



**Idaho Springs Raft Guide Training Course - May 5th through May 21st 2026**  
**This is a sample Itinerary and can change due to water levels and group dynamics.**

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### **Pre-Course: Day 0 – Sunday, May 4**

**3:00 PM | Welcome & Pre-Course Orientation**

**3:30 PM | Jeep Tour of the Area**

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### **Day 1 – Monday, May 5**

**Topics: Swiftwater Swimming · River Mechanics · Introduction to Rowing**

7:30 AM | Meet at Durango Boatyard (50 Animas View Dr)

7:35 AM | Meet & Greet

8:00 AM | Facility & Boatyard Tour

8:30 AM | Boats 101: Equipment & Anatomy

9:00 AM | Depart for the River

9:45 AM | Launch at Trimble

12:30 PM | Lunch on river

5:00 PM | Takeout at 32nd

6:00 PM | Debrief & Debrief

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### **Day 2 – Tuesday, May 6**

**Topics: Guest Orientation · Ferry Angles · Flip Drills · Paddle Commands**

7:30 AM | Assemble at Boatyard

8:00 AM | Depart for 32nd

12:00 PM | Lunch

1:00 PM | takeout @ Basin

1:30 PM | Launch 29th

5:00 PM | Takeout Highbridge

5:30 PM | Debrief & Adjourn

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### **Day 3 – Wednesday, May 7**

**Topics: Hydrology · Scouting · River Hazards · Rescue Skills**

7:00 AM | Assemble Durango Boat Yard

7:30 AM | Launch Oxbow

12:30 PM | Lunch

5:00 PM | Takeout Basin

5:30 PM | Daily Debrief

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### **Day 4 – Thursday, May 8**

**Topics: Paddle Boating Basics · Knot Tying · Swimmer Management**

7:00 AM | Meet at Durango Boatyard

7:30 AM | Depart for River

8:00 AM | Launch at oxbow

12:00 PM | Lunch

5:30 PM | Arrive at Brits

## **Day 5 – Friday, May 9**

**Topics: Rescue Techniques · River Spacing · Emergency Protocols**

7:00 AM | FA/CPR Certification Course  
8:45 AM | Meet at Durango Boat Yard  
9:15 AM | Launch oxbow to santirita laps  
12:30 PM | Lunch  
5:00 PM | Takeout & Debrief

## **Day 6 – Saturday, May 10: Scheduled Day Off (subject to change):**

- **Moab Crew head to Moab (745 Kane Creek Blvd)**
- **Idaho Springs Crew head to Idaho Springs**
- **Durango crew Day off**

## **Day 7 – Sunday, May 11:**

**Topics: Guest Engagement · Keeping Guests in the Boat**

7:00 AM | Assemble at Idaho springs boatyard for tour  
8:00 AM | Launch Classic Laps  
12:30 PM | Lunch  
5:00 PM | Takeout & Debrief

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## **Day 8 – Monday, May 12:**

**Topics: Trip Timing · Guide Roles · River Awareness**

7:00 AM | Assemble at clear creek boatyard  
7:15 AM | Clear Creek 101  
8:00 AM | Launch Classic Laps  
12:30 PM | Lunch  
5:00 PM | Takeout

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## **Day 9 – Tuesday, May 13**

**Topics: Technical Maneuvers · Eddies · Rock Avoidance · Advanced Angles**

8:00 AM | Meet at Clear Creek Office  
9:00 AM | Launch on classic laps  
12:30 PM | lunch  
5:30 PM | Takeout kermits  
6:15 PM | Derig & Debrief

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## **Day 10 – Wednesday, May 14**

**Topics: Paddle Boating Refresher · Throwbags · PPE Review**

8:00 AM | Assemble at clear creek boat Yard  
9:00 AM | Launch at Classic put in  
12:30 PM | Lunch  
5:30 PM | Takeout PAT

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**\*we will be leaving for a 4 day three night car camping trip to the Arkansas River\***

## **Day 11 – Thursday, May 15** \*Meals will be provided starting at Dinner on this day\*

**Topics: Arkansas Trip Execution · Gear Fitting · Knot Workshop**

7:00 AM | Meet & Rig Gear for Arkansas valley trip  
9:00 AM | Guest Gear Fitting  
9:30 AM | Launch Browns put in  
12:30 PM | Lunch  
5:30 PM | Debrief & Adjourn

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## Day 12 – Friday, May 16

**Topics: Running New Rivers · Reading Beta · On-the-Fly Adaptation**

7:00 AM | Meet for breakfast, Coffee and a lesson  
8:30 AM | Depart for Browns canyon laps  
9:00 AM | Launch  
12:30 PM | Lunch  
5:00 PM | Takeout

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## Day 13 – Saturday, May 17

**Topics: Running New Rivers · Reading Beta · On-the-Fly Adaptation**

8:00 AM | Meet for coffee and breakfast  
8:30 AM | Depart for Fractions lap  
12:30 PM | Lunch  
5:00 PM | Depart for fractions lap  
6:00 PM | Adjourn

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## Day 14 – Sunday, May 18: \*Return to Idaho Springs this Day\*

**Topics: Emergency Procedures River Safety**

7:00 am Coffee and breakfast  
8:30 am Launch Browns Canyon  
12:30 Lunch  
1:30 Launch Numbers Lap  
5:30 takeout drive back to Idaho springs

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## Day 15 – Monday, May 19 \*Scheduled Day Off\* (Subject to Change)

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## Day 16 – Tuesday, May 20

**Topics: Final Skill Assessments · Ferry Angle Test**

8:00 AM | Meet at Idaho Springs boatyard  
10:00 AM Launch on classic section  
12:30 PM | Lunch  
5:00 PM | Takeout  
6:00 PM | Adjourn

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## Day 17 – Wednesday, May 21

**Final Wrap-Up · Celebration · Career Planning**

8:00 AM | Assemble at Boatyard  
8:30 AM | Launch on Dumont  
1:30 PM | Final Takeout at KERmits  
3:00 PM | BBQ Celebration & Debrief  
4:00 PM | Meeting with Micah: Next Steps as a Guide  
5:00 PM | Wrap-Up & Goodbyes

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## Recommended Personal Gear

Nylon shorts/swimsuits (for under wetsuits)  
Synthetic or wool base layers (polypro/fleece)  
Fleece jacket (*rentals available*)  
Wetsuit and booties (*rentals available*)  
Hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen  
Wool/fleece socks  
Rain gear  
Sleeping kit (bag, pad, tent)  
Two locking carabiners  
9 ft tubular webbing

## Required Gear

Sleeping kit (Bag, Pad, Tent)  
Whistle  
Water Bottle

