



WORLD WIDE RIVER EXPEDITIONS

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Dear Youth Leader,

We are pleased that you have chosen World Wide River Expeditions to plan your youth activity. There are a few pertinent items we need to bring to your attention concerning your participation in this activity.

RELEASE FORMS: All participants will be required to sign a release form before participating with us. Your group will not be allowed on the river without them signed by everyone and verified by you as the group leader. The release forms are available in printable form through the link to your trip documents sent in confirmation and follow up emails. If your group would like to use the online waiver form, a link will be sent before your launch date. Once names are entered in the online system changes must be made in our office. Please only add names that you are sure will be participating. We strongly encourage the use of paper forms as they allow for better flexibility within youth groups. It is your responsibility to copy and provide a form for **EACH** participant (youth and adult leader) to sign. When participants are under 18 years old a parent or legal guardian must also sign **WITH** them. **We cannot let any youth participate in this activity without the signature of a parent or legal guardian.** These forms must be in our Moab office or verified online before the trip will be allowed to launch. Only one version of the form is required, either online or paper.

MEETING TIME: Please refer to your confirmation for the meeting time and place on the day your trip is scheduled to arrive. **Please do not arrive prior to that time.** If your group is scheduled to meet at somewhere other than our warehouse, a link will be sent with directions to the location. If there are any problems call the local phone number in Moab, **435-259-7515**.

DAYTIME ACTIVITIES: Daytime activities will include: Paddling the rafts, swimming alongside the boats, splashing your neighbor's boat with water (water-fighting), setting up your camp, and other appropriate games.

EVENING ACTIVITIES: On the overnight trips, there will be time before dinner to set up camp and have some fun playing along the river, since it is usually warm this time of day. After dinner, the guides are available to play games, have an informal gathering, or help with other activities if you have any you would like to do on your own. It is a good idea to have some activities ready if you have downtime and are needing something to do, but **do not over plan**. It is ok to come on this trip and just enjoy being together.

LEADERS: We feel that the number of youths per leader is up to your discretion, but would advise that you have at least 1 or 2 leaders per 10-12 youth.

CAMERAS: It would be appropriate to assign one of your leaders to be the official photographer for your group. A photo compilation or video presentation makes a great fireside activity following your trip. Be aware that a good waterproof camera or case is essential for the safety of your equipment. Please advise your youth that a waterproof case is also necessary for their personal cameras. Be sure each camera is properly identified. You can use a phone for taking pictures, but please be advised the waterproof cell phone pouches provide a false sense of security. The string or strap may break and then the phone is gone.

LOST ITEMS: We emphasize that every item be marked with both the individual's name and group. There is a chance your group is launching the same day as another group. A great way to distinguish your bags from their bags is by using a unique color of duct tape or yarn to tie on each item belonging to your group. Please double check with each participant before you leave home, and again before you leave Moab at the end of the trip, to make sure they have all their belongings. Items left in Moab will only be kept for ten days.

SNACKS: Snacks generally are not necessary the first day, but a nice thing to have on day two and in camp. Plan on bringing 1-2 items per person per day in a watertight bag. Do not bring anything that can melt.

FOOD ALLERGIES: If any of your group have food allergies please email us the name of the person and what allergies they have so that we can be aware. Our meals are well rounded and can be adjusted in the preparation to accommodate most dietary restrictions. Unfortunately, due to the unique nature of most of the allergies and dietary restrictions and the sizes of our groups it is not possible for us to accommodate all the needs a person might have. The Q & A covers more information about menu items, common allergies, and how we can best help them bring what they need to fill in with the menu items we provide.

WHERE TO STAY IN MOAB: Most groups come the morning of their trip, but if you need to stay in Moab the night before or after your trip visit www.discovermoab.com for a full list of hotels and campgrounds. Groups coming from Arizona generally stay in Monticello, Utah, which is about an hour away.

GEAR: We have several different itineraries that we run on this river section. Some move camps each night, and others stay in the same place. If your group is meeting at our warehouse yard at the beginning of the trip, then we are loading your gear into our trailer and we move it to the camps each night. If you are meeting us at the campsite, your camp will not be moving, and your gear will stay in the same campsite each night. Please refer to your trip confirmation for details on your meeting place and time. **Some meeting times and places may not be set until a few weeks before your launch date.**

ASSIGNING BOATS: The nature of this trip does not allow for boats to be assigned amongst your group ahead of time. It is often known a few days before the trip how many boats each group will get, but that can change last minute as groups check in with different numbers. The other challenge is that some boats fit 10 people where others can fit up to 14 and then there are the two-person inflatable kayaks. The biggest challenge is that once your group is on the river the youth will be in and out of all the boats between swimming, water fighting, and just wanting to move around. You are welcome to come up with groups to keep track of people and to participate in activities, but it is not a good idea to assign them to specific boats ahead of time.

CHECK-IN: Please email or call the day before your trip to check-in with your final numbers. Please email info@worldwideriver.com or text 435-260-8628 us the morning of your trip with any last-minute number changes. Refunds will not be given, and we can't guarantee space, if you don't give us at least 4 hours' notice of any number changes by text or email. Refunds may be considered with even 4 hours' notice of cancellations.

PAYMENT: A non-refundable deposit of \$5 per person for 1-day trips and \$10 per person for overnight trips, is due at the time of the reservation on your best guess on the number of participants you might have in your group. The deposit goes toward the group total. The Access Fee is waived when balance due payments are made by one group check and is in our office 45 days before your launch date. The Access Fee is not waived when balance due payments are made by credit card or multiple individual checks. A \$25 late fee will be added to your account if your payment is not in our office by either check or credit card 45 days before your launch date unless prior arrangements have been made by email. If you have a few extra participants you need to add at the last minute, you can either bring a check or pay by credit card upon your arrival.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS: Please see your confirmation for a detailed cancellation policy. Keeping track of how many in the group are coming is one of the most frustrating aspect as a leader and we understand that. When your balance due payment is sent in, we expect that your number is fairly certain at that time. Please let us know of any numbers changes as soon as you know of the change. The more notice of number changes you give us the better our planning abilities. Some refunds may be given after the trip if we even have at least 4 hours' notice of cancellations. If balance due payments are made by credit card the Access Fee is non-refundable.

CONFIRMATION NUMBER: Please include your 4-digit confirmation number on all correspondence. It helps us to easily make changes, updates and answer questions pertaining to your trip.

CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES: 1) all clients will be required to follow the safety policies and procedures of Raft Moab, Inc. DBA World Wide River Expeditions ('WWRE') and their guides' instructions during activities. 2) All clients will be required to sign a Participant Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement in favor of WWRE before departing on any trip; and 3) each client agrees and acknowledges when they sign up for a WWRE activity that they have significant responsibility for their own safety and that they agree they are **ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE** for their own safety during participation in an activity.

Please refer to the Q&A trip documents for more details and email if you have any questions not answered there. We are looking forward to having you with us on the river and know that you will enjoy your experience with World Wide River Expeditions. It will be an activity that will provide memories of a lifetime for your youth!