

# Group Organizer Packet - Scouts & Youth Groups



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## GETTING STARTED

Hello! Are you considering taking your boy scouts, girl scouts, venture group or youth group whitewater rafting? We are here to help you choose the right trip and give your scouts an experience they'll never forget!

### First is first, **INFORM YOURSELF AND YOUR GROUP:**

We feel that it is important to get to know us before you take your idea on whitewater rafting the rest of your group. Wilderness Aware Rafting has always been dedicated to providing the absolute best when it comes to customer service and experience. You can expect first-class service from your first phone call to choosing your trip and making your reservation until the guide sees you off at the end of your adventure. We have twice been named "Colorado Company of the Year" and are rated "Excellent" by past guests on [Trip Advisor](#). We encourage you and your group to visit our website at [www.inaraft.com](http://www.inaraft.com) where you can:

- Read [customer testimonials](#) and [comment cards](#)
- Discover how we use [green energy](#) at our Buena Vista, CO headquarters
- Meet our [staff](#) and view hundreds of [photos](#)
- View [maps](#) of each river we raft

### HOW DO I ORGANIZE A GROUP?

- 1) Plan Ahead.** Is your group interested in a short ½-day tour, full day with lunch, or a multi-day trip? Are they interested in exciting whitewater, a calm scenic trip, or a multi-day wilderness trip? What is my groups' skill level? Are they interested in completing the [Whitewater Merit Badge](#) program? **Give us a call!** We can help answer questions and discuss which one of our many trip options will suit your group best. You can also visit our website at [www.inaraft.com](http://www.inaraft.com) for information on our different trips.
- 2) Make an estimate of the number of people interested in joining you.** Take a quick head count on the maximum number of people in your group. Remember, on half and full day trips – every 14<sup>th</sup> person is FREE!
- 3) Pick a date for your outdoor adventure and confirm it with us.** Give us a quick call at **800.462.7238** and let us know what day you are considering for your trip. We will let you know if it is available. If so, we can make a tentative reservation to ensure you have the spots held for your group. Depending on how far in advance you book will determine your due date on making your deposit.
- 4) Get the word out about the upcoming trip.** Compile your information and hand out packets at your next scout or group meeting - or send emails to everyone to let them know about the trip and other important details regarding deadlines for signing-up and payment due dates.
- 5) Collect payment from group.** Before you begin collecting payment from everyone, make sure you give them a deadline. When you are ready to pay, we require a 50% deposit. We will contact you 30 days prior to your trip to collect the balance. Quite often with scout and youth groups, fund-raising is required in order to pay for adventure trips – just let us know and we will create a custom payment plan. Once payment is made, the group is subject to our cancellation policy.
- 6) Confirmation.** We will email confirmation and pre-trip information to you. Pre-trip information can also be downloaded from our web site for individuals in your group. Pre-trip information covers what to wear, directions and departure times pertinent to your trip. A liability release (included with this packet) should be sent home with unaccompanied youths for parental permission.
- 7) Late Sign Up's.** You can add participants on a *space available* basis up until the day before the trip.
- 8) Arrival.** When the day of your trip finally arrives, help us keep your group organized by arriving a little early and connecting with everyone in your group. Once everyone is here, we will check you in as a group to ensure that everyone is getting consistent and accurate information about their trip.

## SCOUTS & THE WHITEWATER MERIT BADGE

Wilderness Aware company owner Joe Greiner is an Eagle Scout and member of The Order of the Arrow. He attended the Philmont Scout Ranch and participated in the 1977 National Scout Jamboree at Moraine State Park in Pennsylvania. He serves as his son Ethan's Scoutmaster, and had the honor of seeing his son Benjamin complete his Eagle Scout in December of 2010. He is looking forward to participating in Ethan's scouting career as he continues along the Boy Scout Trail. Joe has owned Wilderness Aware Rafting since 1985 and created Wilderness Aware's [Whitewater Merit Badge](#) Program. He understands what you expect.

