



TRIP PLANNING CHECKLIST

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- Send Silver Cloud a \$500 per person **deposit** to secure your seats. *Disregard if already paid.*
- Purchase **Trip Insurance** (highly recommended): <http://insuremytrip.com/p/myquote?pid=4724>
- Make lodging reservations in Salmon for the night(s) prior to the trip at the Stagecoach Inn at (208) 756-2919. If they are full, choose the Salmon River Motel at (208) 756-8880.
- Make lodging reservations in Boise, Salmon or McCall for the evening(s) after the trip as needed.
- Check **Trip Logistics sheet** and **make your local air charter flight reservations** as needed. Most of our guests fly in and out of Boise Idaho and need charter flights both before and after their raft trip. Some of our guests drive to McCall or Salmon, Idaho and need charter flights before or after their raft trip. When you contact an air charter company, be sure to tell them that you are a Silver Cloud Expeditions raft trip guest.
Salmon Air: (800) 448-3413; salmonair@centurytel.net
Sawtooth Flying Service: (800)798-6105; brandnewday@frontiernet.net
- For Salmon to McCall Itinerary: **Arrange for your vehicle shuttle if needed (see Trip Logistics sheet) well in advance of your trip** so they can schedule a driver and you can work out any auto insurance issues. Some of our guests drive to Salmon, and need a vehicle shuttled to McCall. We recommend **Blackadar Boating at (208) 940-1101**. You can visit their website at <http://www.blackadarboating.com/shuttles.htm>. **Bring two sets of keys on your trip** – one for the shuttle company, and one that stays with you.
- Send **Assumption of Risk and Medical Questionnaire forms to Silver Cloud Expeditions**. Fill out one Medical Form and one Risk Form *for each party member*. **Also send us your pre-trip and post-trip travel itinerary** so we know your plans.
- Send **balance payment** in the form of a personal check, cashier's check, or check drawn on your charge account (a good way to get those miles) to Silver Cloud Expeditions **60 days prior to trip departure date**. Call us to order storm gear rental if needed and add to your balance payment.
- Purchase your **Fishing Licenses** if you would like to fish. Contact **Idaho Fish and Game at 800-554-8685** or visit online at <https://id.outdoorcentral.us/>. *Allow four weeks to receive your license*. You may also buy your license at sporting goods stores in town the day before the trip. You'll want a 4-day (\$26.50) or 5-day (\$31.50) license that does **not** include the last day of your raft trip (we're on the water for only a few hours).
- Check Gear List when packing. Consider printing one gear list page for each participant, and fulfill the list for each person.
- Bring cash for incidentals. The following costs are not included in your fare:
 - Lodging and Meals** before and after your trip (see Trip Logistics sheet below)
 - Extra Beverages** we provide wine with dinner and about 2 canned beverages- beer and pop – per person per day. You can purchase extra beverages, wine or booze in Salmon, or at North Fork Store (we stop here during the morning bus ride to the launch point).
 - Guide Gratuities** – our crew is exceptional, and our guests routinely ask us about gratuities. 15-20% is typical for excellent service.
 - Souvenirs, etc.** – you'll have a number of opportunities to purchase Idaho memorabilia before, during and after your trip.
- Arrive in Salmon by 7 pm the night before your trip begins** for the pre-trip orientation meeting at the Stagecoach Inn.



RAFTING TRIP LOGISTICS INFO

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IMPORTANT TRIP INFO: *Carry This Logistics & Lodging Info When You Travel!*

Your raft trip package begins in Salmon, Idaho and ends in McCall, Idaho. Your trip includes ground transportation from Salmon Idaho to the launch point on the morning the trip begins (**we depart Salmon at 8 AM sharp from the lobby of the Stagecoach Inn**), and from our take-out point to McCall, Idaho the afternoon your trip ends (we'll usually arrive in McCall around 4:30 PM).

ALL ITINERARIES: Please plan your trip logistics so you have ample time to arrive in Salmon the afternoon before your trip begins. Plan to spend the night before your trip in Salmon (not in Boise or McCall). Plan to attend the pre-trip orientation meeting at the Stagecoach Inn at 7 pm the night before your raft trip begins on the lawn next to the river. Call us any time with questions, we're happy to help you plan.

