



# 2024 Amache Pilgrimage

## Weekend Schedule





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Friday May 17, 2024

## Friday Special Program Schedule:

- 3:00pm:** National Park Service ribbon cutting celebration at Amache NHS entrance
- 4:30pm:** Amache Site Tour “Uncovering Amache”  
Led by the Denver Univ. Amache Research Project team, NPS, and APS, and Amache Alliance
- 6:00pm:** Evening snack at the Granada High School at  
201 S Hoisington St, Granada, CO 81041  
Feel free to bring and share snacks
- 6:30pm:** Presentations at the Granada High School Auditorium
- *Amache Overview & Community Field Research*  
by Dr. April Kamp Whittaker, CSU Chico & Amache Alliance
  - *Preservation History from the Community*  
by Derek Okubo, Community Leader & Amache Alliance Special Advisor
  - *Amache today and tomorrow*  
by Chris Mather, Amache National Historic Site Manager
  - *Closing musical - From Separation to Pilgrimage: Healing through Remembrance* by Julia Shizuyo Popham, PhD Student & Amache Alliance volunteer and Julianna Ellis, NPS Park Ranger
  - **Announcements**  
- Mitch Homma, Amache Alliance
- 8:00pm:** Social with Celebration cake  
in the Granada H.S. Gym





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**Saturday May 18, 2024**

**Pilgrimage Registration at Amache.org** <https://amache.org/pilgrimage/>

**Block of rooms available at the Holiday Inn in Lamar: Make reservatins by Apr 18 (719) 931-4010**

## Pilgrimage Denver Bus Schedule – May 18<sup>th</sup>

- 6:00 Pickup Simpson United Methodist Church
- 6:30 Pickup Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple
- 8:00am Break - Limon Refreshment Stop
- 11:00am Arrival at Amache for Memorial Ceremony
- Welcome by Nikkeijin Kai
  - Hoji & Oshoko
  - Benediction Floral Offerings: JA Community Organizations
- 12:30pm Potluck lunch at Granada High School
- Lunch Presentations
  - Judge Gogo flag presentation
- 2:00pm Amache Museum Tour or Site Tour
- 2:30pm Return to Denver
- 6:30pm Denver Arrival

Hosted by:



## Self-Visit Schedule – May 18<sup>th</sup>

Over 953 men and women served in the military from Amache. APS recreated Honor wall kiosk to honor these heroes from the Amache community.

- 9:00am Meet at Amache entrance kiosks for family barracks visits or self-tour
- 10:00am Shuttle from high school to Amache Cemetery
- 11:00am Participate in Pilgrimage Ceremony at Amache Cemetery (after bus arrives)
- Shuttle back to Granada High School
- 12:30pm Potluck Lunch at Granada High School
- Please allow Denver bus participants to get their food first

- 2:00pm Amache tour or barracks visits; meet at High School entrance
- 3:30pm Small group Amache discussions at the Granada High School

- 5:00pm Dinner hosted by Shorty's – 1<sup>st</sup> seating
- 6:30pm Dinner hosted by Shorty's – 2<sup>nd</sup> seating
- Shorty's is cash only; Cost \$15.00
- 24 N Main St, Granada, CO 81041
- Across the street and opposite corner from the Community Center

Dinner is at the old Newmans Drug Store where Amache families went to shop, had ice cream or a soda. Next door was the Granada Fish Market started by Frank Tsuchiya. Using his connections from running a fish market in Los Angeles, he brought in sashimi grade fish to Granada and sold Japanese food hard to come by in camp such as soy sauce and noodles.

