



RaterFest! 2013 FAQ's

1. *What does RaterFest! entail?*

- a. RaterFest! is EnergyLogic's annual retreat for home energy professionals. The event is an intimate, rustic retreat that takes place on Friday – Sunday each year. This year, we are excited to announce that we will have 14 incredible presentations...but there will still be plenty of time for great conversations and networking with the presenters and your colleagues in the industry. The meals are always fantastic, and include many local and organic ingredients. And, it all takes place in the beautiful Rocky Mountains of Colorado!
 - i. Most people stay on-site (see questions #3 - #5 below), enjoying the group accommodations and rustic atmosphere. There is the option of staying off-site if you prefer hotel amenities, private lodging, or you are travelling with your family.

2. *Is there transportation to Black Hawk, outside of renting a car?*

- a. Yes – please see the options below:
 - i. DIA Option: <http://www.denvercasinoshuttle.com/>
 - ii. Boulder Option: <http://bouldercountycasinoexpress.com>
 - iii. Look at all the available options, including charter service, [here](#):

3. *What accommodations/lodging are available at this event?*

- a. On-Site Accommodations:
 - i. Camping: if you would like to camp, you will need to bring all your own camping gear
 - ii. Group bunk-style lodging: If you prefer to stay indoors in the bunk rooms, you will need to bring your own sleeping bag and pillow...sheets can be borrowed from the venue, if interested.
 - iii. Cabins: There are multiple small cabins on-site – but while they have electricity, they do not have heat. Contact us if you are interested in staying in a cabin, either by yourself or with a small group (they can sleep 6 people each)...we will assign cabins on a first-come, first-served basis (dependent on availability).
- b. Off-Site Accommodations:
 - i. There are numerous accommodations in the area, and a few close options are listed out in question #5 below. Off-site accommodations are not included in the registration fee, but can be a good option if you are coming with your family, or you prefer to have private lodging.

4. *I see that the on-site accommodations include an option of camping, staying in group bunk-style rooms, or requesting a cabin. What do these accommodations look like/entail?*

- a. Camping: the camping option is as you would expect – there is plenty of land to set your tent up on, and you will be able to utilize the group bathrooms (which have 3 individual shower stalls in each).



- b. Group bunk-style lodging: There are multiple bunk rooms available, that sleep anywhere from 8-12 each. There are group bathrooms that have 3 individual shower stalls in each.
- c. Cabins: There are 6 cabins available for reservation – we will provide these to people who need/want them on a first come, first serve basis. We will be holding a few until closer to the event to ensure that those who may need them have access to them. Given this, please email [Meagan](#) if you are interested in inquiring about reserving a cabin.

5. *If I want to camp or stay on-site in the bunk rooms or a cabin, is this included in my registration price?*

- a. Yes, all on-site accommodations are included in your registration fee.

6. *If I want to stay in an area hotel or vacation rental, is that included in my registration fee?*

- a. No, only on-site accommodations are included in the registration fee.

7. *What are some hotel/vacation rental options that are close to the venue?*

- a. [Mountain View Chalet](#) (Rollinsville, [4.5 miles](#))
- b. [Hidden Springs Cabin](#) (Rollinsville – 6.5 miles)
- c. [Mountain Homes Management](#) (various locations around Black Hawk)
- d. [Isle Hotel](#) (Black Hawk, 10.5 miles)
- e. [AmeriStar](#) (Black Hawk, 10.5 miles)
- f. [Aspen Ridge Haus](#) (Nederland, 11 miles)
- g. [Best Western](#) (Nederland, 11 miles)
- h. [Northern Lights Cabin](#) (Eldora, [14 miles](#))

8. *Can I bring my friends/family along (if they are not attending the retreat)?*

- a. Yes! While we cannot allow friends and family to stay on-site unless they pay the registration fee*, you can stay in off-site accommodations and definitely have your friends/family along for the ride. In the past, attendees have brought their families along for a vacation before or after the retreat, and they enjoy all that Colorado has to offer while you are attending one of the best industry events in the country!
 - i. * Please contact us if you are interested in your friends/family staying on-site and/or joining us for meals. We can provide you with a price quote that meets your needs!

9. *What is included in the \$325 registration fee?*

- a. 2 nights lodging (Friday and Saturday nights), 6 meals (Friday: lunch/dinner; Saturday: all meals; Sunday: breakfast), CEU's, 12 amazing presentations, all beverages (including beer!) ...all in a beautiful Colorado locale!



- 10. I see that the retreat begins at 10:00am on Friday morning – since I am flying in, this means that I should arrive on Thursday if possible. Will you provide accommodations on Thursday night?**
- a. While we will not be providing accommodations on Thursday night, we do recommend that you arrive on Thursday if you are flying in (to ensure you can join us for the start of the event on Friday morning). Please see #5 above for some options on where to stay on Thursday night. Please also contact us if you need assistance locating lodging for Thursday night, we are happy to help you locate an option that will work well for you!
- 11. I am vegetarian/vegan, or have food allergies – will I be able to have meals that meet my dietary needs at the retreat?**
- a. Yes! We will send out a survey prior to the retreat where we will ask for this type of information. Please ensure that you receive and complete this survey, so that we are aware of your dietary needs and/or restrictions.
- 12. Are there places for me to hike on-site without needing to drive?**
- a. Yes! The ranch has lots of space, and shares a border with Golden Gate State Park. It really is a beautiful area.
- 13. Will I have cell phone service at the event?**
- a. The only carrier that is said to have reliable service at the venue is AT&T. If you are with a different carrier, please expect to have limited or nonexistent cell phone coverage while at the venue.
- 14. Will I have access to the internet/wifi at the event?**
- a. The venue does not have internet or wifi available, but if you find you need to access the internet during the event you can visit the [Gilpin County Library](#).
 - b. Gilpin County Library Information:
 - i. 15131 Highway 119, Black Hawk CO 80422 : 303-582-5777
 - ii. Their hours are:
 1. Friday: 9:00am – 6:00pm
 2. Saturday: 9:00am – 4:00pm
 3. Sunday: Closed
- 15. What should I plan to bring with me?**
- a. We recommend using the list below to help you create your own packing list:



- i. Bedding/sleeping bag/pillow
- ii. Towel/washcloth
- iii. Pajamas
- iv. Layers
- v. Sweaters/coats
- vi. Hiking boots
- vii. House shoes (for in the lodge)
- viii. Gloves/hat
- ix. Rain gear
- x. Sunglasses
- xi. Sunscreen
- xii. Water bottle
- xiii. Personal snacks
- xiv. Personal toiletries (including shampoo, soap, toothbrush, etc.)

16. What is the elevation at the venue?

- a. The elevation is approximately 8,600 feet.

17. What type of weather can I expect?

- a. We will be in touch with you the week prior to the event, and in that correspondence we will let you know the current weather forecast. However, the weather in the mountains is subject to sudden changes. Be prepared for the possibility of rain, snow, intense sun, and dramatic temperature changes.