



## SW Colorado Guide School - June 4 to June 19 2022

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

### **6/4 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*

### **6/5 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*

### **6/6 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*

### **6/7 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*

### **6/8 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*

### **6/9 Day 6 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*

### **6/10 Day 7: Rest day**

### **6/11 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*

### **6/12 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*



**6/13 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*

**6/14 Day 11 Topics: Risk Management, River Rescue and Safety.**

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: 18/8*

**6/15 Day 12 Topics 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*

**6/16 Day 13: Rest day**

**6/17 Day 14 Topics: Focus on the Customer, What makes a complete guide!?**

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*

**6/18 Day 15 Topics: 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: 18/8*

**6/19 Day 16 Topics: 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  
3:00 Celebration course d-brief.  
5:00 Done for the Day  
*Logged miles/hours: 18/6*

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

Total Class Miles: 252  
Total Hours: 96

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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)  
Rain Gear

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