**Don't forget to visit the Amache Museum in town**

Amache home movie footage will be playing in the conference room



# Town of Granada



**Remember! We are guests so please watch your vehicle speed in town**

### Block Detail and Barrack Numbering Convention



Blocks: 6, 8, 10, 12

Blocks: 7, 9, 11

W Amache Rd

Parking and Honor Roll

W Amache Rd

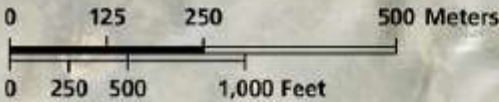
Cemetery  
Columbarium

Recreation Hall

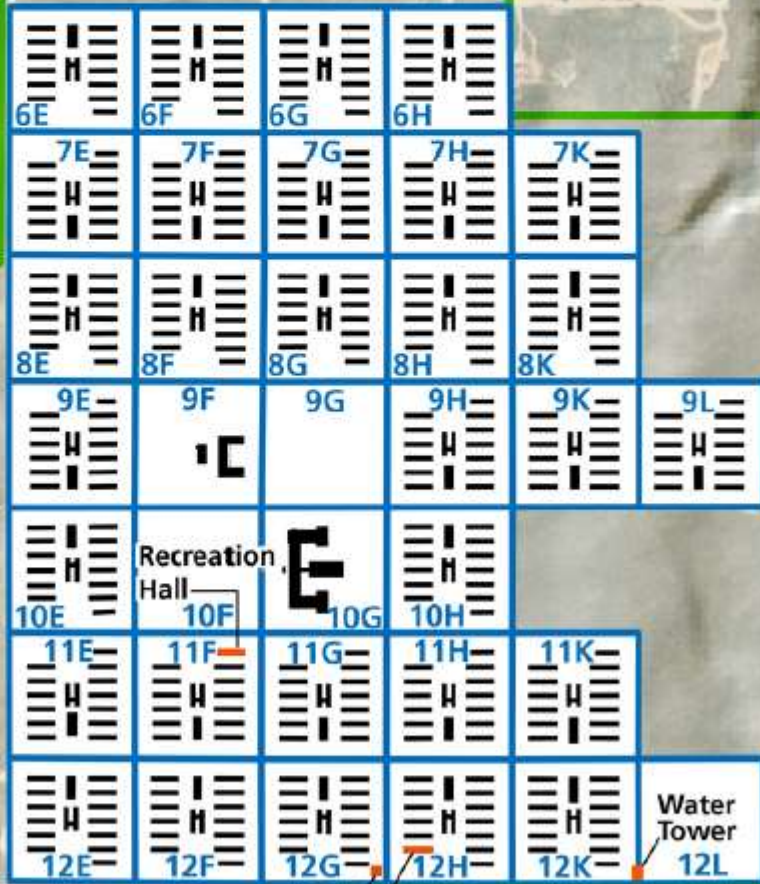
Water Tower

Guard Tower Barrack

North



- Building (existing)
- Foundation Remains
- Block Boundary
- Park Boundary





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**Sunday May 19, 2024**

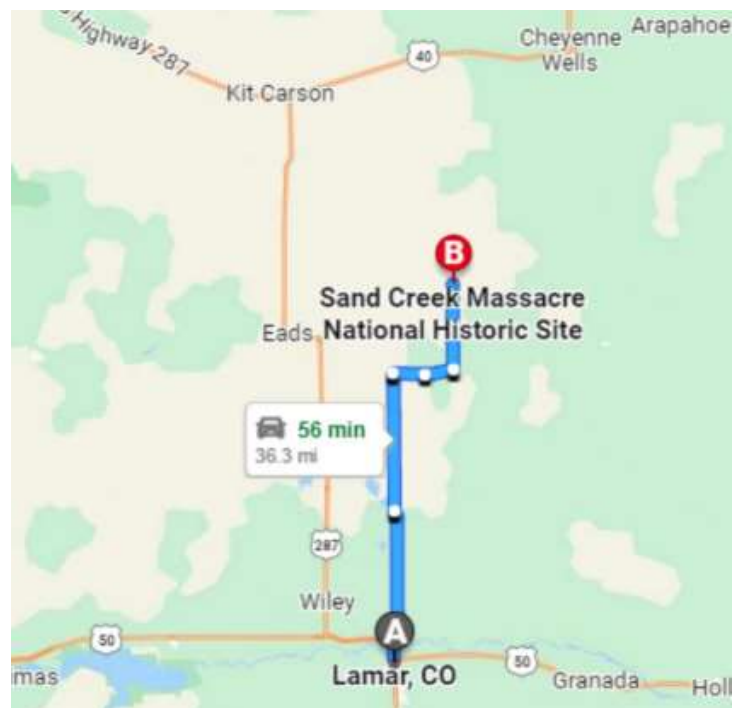
- **9:00am** Meet at Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Contact Station at the actual site **55411 County Rd W, Eads, CO 81036**  
**(Not the Sand Creek Massacre Visitor and Education Center in downtown Eads)**
- 9:30 am Remembrance at Contact station area
- 10:00-ish Interpretive ranger short (1/2 mile) and long walking tours
- **There are no food/beverage concessions available at the Sand Creek Massacre NHS**
- **NOTE: The Denver Airport is a little over 3 hours away.**

