



## **Rafting & Jeep Trail Tours**

### **8 Day Guide School**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>—June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**June 2 Topics:** River Mechanics, Routes, Ferry Angles, Reading Water, and Rigging Trips

7:00 - Assemble

8:00 - Morning rafting on the Lower Animas

1:00 - Take out at Bondad

2:30 - More rafting

5:30 - Day review

Logged miles/time: 24/8

**June 3 Topics:** Hikes/Scouts—Risk Management

8:00 - Assemble

12:30 - Lunch

1:30 - More boating

4:00 - Throw bagging

5:00 - Day review

Logged miles/time: 24/8

**June 4 Topics:** Paddle Boats, River Maps, Planning Distance, and Camp Spots

8:30 - Assemble

9:00 - Launch boats

10:00 - Smelter laps

1:00 - Lunch

3:00 - 32<sup>nd</sup> to Dallabeta

5:00 - Day review

Logged miles/time: 18/6

**June 5 Topics:** River Hazards, River Rescue and Safety, Remote Settings, and Watching Out

8:00 - Assemble

8:30 - 1/2 day

12:30 - Lunch

1:15-3:30 - Inflatable kayak training

Logged miles/time: 24/8

**June 6 Topics:** Paddle Commands, Emphasize Put-In/Take Out, and Hitting Tough Eddies

6:00 - Assemble

6:30 - Depart for San Miguel

8:30 - Launch Deep creek

11:00 - Class IV action

1:00 - Lunch

1:30 - Lots of fast boating/quick commands

2:30 - Arrive at Beaver Creek Take Out

6:00 - Return to Durango

Logged miles/time: 26/8

**June 7 Topics:** How to deal with laterals and what do if off line

8:00 - Meet at Boat Barn

8:30 - Animas 2 hr.

11:00 - Begin Smelter runs

1:00 - Lunch

1:30 - Continue Smelter runs

5:00-6:00 - Return to Boat Barn

Logged miles/time: 24/8

**June 8 Topics:** Interpretive Skills: Birds, Plants and Animals; Mile by Mile

8:00 - Meet at Boat Barn

8:30 - Animas 2 hr.

11:00 - Begin Smelter runs

1:00 - Lunch

1:30 - Continue Smelter Runs

3:00 - Flip and Swim

5:00-6:00 - Return to Boat Barn

Logged miles/time: 24/8

**June 9 Topics:** Focus on the Customer!

11:00 - Animas 1/2 day

12:30 - 30 minutes for lunch

1:45 - 2 hr Animas

4:00 - 2 hr Animas

Logged miles/time: 24/8

Congratulations! You are a certified Class III guide in the State of Colorado!

Total Class Miles: 164

Total Hours: 54

Recommended EVERYDAY equipment and clothing:

1) Nylon shorts/swimsuits for under wetsuits

2) Polypro/capilene or similar long underwear—NO cotton on the river!

3) Fleece jacket (available for rent)

4) Wetsuit and booties (available for rent)

5) Sunscreen

6) Hat and sunglasses

7) Water bottle

8) Fleece or wool socks

\*\*Please arrange your rentals prior to the first day of guide school

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