Depending on how you travel to Idaho, you'll need to arrange for lodging before and after your trip, and charter flights or a vehicle shuttle. Hotels are listed on the lodging sheet in this package (page 4).

Charter Flights: Salmon Air - (800) 448-3413; Sawtooth Flying Service – (800) 798-6105

Vehicle Shuttles: Blackadar Boating – 208-940-1101; <http://www.blackadarboating.com/shuttles.htm>

Be sure to tell these folks that you are guests on a Silver Cloud Expeditions raft trip.

- ❖ **BOISE TO BOISE ITINERARY:** Most of our guests fly in and out of Boise, Idaho. You'll need to reserve a charter flight from Boise to Salmon, and from McCall back to Boise after your trip ends. You'll also need lodging before and after your trip.

Before your trip: Plan to arrive in Boise as early as possible on the day *prior* to your launch date to allow time for any flight delays or cancellations. We highly recommend that you plan to arrive in Boise *no later than 3 pm*. ** If your flight scheduling keeps you from arriving by this time, then plan to arrive any time two days before your trip. **Plan to spend the night before your trip at the Stagecoach Inn in Salmon – 208-756-2919.**

After your trip: Most guests fly from McCall to Boise the afternoon the trip ends, departing McCall around 4:30 PM, and spending the night in Boise for an early flight home the next day. Or, if you have mid-day or later flights home from Boise, you can stay in McCall (a lovely mountain resort community) for a night or as long as you wish, and then fly to Boise. See Lodging, Dining and Misc Info sheet for Boise & McCall hotels.

Charter Flights: Meet your air charter company next to baggage claim at the West end of the arrival level at Boise airport. If the Salmon Air info desk isn't manned, or if you can't find your Sawtooth Flying Service pilot, call for details about the departure time of your flight and where to go. **Be flexible** - scheduled charter flight times can and do change during summer months due to weather, flight time changes, etc.

If you have a flight delay or cancellation during your trip to Boise - call Salmon Air (800-448-3413) or Sawtooth Flying (800-798-6105) so they can reschedule your charter flight; then call us at 877-756-6215 to make us aware of your status. Your charter to Salmon takes about 70 minutes. Tell your pilot you are staying at the Stagecoach Inn. He may be able to radio ahead and the Stagecoach Inn will send a courtesy van to pick you up at Salmon airport.

- ❖ **SALMON TO SALMON ITINERARY:** Many of our guests drive directly to Salmon, Idaho to begin their trip. Plan to arrive in Salmon *no later than 7 pm* on the day *prior* to your launch date, to attend the pre-trip meeting at the Stagecoach Inn. You'll need to reserve a charter flight from McCall back to Salmon after your trip ends. You'll also need lodging before and after your trip. **Plan to spend the night before your trip at the Stagecoach Inn in Salmon – 208-756-2919.** After your trip, most guests immediately fly from McCall to Salmon, departing McCall around 4:30 PM, and spend the night in Salmon to begin the trip home the next day. In this case, reserve lodging at the Stagecoach Inn the night the trip ends. Or, you can also spend the night your trip ends in McCall, and then fly to Salmon the next day or later to begin your trip home. In this case, you would reserve lodging in McCall the night the trip ends.
- ❖ **MCCALL TO MCCALL ITINERARY:** Many of our guests drive to McCall, Idaho before their trip begins. Plan to arrive in McCall *no later than 3 pm* on the day *prior* to your launch date, to catch a charter flight over to Salmon. You'll need to reserve a charter flight from McCall back to Salmon the afternoon before your trip begins. You'll also need lodging before and after your trip. **Plan to spend the night before your trip at the Stagecoach Inn in Salmon – 208-756-2919.** After your trip, we'll arrive back in McCall around 4:30 PM, and return you to your vehicle at the airport. Plan to spend the night your raft trip ends in McCall and then begin your trip home the next day, you'll be glad you did, McCall is a nice, scenic town.

