

Welcome to Mesa Paradise

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Telephone/Internet Access: The telephone number here is 805 966 9263. There is no charge for local or domestic long-distance calls. We have an open access wireless network, called Mesa Paradise. The password for it is in the check-in instructions emailed to you before you arrived. If you do not have a wireless computer, plug the loose end of the blue Ethernet cable (in the closet of the front bedroom) into your Ethernet port before starting your computer. Please do not unplug any of the cables as you may disable the network.

Spa and Pool: Controls are located on the spa. To turn on the spa, press the button marked "spa" and then the one marked "heater." The button marked "jets" controls the jacuzzi jets. Please turn off the spa, heat and jets when finished. (Note that the pump may stay on for a few minutes to cool the heater.) The other buttons control the lighting for the pool, spa and backyard landscape. The spa temperature is preset not to exceed 100°. (If you have any trouble heating the spa, check to be sure the toggle switch on the spa heater is set on "spa.") Pregnant women and very young children should not use the spa when it is hot. Gas heat is set up for the spa only; the pool has only solar heating. The pool filtration system is set to run automatically every day from morning until evening. If you turn on the spa during those times, the pool filtration system (waterfall) will turn off; it will resume when you turn off the spa, after a brief heater cool-down delay. If the pool water level gets low (a sucking sound), please top up with the garden hose.

Stereo: The stereo in the living room armoire drives speakers throughout the house. Please leave the volume setting on the receiver at 65-70 and control the volume of each pair of speakers with their separate volume controls. The volume control knob for the living room speakers is on a small black box in the cabinet next to the CD changer, under the Roku box. The other volume controls (white knobs) are located near light switches in the breakfast room, on the patio on the left as you go out (for patio and for spa), and in the billiard room. Please turn off outside and garage speakers when not in use. There is also a cable next to the receiver for auxiliary input (iPod, MP3 player, etc.) The receiver's auxiliary input option is marked Aux/Video 5. The wiring behind the stereo is pretty tight, so please don't pull anything out.

TV and movies: In addition to cable television, we have a DVD player and a Roku player linked to Netflix's movie-streaming service. Netflix has a large selection of video-on-demand movies, documentaries, television shows, etc, all free. In the television cabinet is a card telling which TV inputs you use for television, DVD or Roku/Netflix. (On

the silver Cox controller, select “TV” and repeatedly punch the “input” button to change inputs.) Use the Roku remote to start and stop Netflix movies. If you select Video 1 on the stereo receiver, the television sound will play over the house speakers.

Tabletops: We hope you won’t mind if we ask you to use the coasters we have scattered around on the tabletops. We love our wood tables, desks and nightstands, but they pick up rings from hot or cold cups and glasses so easily, and frequently the only way to get them out is refinishing.

Security: We encourage you to use the security system. The control box is in the hall. To set, simply punch in the security code and then the button marked “Stay” (if you will be remaining in the house, at bedtime, for instance) or “Away” (if you will be going out). When the alarm is set, enter and leave through the front door. To disarm, enter the security code and then “Off.” If you make a mistake, press * and try again. In the bedrooms with outside doors the screens are security screens, so the window panels there can be left open for fresh air while the alarm is set. If you want to leave other windows open while the alarm is set, you can do so by bypassing those areas. The bypass instructions are on the alarm-code box. If you set off the alarm by accident, please punch in the alarm code and then hit “off.” If you do this promptly, the alarm monitoring company will not call or send the police. We have to pay a stiff fine for false alarms.

Games/movies/music/crib/fireplace: Board games are in the hallway closet and music CDs and movie DVDs are in the drawer of the stereo armoire. Please enjoy them and put them away when you leave. A crib is in the far-left garage cabinet, with set-up instructions. Tools are on the shelf over the dryer. Crib linens are in the hallway cabinet. If you use the crib, please disassemble it and put it back in the closet when you leave. A Pack and Play is beside the dryer. The fireplace has gas logs. Use the gold key above the hearth to turn on the gas and the fireplace matches in the kitchen cabinets to light it. Please don’t leave matches in the fireplace. The flue is left open.

Recycling/Trash, Garden and Pool Service: Please help us recycle. The indoor bin under the sink (with liner) is for trash, and the other bin (in the cabinet to the right, without a liner) is for recycling. Recycling (paper, plastic, glass, cans) can be commingled and emptied into the blue cans at the side of the house. The brown and gray cans are for trash. The green cans are for the gardener. The collectors will come inside the back gate on Wednesday for recycling and on Friday for trash and green waste, so you need only deposit your trash/recycling in the outside cans. The gardener (Juan Vasquez) comes once a week, usually mid-week, and the pool service twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays.