colorado and Tracy Coppola, NPCA
- **Reflections**—Derek Okubo and Mitch Homma, Amache Alliance
- **Closing Musical**—Julia Shizuyo-Popham and Erin Aoyama
- **Announcements**—Mitch Homma, Amache Alliance

7:30 pm

Cake social in Granada HS gym

# Saturday Schedule

9:00 am

**Block tours**

6E, 6H, 7G, 8E, 8K, 9K, 11E,  
11H, 12F

10:00 am

**Shuttle between HS  
and Cemetery begins**

11:00 am/when bus  
arrives

**Memorial Ceremony  
at Cemetery**

- Welcome by Nikkaijin Kai
- Hoji and Oshoko
- Benediction floral offerings : JA  
community organizations

12:30 pm

**Potluck lunch at  
Granada HS**

- Please allow people from the bus  
to eat first
- Lunch presentations

2:00 pm

**Block tours**

6F, 7E, 7H, 8F, 9E, 9L, 10H, 11F,  
11K, 12G

3:00-8:00 pm

**Small group activites**

- Schedule on next page
- At Community Center

3:00 pm

**Block tours**

6G, 7F, 7K, 8G, 9H, 10E, 11G,  
12E, 12H, 12K

5:00 pm

**First dinner seating**

Cash only, \$20  
Historic Newman's Drug  
building

6:30 pm

**Second dinner seating**

Cash only, \$20  
Historic Newman's Drug  
building

# Small Group Activities

3:00 pm

Author tables, Amache film.

4:00 pm

Intergenerational conversations

5:00-8:00 pm

Amache film, relaxation and reflection space

The intergenerational conversation provides a space for pilgrimage attendees to learn from and with each other. This is a safe space to share thoughts, feelings, and reflections on Amache. Everyone is invited to participate.

## Authors and other tables

Evelyn Iritani, *Safe Passage: The Untold Story of Diplomatic Intrigue, Betrayal, and the Exchange of American and Japanese Civilians By Sea During World War II*

Jolene Gutiérrez, *Unbreakable: A Japanese American Family in an American Incarceration Camp*

Linnaea Stuart, *The Supressed Interior: Reimagining Amache*; CU Denver College of Architecture and Planning

Ross Ishikawa; *We Hearby Refuse* by Frank Abe and Tamiko Nimura

Amache Community Archeology Project and Melissa Giseler Trafton, *Collective Agency and Resistance During Japanese American Incarceration: The Amache Silk Screen*

National Parks Service, General Management Plan

National Parks Conservation Association

History Colorado

Amache x Sand Creek Massacre Youth Ambassadors

# Sunday Schedule

9:00 am

Sand Creek Massacre  
NHS gates open

9:30 am

Remembrance  
ceremony

- Cedar ceremony and prayer
- NPS Welcome
- History of Sand Creek

10:00 am

Ranger-led walks

- 0.5 mi option
- longer option

Programming to end around 12:00 pm.

## Important Notes

The ceremony is taking place at the historic site, NOT the Research Center in downtown Eads. Address for the site is:

55411 County Rd W.  
Eads, CO 81936

There are no food or beverage concessions available at the site.

The Denver Airport is approximately three hours away.

## Thank you for attending the 2026 Amache Pilgrimage!

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