



## **10 Day Guide School**

**Day 1 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

2:30 - More rafting

5:30 - Day review

Logged miles/time: 24/6

**Day 2 Topics:** Paddle Boats, River Maps, Planning Distance, and Camp Spots

8:30 - Assemble

9:00 – 1/2 Day

10:00 – Flips and Swim

1:00 - Lunch

2:00 – Launch boats

3:00- Smelter laps

5:00 - Day review

Logged miles/time: 18/6

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

8:00 – Assemble

8:30 – launch boats

12:30 - Lunch

1:30 - More boating

4:00 - Throw bagging

5:00 - Day review

Logged miles/time: 24/6

**Day 4 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: 24/6

**Day 5 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 III-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: 26/7

**Day 6 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: 24/6

**Day 7 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: 24/6

**Day 8 Topics:** Focus on the Customer!

8:30 Meet Boat Barn  
9:00 - Animas 1/2 day  
12:30 - 30 minutes for lunch  
1:45 - 2 hr Animas  
4:00 - 2 hr Animas  
Logged miles/time: 24/6

**Day 9 Topic: Trip Prep**

9:00 Meet at boat Barn  
10:30 Put on upper San Juan  
2:30 Take out Upper San Juan  
5:00 clean up

**Logged Miles/Time 16/4.5**

**Day 10 Topic: Passenger Loading**

8:30 Meet Boat Barn  
9:00 - Animas 1/2 day  
12:30 - 30 minutes for lunch  
1:45 - 2 hr Animas  
4:00 - 2 hr Animas  
Logged miles/time: 24/6

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

Total Class Miles: 204  
Total Hours: 59.5

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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