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## 15 Things to do this weekend

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### Today

Monarch Ski Bus leaves Salida Hot Springs Aquatic Center, 410 U.S. 50, at 9 a.m. for Monarch Mountain ski area and returns at 3:30 p.m. The bus also runs the same hours on Saturday.

Winter Sol Festival starting at 9 a.m. in Buena Vista features a 3-day avalanche safety workshop, music at Eddyline Restaurant at South Main, an art show hosted by Chaffee County Council on the Arts, chocolate walk at local shops, outdoor activities and more. For more information and to register for the avalanche safety workshop, visit [buenavistacolorado.org/winter-sol-festival](http://buenavistacolorado.org/winter-sol-festival). The festival continues on Saturday and Sunday.

Town Challenge at 10 a.m. at Monarch Mountain features competitive slalom races for all abilities. [skimonarch.com/town-challenge](http://skimonarch.com/town-challenge) or 530-5050.

Ski with a Naturalist, a 45-minute tour cosponsored by U.S. Forest Service and Greater Arkansas River Nature Association, begins at 1 p.m. at the sign near Ski Patrol at Monarch Mountain. A naturalist leads the tour on green runs to talk about the history, flora and fauna of the Monarch area. Free and open to all ages and abilities.

Farm to School kickoff event from 1 to 3 p.m. at Salida Boys & Girls Club, 340 E. Fifth St., features interactive activities for kids and adults, information about Colorado's farm to school bill and healthy snacks. Contact Hillary Jorgensen at 720-635-3246 or [hjorgensen@healthiercolorado.org](mailto:hjorgensen@healthiercolorado.org) or visit [healthiercolorado.org](http://healthiercolorado.org).

The University Choir of Colorado Christian University's School of Music performs a free concert at 7 p.m. at Salida First Presbyterian Church, 7 Poncha Blvd., featuring a variety of music, from Renaissance to contemporary. Donations to the School of Music will be accepted.

Buena Vista Community Contra Dance from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church, 215 Crossman Ave. No experience or partner is needed; music and instruction from local musicians and callers. Admission cost \$4 or \$2 for students. 395-6704.