

Recommended Gear List

The raft company provides wetsuits, splash jackets, helmets, paddles and life-jackets free of charge. Wearing a wetsuit is often not necessary; they are most often needed early season, if the weather is rainy, for our Class IV-V trips, or for folks who get cold easily, such as small children. In addition please bring the following with you:

- **Footwear:** Bring shoes that stay securely on your feet and can get wet. Tennis shoes, sport sandals (that strap on), or water shoes all work very well. **NO FLIP-FLOPS AND NO CROCS ALLOWED.** The raft company does not have booties to rent, however you are able to purchase water shoes in the retail store at the outpost on the Arkansas River and at the Clear Creek office.
- **Swimsuit** to wear under wetsuit.
- **Sunglasses** and strap to secure glasses.
- **Sunscreen** and lip balm with sunscreen.
- **Additional Layers: Lightweight, quick-drying clothing.** If you do not want to wear a wetsuit (much of the summer it is too hot to wear one), please bring swimsuits and quick-drying shorts (nylon, etc) to wear. Fleece, polypropylene or other synthetic base layers (i.e. a Dri-fit shirt) are great additional layers in case we have cold or rainy weather. We recommend that you DO NOT wear cotton on the river. It stays wet and makes you cold. Save the cotton clothing to change into after your trip.
- **Hat or visor:** for float trips on the Colorado River as you will not be wearing a helmet.
- **Water Bottle**
- **Waterproof camera:** if you do not own one, they are available for purchase at the outpost on the Arkansas River or at the Clear Creek Office.

Overnight Trips:

Tents, sleeping pads, camp chairs and all the setup for meals at camp are provided as well as a waterproof bag to pack your belongings in. You should bring the following for camp:

Necessary:

- Sleeping bag (available for rent if arranged ahead of time)
- Dry change of clothes: shorts, long pants, warm layers such as fleece or a sweater

- Comfortable shoes for camp (different from the ones you will wear on the river)
- Rain jacket
- Warm hat (synthetic or wool)
- Warm socks (synthetic or wool)
- Flashlight
- Personal toiletries (toothbrush, biodegradable soap, towel, etc)

Suggested:

- Things to play with, such as a Frisbee
- Fishing pole (you need a Colorado fishing license)
- Bug repellent
- Extra beverages (no glass please)