

Hi Team,

Woot Woot! It's almost river time! We're excited to see you and your group on Tuesday, September 13th. In preparation for your rig day, below is the schedule for the day and other useful information. Please share this with your group members.

Here are several phone numbers if anyone has last minute questions or needs assistance as you travel:

Warehouse: 928-774-3377

Toll Free: 1-800-637-4604

Benjamin Dove's Cell: 928-607-9691

Video Orientation Online and Hands-on Orientation: Our orientation videos are available on YouTube at the following link - <https://goo.gl/EN2vlc>. Please watch these videos before Rig Day. It helps orient your group to the systems we use when packing your food, kitchen and toilet set-up and some other safety issues. A couple of other chapters discuss rigging and de-rigging the rafts. We will also give our hands-on orientation at Lee's Ferry which goes over the actual stove, blaster, water filter, and satellite phone you will be using on your trip.

Acknowledgement of Risk: Please be sure to have everyone in your group sign the online waiver form prior to rig day – thank you!

8:30AM at the Aspen Inn: The Canyon REO equipment truck and van will arrive at the Aspen Inn so you can load your personal bags. We will pick up 15 clients here. At this time, we will also take any luggage and/or electronics you wish to store while on the river. Everything left with REO must be visibly marked with orange tape (provided) and labeled "Kinner – To REO" or "Kinner – To Take Out" depending on where you want to retrieve the items. Feel free to hand these items to your driver on rig day, or alternatively, you can give items to your rigger to bring back to REO on your launch day.

Once personal gear is loaded, the van, truck, and all personal vehicles will caravan to Safeway so the group can pick up lunch for rig day. From Safeway, the truck will head directly to Lee's Ferry while the van takes a short detour to the vehicle storage lot so you can put personal vehicles into storage.

12:00PM Arrive at Lees Ferry!! We will meet Tom at the Ferry. First, you will have a short meeting with your rigger to go over the itinerary for the day. Usually, you will deal with some paperwork and equipment orientation, then on to rigging your rafts.

Client Vehicle Shuttles:

6 Client Vehicles will go directly into storage (Tim, Pete, Robert, Mark, Melinda, & Riley)

1 Client Vehicle will be shuttled Lees Ferry to Flagstaff on Rig Day (Tom)

6 Client Vehicles will be shuttled to Pearce Ferry for take-out (Pete, Robert, Mark, Melinda, Tom, & Riley)

Key Tags: The rigger will hand out a key tag to each vehicle owner to place on your keys.

Keys: At least one tagged key needs to come back to REO with the rigger.

Triplicate Shuttle Agreement: Your rigger will hand out triplicate forms for your vehicles. The owner needs to complete the triplicate and leave all three copies in the vehicle along with gas money. The triplicate is a tracking record and communication with our driver about your vehicle. For instance, if the maintenance required light comes on as you are driving to Lees Ferry, please let us know that it is on and if we need to do something about this. The driver will leave the pink copy for you at take-out.

Gas money: If possible, please leave your gas tank full. If not, leave enough cash for your vehicle to travel from Lees Ferry to Pearce Ferry – about 350 miles, or Flagstaff to Pearce Ferry – 225 miles. We will leave receipts

and the change in the same place we found the money. We recommend \$40 to \$80, depending on gas mileage and how full your tank is at Lees Ferry. Please notate on your triplicate form how much gas money you are leaving.

Tip money: Shuttle drivers have a big responsibility transporting your vehicles safely from point A to point B. Please consider tipping them for their services. If you feel so inclined, you can leave a tip in the same place you leave gas money but be sure to notate on the triplicate form how much you are leaving for each.

Back to the real business at hand – getting on the river!: Your rigger will orchestrate the rigging of the rafts, but it is the job of the boat captains and the rest of the group to do the rigging. Once the boats are close to fully rigged, you'll float them down 50 yards to the Boatman's Camp, tie them off and set up camp for the night. Dinner will be at Marble Canyon Lodge at 6:30PM. Your rigger will be with you through dinner and breakfast on September 14th.

Equipment Check: The NPS ranger will often show up on the afternoon of your rig day for the equipment and PFD check. When you arrive at the river, put all the lifejackets in a pile off to one side. All lifejackets must be in good shape with no tears or rips, zippers working, and have the U.S. Coast Guard Type I, III or Type V label on the inside back of the jacket. The label, including the USCG number must be readable. PFDs without the U.S. Coast Guard label will be rejected, no matter how good the PFD. Our rigger will help with the equipment check, especially with all REO gear.

Paperwork for the Ranger: The ranger will also spend time with Bill going over the following three pieces of paperwork: the one-page permit, participant list, and the non-commercial regulations. Be sure to bring this paperwork with you as there is no way to print at the river and digital copies are not accepted. (The regulations were revised on December 29, 2020. This is the copy the rangers want you to carry with you.) Your rigger will have an extra set of regulations if needed.

Photo ID for NPS Rangers – Launch Day: The Ranger shows up to give their orientation and check ID's at 9:00 am on the 14th. Everyone will need a U.S. Driver's License or a passport with your photograph and birth date. U.S. citizens without a valid U.S. driver's license, and all non-U.S. citizens will need to take your passports to Lee's Ferry for ID.

And following the Ranger's orientation you'll push off and it's river time from then on out! We'll see you a wonderful 21 days later at Pearce Ferry at 11AM.

If anyone has questions as they are travelling, please be sure to call us.

We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

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