

RAFTING PROGRAMS: RULES / EXPECTATIONS

COMMERCIAL TRIPS

Peak Adventures is proud to be involved in the industry of rafting on the South Fork American, and our hopes are to expand to other rivers in the future. Currently, we are able to commercially raft the South Fork by permit for up to 36 passengers each day. This permit is subject to certain conditions and is a direct cost (either per person or per boat, depending on the area) per each day use on the river.

For this reason, we are in a commercial industry that necessitates a fee for each person on the river. The per person fee to the general public for a day on the South Fork is \$100; because of our subsidy from Associated Students, we are able to offer this same trip to students for \$70. There have been instances of group trips that have enabled us to reduce the per person cost even further, but the instances are rare. The fee covers the cost of equipment, day use fees, shuttle transportation and parking, as well as the use of the rafts and trained raft guides.

A waiver must be completed by EVERY participant (i.e., not being paid as a guide) on a commercial trip.

TRAINING TRIPS

Training trips are for the benefit of current and upcoming raft guides; the primary focus should be on providing this training for Peak Adventures guides. Guides are not able to host a training trip without permission - management is the ultimate decision on whether a trip is considered an official training trip.

Ideally, the only people on this type of trip should be guides in training, but there may be other paddlers invited to join on a trip for the purpose of filling a boat; invites will be offered on a Space Available basis (see below). Fees are designed to cover other costs (transportation, put-in, take-out, etc.), but training trips do not require a boat rental – Peak Adventures provides all boats and gear. The Space Available fee may be subsidized by Peak Adventures, on a case by case basis as determined by the management.

Training trips may be on rivers which require a private trip designation (such as orange flags on the South Fork: see next paragraph for specific info). Guides/instructors are expected to know the rules on any river being used and to follow them.

PRIVATE TRIPS / BOAT RENTALS

Rafts are available for rent on private trips that do not fall under the training category. ONLY current Peak Adventures raft guides are allowed to rent boats; there must be a Peak Adventures guide indicated for every boat that is rented, or the rental is subject to review by management; the primary guide who is renting the boat(s) is responsible for repair and/or replacement of any piece of equipment that is lost or damaged. All rafts and equipment must be returned to the proper location, assuming boats will be available for commercial use the next day. **COMMERCIAL TRIPS TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ALL PRIVATE TRIPS.** If there is gear needed for the day, the commercial trip is entitled to first pick.

All additional equipment, day use fees, shuttle transportation and parking are the responsibility of the individuals in the group, and the guide MUST specify (e.g. to Camp Lotus) that it is a private trip, NOT a Peak Adventures trip. On the South Fork, 3 orange/pink flags MUST be used on any boat that has PEAK on the side: one flag on the bow (front) of the raft, and one flag beside each logo front left and front right).

There is a **RELEASE OF LIABILITY** on the rental agreement which indemnifies Peak Adventures in the case of any litigation. The choice of river is up to the guide renting the boat(s); however, management reserves the right to change or refuse an itinerary if it deems a particular run unsafe or at a level beyond the ability of the guide.

There are 4 “IKs” (Inflatable Kayaks) that are available to guides as well. Guides may choose to paddle an IK themselves or allow another person to paddle, but the liability, both fiscally and legally, is on the guide who rents the boat. Guides: be informed of the difficulty level of the river and the ability of your participant, and make good choices.

SPACE AVAILABLE

Space Available is a term for Peak Adventures staff members, and occasionally friends, family members, or affiliates of Peak Adventures, who are interested in joining along on a commercial or training trip. In order to qualify for this privilege you must either be a current Peak Adventures staff member, or you must obtain permission directly from management on a case by case basis. The cost to Peak Adventures employees on payroll is \$15, and to other “Peakies” or guests is \$25. This fee is a minimum cost for individuals to use the river; it covers all equipment, day use fees, river transportation and parking. Participants are expected to arrange their own transportation to the put-in.

RAFTING PROGRAMS: STAFF RENTAL PRICE LIST

ITEM	PRICE / DAY	TERMS
Paddle Raft Package	\$60 + \$300 deposit	Each paddle raft rental comes with 6 paddles, guide paddle, 6 PFDs, 3 cam straps, 1 throw rope and 1 pump; additional equipment is extra.
Oar Raft Package	\$60 + \$300 deposit	Each oar raft rental comes with oar frame, 2 oars, 6 cam straps, 1 throw rope and 1 pump; additional equipment is extra.
IK (Inflatable Kayak) Package	\$20	Each IK rental comes with a kayak paddle, a helmet, 1 PFD and 1 pump; additional equipment is extra.
Raft Paddle	\$2	Includes guide paddles.
Kayak Paddle	\$5	
PFD	\$3	
Splash Jacket	\$3	
Wetsuit	\$5	
Helmet	\$2	
Pump	\$2	
Med Kit	\$5	
Wrap Kit	\$5	
Patch Kit	\$5	
Cam Strap	\$1	