



WORLD WIDE RIVER EXPEDITIONS

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Colorado River 4-day Fisher Towers Scout Adventure Question and Answer

Q. WHERE AND WHEN DO WE MEET WORLD WIDE RIVER EXPEDITIONS?

A. The trip leaves from Moab, Utah. Meeting time is 9:30 a.m. on the day your trip is scheduled at our office in Moab. A map is included with this information. **Please do not arrive at our warehouse prior to 9:00 a.m.** We have other trips that are meeting before yours and we don't want there to be any confusion. If your group arrives in Moab before 9:00 a.m. you can meet together at Lion's Park, which is also shown on the map, and then travel together to the warehouse from there. **Our office is located in a residential area so please drive slowly, especially into the parking area.** Once in our warehouse yard, watch for signs and cones that will direct you where to park. If there are any problems call the local phone number in Moab, **259-7515**.

Q. HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET FROM MOAB TO THE LAUNCH AREA?

A. It takes about an hour to drive to the launch site at Dewey Bridge on Highway 128.

Q. HOW MANY MILES WILL WE ACTUALLY BE COVERING ON THE RIVER?

A. Maximum length is 30 miles from Dewey Bridge to Moab on the Fisher Towers section of the Colorado River.

Q. WHAT TIME WILL WE BE ON THE RIVER THE FIRST DAY?

A. It will be around noon when you actually get on the river. By the time you load all of your gear onto the truck, park your cars and load the bus, it will be 10:00 - 10:30 before you leave Moab for the launch site.

Q. WHAT KIND OF GEAR SHOULD WE BRING?

A. A packing list has been provided with a list of appropriate clothing and camping gear.

Q. WHAT DO WE DO WITH OUR GEAR? WILL IT BE ON THE RAFTS WITH US?

A. At the warehouse, your gear will be loaded into a truck or trailer. It will be transported to the first camp where it will be waiting for you when you arrive later in the day. We recommend that you leave the keys to your cars locked up in our office at the warehouse to minimize the chance of losing them while you are on the river.

Q. CAN WE TAKE ANYTHING WITH US ON THE RAFTS?

A. Anything taken with you on the rafts will end up on the bottom of the boat and will get wet. This includes extra clothes, towels, cameras, food, etc. There will be an oarboat along, which carries the lunch, first aid kits, etc., extra clothes and cameras. A dry set of clothes and towels are not necessary during the day on the boats.

Q. HOW LONG ARE WE ON THE RIVER EACH DAY?

A. The first day you will be on the river from about noon until 4:00 p.m., the second day and third day from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., and the morning of the fourth day will be spent in camp working on any merit badge requirements that need to be finished before returning to the warehouse and your cars around Noon for lunch.

Q. DO YOU GIVE US ANY KIND OF ORIENTATION BEFORE WE GET ON THE RIVER?

A. There will be an orientation at the launch area before **ANYONE** gets into the rafts. It is a vital part of your trip and we stress that **EVERYONE**, including leaders, pay strict attention.

Q. DO WE HAVE TO WEAR LIFEJACKETS ALL THE TIME, AND CAN WE BRING OUR OWN?

A. Lifejackets are an absolute necessity any time you are near the water, including time in camp when you want to play in the river. We are required to use Coast Guard approved, Type V, whitewater jackets, so please don't bring your own.

Q. WILL WE STOP DURING THE DAY?

A. We will stop several times during the day, including a stop for lunch.

Q. HOW WARM IS THE WATER?

A. The water temperature in June will be fairly cool. In July and August the water is considerably warmer.

Q. WHAT KIND OF RAFTS WILL WE BE ON?

A. You will be paddling 16-18' paddle rafts. They hold 10-14 people. If there is a rowing frame on the raft, this raft will hold 6-8 people along with the guide. Smaller two-person inflatable kayaks are also available. We typically send 1 or 2 kayaks for every 10 people in your group (depending on availability) so you can get up close and personal with the waves. Which merit badge requirements we may be working on will determine which type of raft will be used. Rafts are not assigned before arriving at the river.

Q. WHAT KIND OF FOOD WILL WE HAVE?

A. Lunch each day is a "make it yourself" sandwich table, with lunch meats, cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, onions, pickles, breads, etc. We also serve fruits, chips, cookies and lemonade. Breakfast might be blueberry pancakes, sausage, melon, or French toast. Dinner may include spaghetti, green salad, hamburgers, vegetables and dessert. You will not go hungry and we do our best to keep you from standing in long lines for your meals.

Q. WHAT DO WE DO IF ONE OF OUR PARTY NEEDS FIRST AID?

A. Our boatmen are all trained in Advanced Wilderness First Aid and will have a first aid kit with them. If someone needs medical attention we can arrange to have them taken into Moab, less than 30 miles away.

Q. WHAT KIND OF WEATHER CAN WE EXPECT?

A. The Moab area has warm weather from May to September. July and August are warmer than June. The temperatures in the summer generally ranges from 80 to 100 +. Rain is not uncommon during the summer months, come prepared.

Q. ARE THERE TOILET FACILITIES AVAILABLE?

A. We set up portable toilets in privacy tents in addition to the vault toilets located in the campgrounds. During the day while on the river, there are limited toilet facilities. The longest time on the river without restrooms is about 3 hours.

Q. WILL WE BE ALLOWED TO SWIM ALONG THE WAY?

A. Due to the unpredictable depth of the Colorado River, there are sections where your guide will tell you that swimming is not allowed. Please ask your guide if it is safe to swim. **When exiting the raft into the water always go feet first.**

Q. DO WORLD WIDE GUIDES PREPARE ANY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT OR A FIRESIDE PRESENTATION FOR THE TRIP?

A. Generally, the guides will spend as much time each day and evening as is necessary to help your boys complete the requirements for the merit badges you have requested. The last night will be your time to have a fireside or evening activity.

Q. WILL OUR GROUP BE TRAVELING WITH ANY OTHER GROUP?

A. There is a good possibility that your group will launch with another group and be on the river with them during the day. The campgrounds are very large and we separate the groups as best we can. You might share the same kitchen area.

Q. IF WE HAVE MEMBERS OF OUR GROUP WHO CANNOT GO ON THE TRIP AT THE LAST MINUTE WILL THEIR MONEY BE REFUNDED?

A. We suggest that you find a replacement for the person who has had to drop out. We know that individual numbers are hard to pin down until the last minute. **While we try to be as flexible as we can with individual cancellations and additions, there will be no refunds issued the day of departure without written notice (email or fax) of cancellation within 24hrs of departure.**

Q. CAN WE ADD MEMBERS TO OUR GROUP?

A. You can add members to your group up until 24hrs before the trip goes out, providing they are paid in full before the trip departs. Again, we try to be flexible.

Q. WILL WE NEED MONEY ONCE WE GET TO MOAB?

A. In our company store we have sunglasses, sunscreen, water proof cameras, and squirt guns. At the end of the trip you will be transported from the river back to your cars at the warehouse where lunch will be served. At this time there will be an opportunity to buy souvenir t-shirts to remember your trip. T-shirts start at \$10.

Q. WHAT ABOUT TIPPING?

A. You should never feel that a gratuity is automatically expected from you, but it is a great way to acknowledge excellent service. Our guides work hard to make each expedition a memorable and rewarding experience. May we suggest \$1-\$5 per person in your group.