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12 Day Comprehensive Guide School/Guide Interview Trip 2014 Itinerary

May 9th - 21st, 2014 (May 19th is rest day) • 12 days on water

May 9 Topics: River Mechanics, Routes, Ferry Angles, Reading Water, and Rigging Trips

7:00 - Assemble

8:00 - Morning rafting on the Lower Animas

11:30 - Arrive Cisco

12:30 - Lunch/Depart for Moab

5:30 - Arrive Moab Camp

6:30 - Dinner

Logged miles/time: 12/4

May 10 Topics: Hikes/Scouts—Risk Management

7:00 - Breakfast

8:00 - Launch rafts

12:30 - Lunch Onion Creek

1:30 - More boating

4:00 - Arrive Whites Rapid, swift water swimming

5:00 - Camp Whites Rapid

Logged miles/time: 14/6

May 11 Topics: Paddle Boats, River Maps, Planning Distance, and Camp Spots

8:00 - Breakfast

9:00 - Launch Boats

10:00 - Boating on the Colorado River

1:30 - Lunch at takeout (Moab Bridge)

3:00 - Depart Moab for San Miguel

6:30 - Arrive Beaver Camp

Logged miles/time: 12/6

May 12 Topics: River Hazards, River Rescue and Safety, Remote Settings, and Watching Out for Each Other

7:00 - Breakfast

8:30 - Load Boats

9:00 - Launch Specie Creek

10:30 - Wow this is a lot harder!

11:00 - Check Horsefly Creek

12:00 - Lunch In Ponderosa Canyon

12:30 - More boating

4:00 - Arrive Pinion Camp

4:30 - Surfs Up

5:30 - Dinner

Logged miles/time: 29.5/6

May 13 Topics: Putting Away Gear, and What Makes the Complete Guide?

8:00 - Breakfast

9:00 - Load Gear

10:15 - 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: 26/6

May 14 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: 16/6

May 15 - Rest Day!

May 16 Topics: Paddle Commands, Emphasize Put-In/Take Out, and Hitting Tough Eddies

7:30 - Leave for the Piedra River

10:00 - Launch for a Double Box Run

11:30 - Class IV rapids

12:00 - Lunch

1:30 - Class IV+ Rapids

2:00 - Portaging and Rope Management

4:00 - Take Out

Logged miles/time: 26/8

May 17 Topics: Entertaining clients/dealing with kids

8:00 - Rigging Oar Boats

9:30 - Lets go Rafting! Lower Animas run

10:00 - Smelter Rapid

12:00 - Lunch (on river)

1:30 - Take out (Heaven On Earth)

2:00 - Launch Lower Animas at 32nd Street

4:30 - De-rigging and taking care of equipment

Logged miles/time: 27/8

May 18 Topics: Putting it All Together. Being the Complete Guide, Eddies, Eddies, and Eddies.

8:00 - Meet at Boat Barn

8:30 - Animas 1/2 day

1:00 - Lunch

1:30 - Animas 2 hr.

3:30 - Animas 2 hr.

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

Logged miles/time: 29/6

May 19 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: 29/6

May 20 Topic: How to deal with laterals and what do if off line

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: 29/6

May 21 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: 29/6

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

Total Class Miles: 278.5

Total Hrs: 68

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

Camp Gear:

- 1) Warm jacket for camp
- 2) Warm camp clothes, including knit or fleece hat
- 3) Sleeping bag & sleeping pad (available for rent)
- 4) Tent (available for rent)
- 5) Flashlight or headlamp
- 6) Personal toiletries

*Please limit your overnight gear to one duffel bag

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

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