



Utah Raft Guide Training Course - May 7th through May 23rd 2025
This is a sample Itinerary and can change due to water levels and group dynamics.

Day 0 May 6th:

3:30 Meet and greet moab boatyard
4:00 Jeep tour!
6:00 Return to boat yard

Day 1 Topics : Swift water swimming, rescue, and river mechanics

7:30 Meet at Boat Yard (745 Kane Creek Blvd. Moab, Ut 84532)
8:00 Meet and Greet
9:00 Tour of facilities, boat yard guidelines
10:00 Guide manual
10:30 Rig and trailer a trip
11:00 How to greet guests and fit PFDs
11:30 Lunch
12:30 How to load bus for the road
1:15 Put In Rocky Rapid
2:00 Intro to swift water swimming and reach throw go concepts
4:00 Arrive at Take Out Beach
4:45 Learn to de-rig, PFD's, booties, etc.
5:15 Debrief day
6:00 Adjourn
Logged miles/hours: 17/6

Day 2 Topics: Ferry angles, reading water, Paddle commands

Bring lunch we will be camping this night (Dinner/breakfast lunch on second day provided)

8:00 Assemble at the Moab Boat Yard
9:00 Depart for Ruby Horsethief .
10:30 Begin rafting the Colorado River
12:30 Break for lunch
4:00 Arrive at black rocks camp.
5:30 D Brief
6:00 Adjourn
Logged Miles/hours 16/8

Day 3 Topics: River hazards, river currents, eddies, waves, and laterals

8:00 Launch from Black rocks camp.
10:30 Begin rafting the Colorado River
12:30 Break for lunch
4:00 Arrive at Ruby Takeout
4:45 Return to Boat Yard
5:00 D rig

5:30 D brief

6:00 Adjourn *Logged Miles/hours 8/8*

Day 4 Topics:Basics of river hydraulics. rowing techniques. Paddle commands/paddle boating, Emphasize Put-In/Take-Outs, and hitting tough eddies

8:00 Assemble at the Moab Boat Yard

9:00 Depart for Dewey Bridge.

10:30 Begin rafting the Colorado River

12:30 Break for lunch

4:00 Arrive Moab Bridge.

4:45 Return to Boat Yard

5:00 D rig

5:30 D brief

6:00 Adjourn

Logged Miles/hours 19/8

Day 5 Topics:

Moab class (Rest in the AM). 3:00 PM Moab class assemble for food pack for Desolation Canyon Trip

Day to Day schedule for Desolation Canyon overnight portion will be set by Trip leading instructor

Day 6 Topics: How to rig gear boats. Motor prep. Multi day 101. Knots. (5 day 4 night trip begins on this day Bring lunch. *Dinner, Breakfast, & Lunch will be provided starting this night*)

8:00 Meet at Boat Yard.

8:30 Depart for Sandwash

4:00 Arrive at Sandwash

4:30 Rig

5:00 Dinner and Knots

Day 7 Topics: Launch Day. Customer orientation talks. SAFETY SPEECH! Ferry Ferry Ferry!

9:00 Launch on river

9:30 Motor orientation

12:00 Lunch orientation

6:00 Camp Orientation

7:00 Dinner

Day 8 Topics: River hazards, Scouting Rapids. Customer care while scouting. Group Management. Spacing in flat water and rapids.

9:00 Launch on river

9-12 scouting rapids

12:00 Lunch

5:00 Camp

6:00 Dinner

Logged miles/hours: 12/8

Day 9 Topics: Putting it all together! Power of Angles!

9:00 Launch on river

9-12 topics covered above

12:00 Lunch

5:00 Camp
6:00 Dinner

Logged miles/hours: 24/8

**Day 10 Topics: Catching tough eddies, keeping people in the boat, maneuvering in fast moving water!
Takeout procedures. Trailers and road rigging 101.**

9:00 Launch
12:00 lunch
2:00 Takeout
3:00 Drive to moab boat yard
4:00 Arrive at Moab boat yard
4:15 Begin de rig.
6:00 Done adjourn for the day

Day 11 Topics: Rest Day

Homework

-Practice Knots
-Read ferry angle section of manuel

Day 12 Topics: Comercial trip Putting it all together. Boat Flips, what to do & how to do it.

Dress warm this day

8:00 Assemble
9:30 Launch boats Hittle Bottom
12:00 Lunch
4:00 Takeout Beach
5:00 Return to boat yard
6:00 Adjourn

Logged miles/time: 16/6

Day 13 Topics: Risk management, dealing with events on the river (communication and minimizing impact on the entire group) *Lower Animas Day!*

7:30 Leave for Durango, CO
9:30 Launch Oxbow
12:00 Lunch (Bring lunch with you)
3:00 Take out Delibeta
6:00 Return to moab boat yard & Adjourn

Logged miles/hours: 16/8

Day 14 Topics: First Aid CPR Class. Ducky Day: Management, speeches, & 101.

8:00 Assemble FA/ CPR Skills portion
11:30 lunch
12:30 Depart for Onion Put in
4:00 Takeout Beach
5:00 Return to Boat Yard
6:00 Adjourn

Logged miles/hours: 11/8

Day 15 Topics: First Day without instructors!

8:00 Assemble
9:30 Launch dewey bridge
12:00 Lunch
4:00 Take out beach
5:00 Return to boat yard
6:00 Adjourn
Logged miles/hours: 21/8

Day 16 Topics: Oar management & river games

8:00 Assemble
9:30 Launch dewey bridge
12:00 Lunch
4:00 Take out beach
5:00 Return to boat yard
6:00 Adjourn
Logged miles/hours: 21/8

Day 17 Topics: Focus on the customer, what makes a complete guide

8:00 Assemble
9:00 Onion put in
12:00 Lunch
2:30 Takeout Beach
3:30 What's next: Checkouts, onboarding, ect.
5:00 Celebration, cookout, course D-brief.
Logged miles/hours: 11/8

*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	Two locking Carabiners and 9 ft Piece of Tubular Webbing
Polypro/wool or similar long underwear.	Rain Gear
Fleece jacket (rentals available)	Lunch
Wetsuit & booties (rentals available)	
Sunscreen	
Hat and sunglasses	
Water bottle	
Fleece or wool socks	
Sleep Kit Bag, Pad, and Tent.	