We are happy to provide instruction for the Whitewater Merit Badge on full-day and overnight trips. We have developed a complete [syllabus and itinerary](#), [whitewater trip planner](#) and a [fun post trip](#) test to assure complete requirement compliance. Prerequisites for the badge include the "Canoeing" and "First Aid" merit badges. Your troop committee should compare our syllabus and itinerary with the official Whitewater Merit Badge requirements to completely understand our program. We can also help meet Girl Scout Junior's badge requirements for many badges such as "Water Fun" and "Wildlife". For Cadets and Seniors we can help with the "High Adventure Interest Project", "Water Sports", and "Paddle, Pole and Roll" badges.

We take our responsibility very seriously and know that you have a responsibility as a leader to the parents of your scouts to provide an experience that is exciting, yet within the bounds of reasonable risk.



Ready for rapids on the Salt River in Arizona



Practicing swimming and rescue techniques



Flipping and re-flipping rafts



Group shot after a few days on the river

# WILDERNESS AWARE SCOUT & YOUTH GROUP RATES

All prices good for groups of 10 or more.



## HALF & FULL DAY TRIPS - EVERY 14th PERSON RAFTS FREE!

Group Rates **INCLUDE** Land and Water Access Fees & Salt River Apache Permit Fees

(With group rates no further discounts may be applied)

### DAY TRIPS - 2012

RIVER NAME	TRIP NAME	PRICE PP
Arkansas, CO	Browns Canyon Half-Day	\$50
	Browns Canyon Full-Day	\$78
	Narrows Half-Day	\$56
	Narrows Express Full-Day	\$102
	Lower Browns Family Half-Day	\$50
	Upper Bighorn Family Full-Day	\$78
	Royal Gorge Full-Day	\$92
	Numbers Half-Day	\$59
	Numbers Full-Day	\$92
North Platte, CO	Northgate Canyon Full-Day	\$92
Upper Colorado, CO	Little Gore Canyon Full-Day	\$78
Salt, AZ	Salt River Canyon Half-Day (Sun-Fri)	\$93
	Salt River Canyon Full-Day (Sun-Fri)	\$115
	Salt River Canyon Full-Day (Sat)	\$124

### MULTI-DAY TRIPS - 2012

RIVER NAME	TRIP NAME	PRICE PP
Arkansas, CO	2-Day	\$277
	3-Day	\$412
	4-Day	\$535
	5-Day	\$625
Gunnison, CO	2-Day	\$400
North Platte, CO	2-Day	\$293
Upper Colorado, CO	2-Day	\$293
Dolores, CO	3-Day	\$412
	6-Day	\$751
	10-Day	\$1,258
Salt, AZ	2-Day Upper Canyon	\$302
	2-Day Expedition	\$335
	3-Day	\$494
	5-Day	\$750

**FREE TRIPS!** Every 14th person rafts free on ½ and 1-day trips. Apache permit fees still apply on Salt River trips.

**RESERVATION POLICY:** A 50% deposit is required to confirm a reservation. The balance is due 30 days prior to trip departure. To insure proper credit, include your trip date, reservation number and group name on all payments. Any overdue, unpaid balances are subject to cancellation without notice.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** For **1-day and ½-day trips**, if you cancel more than 10 days prior to trip departure, we will refund all of your deposit less a \$5/person cancellation fee; if you cancel less than 10 days prior to trip departure, there is no refund. For **multi-day trips**, if you cancel more than 10 days prior to trip departure, we will refund all of your deposit less a \$50/person cancellation fee; if you cancel less than 10 days prior to trip departure, there is no refund. We reserve the right to reschedule, move or cancel any trip due to insufficient reservations or low water levels.

**TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE:** If insurance is purchased, you may cancel up to 24 hours prior to your trip departure with no penalty. If you cancel within 24 hours but with at least one hour's notice we will give you trip credit in the form of a gift certificate good through the following season. Gift certificates cannot be extended beyond their expiration date. Cancellation insurance can be purchased at the time of your deposit for 10% of your trip total and is non-transferrable. Insurance does not cover no-shows.

**FEES:** Included in the group rate is the 9% land and water access fee and the Salt River White Mountain Apache Tribe permit fee of \$20-\$40pp.

**CUSTOM TRIPS:** Wilderness Aware offers customized trips to accommodate your special needs for groups of 10 or more on multi-day trips. Call for more information.



WILDERNESS AWARE, INC.

