



# WORLD WIDE RIVER EXPEDITIONS

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Dear Youth Leader,

We are pleased that you have chosen World Wide River Expeditions to plan your youth activity. There are a few pertinent items we need to bring to your attention concerning your participation in this activity.

**MEETING TIME:** Meeting time is 9:30 a.m. on the day your trip is scheduled at our office in Moab. **Please do not arrive at our warehouse prior to 9:30 a.m.** We have other trips that are meeting before yours and we don't want there to be any confusion. If your group arrives in Moab before 9:30 a.m. do not wait on Riversands Rd. You can meet together at the intersection of Hwy 191 and Hwy 128 just across the river bridge where there are restrooms, and then proceed to our warehouse at 9:30 a.m. We are located at the very end of Riversands Rd. on the left. **Our office is in a residential area so please drive slowly, especially into the parking area.** Once in our warehouse yard, watch for signs and cones that will direct you to park where you will leave your cars until Wednesday or Thursday night when we will bring the drivers in for their cars. If there are any problems call the local phone number in Moab, **435-259-7515**.

**DAYTIME ACTIVITIES:** Depending on which merit badge requirements we may be working on, daytime activities will include: Paddling the rafts, swimming alongside the boats, splashing your neighbor's boat with water (water fighting), setting up your camp, and other appropriate games are all part of the daytime activities.

**EVENING ACTIVITIES:** On the 3 Day/ 3 Night Scout Adventure there will be time before dinner to work on some merit badge requirements or just have some fun playing along the river, it is usually pretty warm this time of day. After dinner should be a great time to conduct workshops directed towards merit badge completion if you have any you would like to do on your own. It is a good idea to have some activities ready if you have downtime and are needing something to do.

**LEADERS:** We feel that the number of youth per leader is up to your discretion, but would advise that you have at least one leader per ten youth.

**CAMERAS:** It would be appropriate to assign one of your leaders to be the official photographer for your group. A photo compilation or video presentation makes a great fireside activity following your trip. Be aware that a good waterproof camera or case is essential for the safety of your equipment. Please advise your youth that this is also necessary for their personal cameras as well. Be sure each camera is properly identified.

**LOST ITEMS:** We emphasize that every item be marked with both the individual's name and group. There is a chance your group is launching the same day as another group. A great way to distinguish your bags from their bags is by using a unique color of duct tape or yarn to tie on each item belonging to your group. Please double check with each participant before you leave home, and again before you leave Moab at the end of the trip, to make sure they have all their belongings. Items left in Moab will only be kept for ten days.

**FOOD ALLERGIES:** If any of your group have food allergies please email us the name of the person and what allergies they have so that we can be aware. Our meals are fairly well rounded and can be adjusted to accommodate most dietary restrictions. Unfortunately, due to the unique nature of most of the allergies and dietary restrictions and the sizes of our groups it is not possible for us to accommodate all of the needs a person might have. The Q & A covers more information about menu items, common allergies, and how we can best help them bring what they need to fill in with the menu items we provide.

**SNACKS:** It is a good idea to bring snacks for during the day. Plan on bringing 1-2 items per person per day

in a good quality water tight bag. Make sure to not bring anything that can melt.

**WHERE TO STAY IN MOAB:** Most groups come the morning of their trip, but if you need to stay in Moab the night before or after your trip visit [www.discovermoab.com](http://www.discovermoab.com) for a full list of hotels and campgrounds. You can also visit our website. If you need recommendations, feel free to contact us.

**GEAR:** Everyone's gear will be loaded into a trailer at our warehouse. It will then be transported to camp. In camp the gear is unloaded onto the ground which can be dusty or sandy. Bringing a tarp to unload the gear onto is a good idea.

**ASSIGNING BOATS:** The nature of this trip does not allow for boats to be assigned amongst your group. It is often known a few days before the trip how many boats each group will get, but that can change last minute as groups check in with different numbers. The other challenge is that some boats fit 10 people where others can fit up to 14 and then there are the two-man inflatable kayaks. The biggest challenge though is that once your group is on the river the youth will be in and out of all the boats between swimming, water fighting, and just wanting to move around. You are welcome to come up with groups to keep track of people and to participate in activities, but it is not a good idea to assign them to specific boats.

**CHECK-IN:** Please email or call the day before your trip to check-in with your final numbers and ask any last minute questions you may have.

**PAYMENT:** A non-refundable deposit of \$10 per person is due by credit card at the time of the reservation, or check shortly after, on your best guess of the number of participants you might have in your group. The deposit goes toward the group total. Please pay your balance due by check or credit card 30 days before your launch date. The 3% access fee will be waived if payment is made by check and is in our office before the payment due date. A late fee will be applied if your balance due is paid on your launch date. If you have a few extra participants you need to add at the last minute, you can either bring a check or pay by credit card upon your arrival. The 3% access fee will need to be paid for those adding after 45 days before your launch date.

**CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS:** If you have some of your group cancel, we can issue a refund if we have notice at least 24 hours before the trip. If your numbers are off by 1 or 2 and you let us know at least 4 hours before your meeting time, exceptions can be made to the cancellation policy.

**CONFIRMATION NUMBER:** Please include your 4-digit confirmation number on all correspondence and checks. It helps us to easily make changes, updates and answer questions pertaining to your trip.

**RELEASE FORMS:** All participants will be required to sign a release form before participating with us. Your group will not be allowed on the river without them signed by everyone and verified by you as the group leader. The release forms are available in printable form through the link to your trip documents sent in confirmation and follow up emails. If your group would like to use the online waiver form, a link will be sent before your launch date. Once names are entered in the online system changes must be made in our office. Please only add names that you are sure will be participating. It is your responsibility to copy and provide a form for **EACH** participant (youth and adult leader) to sign. When participants are under 18 years old a parent or legal guardian must also sign **WITH** them. **We cannot let any youth participate in this activity without the signature of a parent or legal guardian.** These forms must be in our Moab office or verified online before the trip will be allowed to launch. Only one version of the form is required, either online or paper.

**CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES:** 1) all clients will be required to follow the safety policies and procedures of Raft Moab, Inc. DBA World Wide River Expeditions ('WWRE') and their guides' instructions during activities. 2) All clients will be required to sign a Participant Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement in favor of WWRE before departing on any trip; and 3) each client agrees and acknowledges when they sign up for a WWRE activity that they have significant responsibility for their own safety and that they agree they are **ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE** for their own safety during participation in an activity.

We are looking forward to having you with us this year, and know that you will enjoy your experience with World Wide River Expeditions. It will be an activity that will provide memories of a lifetime for your youth! Please email or call if you have any other questions.