



## SW COLORADO GUIDE SCHOOL

June 2 - June 15, 2024

*\*This is a sample Itinerary and can change due to water levels and group dynamics.*

### **6/2 Day 1 Topics: Shop Familiarization, Cold Water Submersion, Whitewater Self Defense Whitewater swimming. Techniques 29th St Reach throw go!**

8:00 Meet at Boat Barn (50 Animas View Dr. Durango, Co 81301)

8:30 Familiarization of shop

9:15 Cold water submersions, videos and talk

10:30 Let's go rafting

11:00 Swim time!

1:00 Lunch

2:00 Back in and on the Animas

5:00 Done for the day

Logged miles/hours: 6/8

### **6/3 Day 2 Topics: Rowing Form & Paddle commands!**

8:30 Meet at Boat Barn

9:00 Animas Rafting Oxbow

12:30 Lunch

4:00 Take out Brits

5:00 De/rig and Debrief back at Boat Barn.

Logged miles/hours: 36/8

### **6/4 Day 3 Scouting and Running Rapids, Group management at scouts**

7:30 Meet at Boat Barn

8:30 Depart Piedra

11:00 Launch upper Box

1:00 Lunch (First fork)

3:30 Take out lower box

5:30 D/Rig Shop

Logged miles/hours: 26/6

**6/5 Day 4 Topic: River Work!**

8:30 Meet at Boat Barn

9:00 ½ Day Animas

12:30 Lunch

1:30 2 hr Animas

3:30 2 hr Animas

6:00 Done for the Day

Logged miles/hours: 18/8

**6/6 Day 5 Topic: Putting it all together! How to run a commercial trip!?**

8:30 Meet at Boat Barn

9:00 1/2 day

12:30 Lunch

1:30 2 hr Animas

3:30 2 hr Animas

Logged miles/hours: 24/8

**6/7 Day 6: Rest day**

**6/8 Day 7 Topic: Catching tough eddies, keeping people in the boat, maneuvering in fast moving water!**

8:30 Meet at Boat Barn

9:00 ½ Day Lower Animas

12:00 Lunch

1:00 ½ Day Lower Animas

6:00 Done for the day

Logged miles/hours: 18/8

**6/9 Day 8 Topics: Rigging and Maneuvering the Vessel, Ferry Angles, Setting up Camp**

**\*We will be camping on this day**

7:00 Meet at Boat Barn & Rig for an Overnight Trip

9:30 Depart for San Miguel/Dolores

11:00 Rig Boats at Bear Creek.

1:00 Lunch at west fork, Classroom talks

3:00 Take out Town Park

5:00 Arrive Beaver camp.

Logged miles/hours: 12/6

**6/10 Day 9 Topics: River Hazards, River Currents, Eddies, Waves, and Laterals**

**\*We will be camping on this day**

7:00 Breakfast and Rig Boats

9:30 Launch boats

11:30 Lunch

12:00 More boating

2:00 Take out Pinion Bridge Return to Beaver camp  
Logged miles/time: 16/6

**6/11 Day 10 Topics: Scouting and Running Rapids, Types and Causes of River Rapids, Paddle Commands**

9:00 Launch at CDOT – Wow this river is fast!  
12:00 Lunch at Caddis  
4:00 Take off at Lower Beaver (Phew, made it) Drive to Durango  
Logged miles/hours: 26/8

**6/12 Day 11 Topics: Risk Management, River Rescue and Safety, Retrieving Swimmers.**

10:00 Meet at Boat Barn  
8:30 ½ Day Animas  
12:30 Lunch  
1:30 2 hr Animas  
3:30 2 hr Animas  
6:00 Done for the Day  
Logged miles/hours: 18/6

**6/13 Day 12: Rest Day**

**6/14 Day 13 Topics: Oar Management, River Games, and Duckies**

9:00 Meet at Boat Barn  
9:30 Smelter laps  
12:30 Lunch  
1:30 ½ day Duckie Trip  
5:00 Done for the day  
Logged miles/hours: 16/8

**6/15 Day 14 Topics: Focus on the Customer, What makes a complete guide!?Entertaining Guests Commercial trips (It's their trip not yours!)**

10:00 Meet at Boat Barn  
8:30 ½ Day Animas  
12:30 Lunch  
1:30 2 hr Animas  
3:30 Celebration course d-brief.  
5:00 Done for the day  
Logged miles/hours: 18/6

Total Class Miles: 217

Total Hours: 86

**Congratulations! You are a certified Class III guide in the States of Colorado/Utah**

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\*Participants will be learning and performing a variety of swift water skills including swimming of up to class 3 rapids throughout the course. Swims will begin with easier whitewater and progress upwards. Rope techniques will include Throw bags, Z-drags, Vector pulls and bow stern compression techniques.

\*\*Participants will have an opportunity to attend a CPR/First Aid Course and receive certification. The certification fees are not included in the price of the course.

## **RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING LIST:**

- ☐ Nylon shorts/swimsuits for under wetsuits
- ☐ Polypro/wool or similar long underwear.
- ☐ Fleece jacket (rentals available)
- ☐ Wetsuit & booties (rentals available)
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Hat and sunglasses
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Fleece or wool socks
- ☐ Sleep Kit Bag, Pad, and Tent.
- ☐ Two locking Carabiners and 9 ft piece of Tubular webbing
- ☐ Rain Gear