WHITE WATER RAFTING AND HORSEBACK RIDING WARNING,  
ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY & INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER OF CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.**

1. The person who is participating in white water rafting with Wilderness Aware, Inc. shall be referred to hereinafter as "Participant". The "Undersigned" means only the Participant when the Participant is age 18 or older OR it means both the Participant and the Participant's parent or legal guardian when the Participant is under the age of 18. The Undersigned agree and understand that participating in white water rafting, and horseback riding (hereinafter the "Activity"), can be **HAZARDOUS AND INVOLVES THE RISK OF PHYSICAL INJURY AND/OR DEATH.**

2. The Undersigned agree and understand that there are dangers and risks associated with participating in the Activity and that **INJURIES AND/OR DEATH** may result from engaging in the Activity and that Participant has an obligation to attempt to self-rescue in the event Participant is separated from their guide and/or raft. The Undersigned agree to expressly accept all risks and understand that **risks include, but are not limited to, the following:**

Choice of rafting course, choice of rafting site, choice of camping site, choice of overnight facility, negligence of Rafting Guides, changing weather conditions, changing water conditions, cold water immersion, hidden underwater obstacles, trees or other above water obstacles, slippery terrain, changing and unpredictable currents, drowning, exposure, swimming, overturning, improper use of equipment, jumping off rocks, carrying rafts and other equipment, entrapment of feet or other body parts under rocks or other objects, equipment failure, dehydration, sunburn, driving to and from the ACTIVITY site, and mental distress from exposure to any one of the above.

**IF HORSEBACK RIDING-** Choice of Horseback riding trail, choice of horse, negligence of wrangler, changing weather conditions, changing trail conditions, falling from horse, collisions with trees or other obstacles, slippery terrain, exposure, swimming, overturning, improper use of equipment, carrying equipment, equipment failure, choice of outfitter, dehydration, sunburn, driving to and from the ACTIVITY site, and mental distress from exposure to any one of the above.

3. The Undersigned acknowledge and understand that the description of the risks listed above are not complete and that participating in the Activity, whether or not described, may be dangerous and may also include risks which are inherent and/or which cannot be reasonably avoided without changing the nature of the Activity. By signing this document, the Undersigned recognize that property loss, injury, serious injury and death are all possible while participating in the Activity. **RECOGNIZING THE RISKS AND DANGERS, THE UNDERSIGNED UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE ACTIVITY AND VOLUNTARILY CHOOSE FOR PARTICIPANT TO PARTICIPATE IN AND EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL RISKS AND DANGERS OF THE ACTIVITY, WHETHER OR NOT DESCRIBED ABOVE, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, INHERENT OR OTHERWISE.**

4. Additionally, in consideration for allowing the Participant to participate in the Activity, **THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY AGREE NOT TO SUE** Wilderness Aware, Inc. or any of their respective successors in interest, affiliated organizations and companies, insurance carriers, agents, employees, representatives, assignees, officers, directors, and shareholders (each hereinafter a "Released Party") for any property damage (including but not limited to equipment damage), injury or loss to Participant, including death, which Participant may suffer, arising in whole or in part out of Participant's participation in the Activity. By agreeing not to sue, the Undersigned are releasing any right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against any Released Party. Also, the **UNDERSIGNED AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS AND RELEASE EACH AND EVERY RELEASED PARTY FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY** and/or claims for injury or death to persons or damage to property arising from Participant's participation in the Activity, **including, but not limited to, those claims based on any Released Party's alleged or actual NEGLIGENCE or BREACH of any CONTRACT and/or express or implied WARRANTY.**

5. By execution of this Agreement, the Undersigned also **AGREE TO DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY/REIMBURSE** each Released Party from any and all claims of the Undersigned and/or a third party, arising in whole or in part from Participant's participation in the Activity.

6. In consideration for allowing Participant to participate in the Activity, the Undersigned **AGREE THAT ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** for injury and/or death arising from the Participant's participation in the Activity shall be **GOVERNED BY COLORADO LAW** and **EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION** of any claim shall be the **DISTRICT COURT OF CHAFFEE COUNTY, COLORADO** or in the **FEDERAL COURT FOR THE STATE OF COLORADO.**