The Sand Creek Massacre is one of the most emotionally charged and controversial events in American history, a tragedy reflective of its time and place. It stands as a testament to a brutality that should be learned from and never repeated, a lesson of what the rejection of conscience in the face of fear and hysteria can lead to, and the suffering that this betrayal has imparted on generations of Arapaho and Cheyenne people.

The Amache community has the opportunity to share and learn from the Sand Creek Massacre community. We humbly and very respectfully honor their history and life on their lands in Southeastern Colorado.

## Start: Lamar, Colorado 81052

1. Head east on W Elm St toward S 5th St
  - 34 sec (443 ft)
2. Take Co Rd 8 and Co Rd 49 to County Rd N in Kiowa County
  - 26 min (24.1 mi)
3. Turn right onto County Rd N
  - 3 min (2.6 mi)
4. Slight right onto CO-96 E
  - 2 min (2.4 mi)
5. Continue on Co Rd 54 to your destination in Chivington



Amache National Historic Site was designated by Congress on March 18, 2022 (Public Law [PL] 117-106) to preserve, protect, and interpret resources associated with the incarceration and military service of civilians of Japanese ancestry during World War II at the Granada Relocation Center—more commonly known as Amache. The act also directs the National Park Service (NPS) to interpret the public reaction to the incarceration of Japanese Americans in Colorado and the transition and resettlement of incarcerated and their descendants after the closure of the camp. Amache is also included in the Japanese American World War II History Network established on December 29, 2022 (PL 117-328, Division DD—Public Land Management, Section 645).

Before World War II, Granada, Colorado, was a small farming community on the high plains of Colorado with a population of 342 in 1940. Incorporated in 1887 in territory historically associated with the Ute, Cheyenne, Apache, and Arapaho peoples, Granada served as a stop on the Atchinson, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway and, for a short time, was one of the largest towns of the Colorado High Plains. Railroad reroutes and two major fires in the early 1890s decimated the population and business community, but by the 1930s, Granada was one of many rural, agricultural towns along the Colorado section of US Highway 50's transcontinental transportation corridor.

After Imperial Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, political leaders and the media urged government action against Japanese Americans, stoking long-standing racism and prejudicial policies against Asian Americans on the West Coast. On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 authorizing the military to forcibly exclude "any or all persons" deemed a threat to national defense from "military areas" within the United States.

Although Amache was the smallest of the 10 incarceration sites, with a capacity of 8,000 residents, the camp became the largest community in southeastern Colorado and the 10th largest "city" in the state based on 1940 population counts. Given its size, a separate postal designation was required to reduce confusion between the incarceration site and the Town of Granada. The name "Amache" was suggested by Mayor R. L. Christy of Lamar, Colorado, in honor of Amache Ochinee Prowers, a Southern Cheyenne woman who married the county's namesake John Prowers. Her name in Cheyenne is Ameohtse'e, which means Walking Woman. The land on which the camp was situated is part of ceded treaty lands of the Cheyenne, Arapaho, Kiowa, and Comanche. These lands were also used for trade and traditional gatherings by other Tribes and are still significant to Indigenous traditions.

Since 1993, John Hopper and the Granada High School's Amache Preservation Society (APS) have led the grassroots effort to preserve and interpret the remains of Amache. The Amache Preservation Society was established by social studies teacher John Hopper and consists of student volunteers. With the support of other organizations, the students started to renovate Amache, particularly its cemetery, and to establish an Amache museum in town. When APS started, the site was being used for cattle grazing, which made restoration and interpretation of the site virtually impossible.

The APS students participate on archaeological excavations, undertake historic research, give tours of the site, run the museum, and share their knowledge with the NPS. They travel throughout Colorado and into nearby states to give presentations on Amache and the World War II internment camps. The Amache.org web site includes an audio driving tour of the site. APS has a partnership agreement with the National Park Service and will continue their programs.

**The Amache Community is forever grateful for the Amache Preservation Society and will continue to provide support and resources for them.**