



SW Colorado Guide School - May 7 to May 22 2022

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

5/7 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

5/8 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

5/9 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

5/10 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

5/11 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

5/12 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

5/13 Day 7: Rest day

5/14 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

5/15 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



5/16 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

5/17 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

5/18 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

5/19 Day 13: Rest day

5/20 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

5/21 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

5/22 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

*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