



Utah 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.

Pre-Course: Day 0 – Sunday, May 4

3:00 PM | Welcome & Pre-Course Orientation

3:30 PM | Jeep Tour of the Area

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 | Derig & Debrief

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

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

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: Trip Timing · Guide Roles · River Awareness · Daily 101

8:00 AM | Meet at Moab Boatyard (745 Kane Creek Blvd)

9:00 AM | Launch at Rocky Rapid

12:30 PM | Lunch

1:30 PM | Second Run

5:30 PM | Takeout

6:15 PM | Derig & Debrief

We Will be launching on a three day two night expedition

Food will be provided starting with Lunch on day 8

Day 8 – Monday, May 12

Topics: Commercial trips/ timing · Guest Gear · Rigging a commercial trip

7:00 AM | Assemble at Moab Boat Yard to rig for Multi day outing

9:00 AM | Drive to Put in

10:00 AM | Launch

12:00 PM | Lunch

5:00 PM | Camp Intro to multiday camps Rules and regulations

Day 9 – Tuesday, May 13 *Breakfast/ Lunch/ Dinner Provided*

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

7:00 AM | Breakfast/ Coffee Knots lesson

9:00 AM | Launch

12:30 PM | Lunch

5:00 PM | Make Camp/ Professional guide meeting

Day 10 – Wednesday, May 14 *Breakfast/ Lunch/ Dinner Provided*

Topics: Paddle Boating Refresher · Throwbags · PPE Review

7:00 AM | Breakfast/ Coffee/ Meeting

9:00 AM | Launch

12:30 PM | Lunch

2:00 PM | Takeout drive back to Moab

4:00 PM | De rig

5:00 PM | Debrief

Day 11 – Thursday, May 15

Topics: Full-Day Trip Execution · Gear Fitting · Knot Workshop

7:00 AM | Meet Moab Boat Yard

9:00 AM | Launch

12:30 PM | Lunch

3:30 PM | Takeout

4:15 PM | Knots Bootcamp

5:30 PM | Debrief & Adjourn

Day 12 – Friday, May 16

Topics: Inflatable Kayaks (Duckies) · Group Dynamics · IK Management

8:00 AM | Meet at Boatyard
8:30 AM | Depart for Hittle
9:00 AM | Launch
12:30 PM | Lunch
4:30 PM | Takeout

Day 13 – Saturday, May 17

Topics: Reading Beta · On-the-Fly Adaptation

7:00 AM | Meet at Boatyard
9:00 AM | Launch
12:30 PM | Lunch
4:30 PM | Takeout
5:00 PM | Return to Moab

Day 14 – Sunday, May 18: Scheduled Day Off (Subject to Change)

Day 15 – Monday, May 19

Topics: The Complete Guide Day · Leadership on the River

8:00 AM | Assemble at Boatyard
8:30 AM | Launch from Onion
12:30 PM | Takeout at Takeout Beach
1:30 PM | Launch Again from Onion
5:00 PM | Final Takeout
6:00 PM | Adjourn

Day 16 – Tuesday, May 20

Topics: Final Skill Assessments · Ferry Angle Test

8:00 AM | Meet at Boatyard
8:30 AM | Launch from Rocky Rapid
12:30 PM | Lunch at Takeout Beach
1:00 PM | Second Run
5:00 PM | Takeout

Day 17 – Wednesday, May 21

Final Wrap-Up · Celebration · Career Planning

8:00 AM | Assemble at Boatyard
9:00 AM | Launch from Hittle Bottom
1:30 PM | Final Takeout at Rocky Rapid
3:00 PM | BBQ Celebration & Debrief
4:00 PM | Meeting with James: Next Steps as a Guide
5:00 PM | Wrap-Up & Goodbyes

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
Water bottle

Required Gear

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

