

The Snow Lion Apartments are home to all entering undergraduate students who are arriving with fewer than 30 credits and are twenty years old and younger. An extraordinary opportunity to deepen your experience at Naropa, Snow Lion is conveniently located four residential blocks from the Arapahoe Campus and close to the bus line to the Nalanda Campus. Housing is an important aspect of making the transition to Boulder and to college. This fact sheet provides important details about the housing experience you will be engaged in during your first two semesters at Naropa. Please, take a few minutes to learn a bit about this exciting opportunity to live in community. If you have any questions regarding housing at Snow Lion, please feel free to call 303-447-3846 or email housingadmin@naropa.edu.

WHERE LEARNING COMES ALIVE

The mission of Naropa University housing is to provide a healthy, sustainable, contemplative and compassionate community where students are supported and holistically engaged. Naropa's residential learning community offers weekly programming and strives to provide academic support through co-curricular activities, creating an intersection between formal instruction, the community and the world. The residence hall is a place where learning comes alive.

At Naropa, we value educating the whole person. We ask our students to take responsibility for their environment, and to enhance their educational experience and integrate what they are learning in the classroom into their everyday life. Attending classes and living with other students presents a unique opportunity to learn and develop skills in working with others, diversity awareness, conflict resolution and problem-solving, thus, connecting both the curricular and co-curricular aspects of education.

APARTMENTS

Each unit is a one or two-bedroom apartment, including a kitchen, full bath, dining area and living room. In general, there will be four students per two-bedroom apartment. Private bedrooms are based on availability and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The bedrooms range in square footage. The smallest occupancy room is 11 x 10. The living rooms, on average, are 14 x 15. Each resident is provided with a twin long bed, dresser, desk, desk chair and closet. The apartment will also include a kitchen table and chairs, a couch and coffee table. High-speed internet is provided and included in the housing cost. To see an apartment floor plan, please go to www.naropa.edu/housing.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The Snow Lion complex includes a small community meeting space, meditation room, off-street parking and a coin-operated



laundry facility. To ensure a safe and secure environment for the Snow Lion community, access into the apartment complex is available to residents only, and there is a night security guard who monitors the grounds. In addition, Snow Lion promotes green practices. Recycling and composting bins are located on site. The Naropa University Counseling Center is also located at Snow Lion. The counseling center can support students with concerns such as personal growth, addiction, stress management, relationships, depression/anxiety and eating disorders. We realize that going to college is a big transition, and it is possible that you might need some support. Please don't be afraid to use the resources at Naropa for your well-being and personal growth.

SUBSTANCE-FREE HOUSING OPTION

Although the Office of University Housing expects that all resident rooms and public spaces in the residence comply with federal, state and university regulations related to the use of alcohol and other drugs, the substance-free apartments offer an additional measure of support for individuals who choose not to drink or use other drugs.

The purpose of the substance-free housing option is to foster a living environment in which complete abstinence from alcohol and drugs, healthy, sustainable and thoughtful choices will be respected and residents can be assured that substance use and/or abuse will not be a factor in their lives. For more information, please see www.naropa.edu/housing and select "substance free housing standards."

MEAL PLAN OPTIONS

There are two different meal plans that are available to Naropa students. They are the Naropa Café Meal Plan, which can be used at the Naropa Café locations on any of our campuses, and the Flatiron Meal Plan, which can be used at many locations throughout the Boulder area, close to campus and includes the Sunflower Farmer's Market, and Whole Foods (local grocery stores).

Each vendor will be at the Naropa University orientation events in August including the Snow Lion Orientation and during several of the main orientation events on campus. Feel free to purchase directly from the vendors.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

It is a valued aspiration to create an environment in which students are free to express (and discover) their own unique identity while at the same time finding a common ground with others. This takes time and effort. Therefore, one important commitment for those who are living at Snow Lion is participation in community meetings, which are monthly in concert with Snow Lion Student Council meetings. In each two-hour meeting, we make group announcements, pass along important information and work out any problems that may arise in the community. Community meetings are led and facilitated both by staff and students.

MAKING CONNECTIONS THROUGH PROGRAMMING

Programming at Snow Lion is one of the ways we fulfill our mission of helping new undergraduates find ways to make connections between what they are learning in the classroom and their daily lives. Students choose activities according to their personal interests. Some of the themes are health awareness, lifestyle choices, social justice and leadership skills. Some events we've sponsored are 24hr poetry readings, group meditation, movie nights, wellness week, Gender Bender smoothie and dialogue, substance-free and vegan potlucks. We also provide resources and connections to our outdoor club ROOT, <http://www.naropa.edu/studentlife/root.cfm>.

STAFF AND RESOURCES

Four staff members live on-site: three resident community advisors (RA) and one residence hall director (RHD). The office for the director of housing is also located on site. A staff person is on-duty and available at 8 p.m., seven days a week.

PEER MENTORSHIP

Along with the four staff members, four peer mentors live at Snow Lion. Peer mentors help to educate students in health awareness, social justice, lifestyle decisions and leadership skills. By educating students in this way, peer mentors are asked to embody and model the skills of making healthy choices and informal lifestyle decisions, and demonstrating leadership skills, all of which increase their ability to significantly contribute to a pluralistic society. The peer mentors' apartments are located on the third floor of the building alongside other student apartments. Peer mentors are housed together and use their apartments as safe spaces for students to share stories, have tea, and hang out or as a place to get resources.

HOW TO APPLY FOR HOUSING

Rooms will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Housing deposits (\$300) will only be refunded if you choose not to attend Naropa University. Housing charges and student activities fee (\$125) will be added to your Naropa University bill. Thus, the balance is due when your tuition is due. The initial deposit, however, must be paid in order to hold your spot.

- You must be accepted by Admissions as a full-time student.
- Please submit your admissions confirmation deposit.
- Fill out, sign and return the housing application.
- Submit initial housing deposit (\$300). Please make checks payable to "Naropa University." You can also call the housing office at 303-447-3846 to pay by credit card. (There is an additional 2% fee if you choose this payment method.)
- Please sign and complete your lease agreement. The lease will be mailed to you when your housing placement is confirmed.

The housing application, initial housing deposit and meal plan selection form can be mailed to:

Naropa University
University Housing
2130 Arapahoe Avenue
Boulder, CO 80302

It is essential that you include "University Housing" in the address to ensure your selection form and deposit are received.