McCall airport is about a mile South of downtown McCall, on the SW corner of Hwy 55 and Deinhard Lane. You'll see the parking area on the corner. **Salmon Air's** hangar is the building closest to the parking area. **Sawtooth Flying's** hangar is the third building South of the parking area. Drive to their hangar along the frontage road to drop off your luggage, then find a parking spot near the correct hangar. *If no one is manning the hangar, or if you can't find the hangar, call your air charter company for details about the departure time of your flight and where to go. If you have a delay on your trip to McCall please call your air charter company immediately so they can reschedule your charter flight; then call us at 877-756-6215 to make us aware of your status. Be flexible* - scheduled charter flight times can and do change during summer months. Your charter to Salmon takes about 50 minutes. If you have some time to kill, try Si Bueno Mexican Restaurant on the North side of Deinhard. Tell your pilot you are staying at the Stagecoach Inn. He may be able to radio ahead and the Stagecoach Inn will send a courtesy van to pick you up at Salmon airport.

- ❖ **SALMON TO MCCALL ITINERARY:** For guests driving to Salmon before their raft trip begins. You'll need to arrange for a vehicle shuttle from Salmon to McCall during your raft trip. **Arrange for your vehicle shuttle well in advance of your trip so the shuttle company can schedule a driver. Bring two sets of keys with you – one set will stay with you during the raft trip.**

You'll also need lodging before and after your trip. **Plan to spend the night before your trip at the Stagecoach Inn in Salmon – 208-756-2919.** After your trip, we'll arrive back in McCall around 4:30 PM, and reunite you with your vehicle at the airport. Plan to spend the night your raft trip ends in McCall and then begin your trip home the next day.

The vehicle shuttle company we suggest is Blackadar Boating. Phone **208-940-1101** and let them know that you are Silver Cloud Expeditions raft trip guests. On-line: <http://www.blackadarboating.com/shuttles.htm>. Download Vehicle Shuttle Agreement form at the Shuttle Paperwork link here: <http://www.blackadarboating.com/Shuttle%20agreement%20web.htm>

Plan to leave your vehicle at the Stagecoach Inn. Leave your shuttle agreement, keys, payment and gas deposit at the front desk of the Stagecoach Inn in an envelope labeled as follows:

“Blackadar Boating – Car Shuttle for (your name) - Silver Cloud Expeditions”

“Vehicle Color, Make, Model, License Number and State”

“To McCall Airport (or wherever you want your vehicle shuttled) on or before (last day of trip)”



LODGING, DINING & MISC INFO

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BOISE MOTELS NEAR THE AIRPORT:

Best Western Vista Inn	(800) 727-5006	\$80	* Ask For IOGA Rate
Holiday Inn	(208) 344-8365 x355	\$99-119	
Inn America	(208) 389-9800	\$65	* Ask For IOGA Rate
Northwest Lodge	(866) 385-6343	\$85	* Ask For IOGA Rate

Note: These hotels also offer affordable long-term parking if needed.

SALMON:

Motels:

Stagecoach Inn	(208) 756-2919	\$68-\$88	* Our Recommendation
Syringa Lodge (B&B)	(208) 756-4424	\$70-\$105	
Salmon River Motel	(208) 756-8880	\$100-\$110	

Restaurants:

Bertram's Brewery – burgers, pub fare, steaks, nightly specials, microbrews

Junkyard Bistro – bistro fare, tapas, sandwiches, great beer and wine selection

Last Chance Pizza – pizza, pastas

Shady Nook – prime rib dining, cocktail lounge with sports tv's

Car Rentals:

Clean Machine Auto	(208) 756-8777	\$40-\$60	<i>Depending on vehicle size</i>
Salmon River Motors	(208) 756-4211	\$39-\$50	<i>Depending on vehicle size</i>

Kennels:

Blue Cross	(208) 756-3331		
Mountain View	(208) 756-8788		

McCALL:

Motels:

Best Western	(208) 634-6300	\$99-\$129	
Hotel McCall	(866) 800-1183	\$135-\$150	* Our recommendation
Super 8	(208) 634-4637	\$109-\$129	

Public Transportation for the City of McCall

McCall Transit	(208) 634-0003	7am–7pm	(7 days a week)
Prompt	(208) 630-3065		

Car Rentals:

Collins Auto Rentals	(208) 634-8440	\$30-\$55	<i>Depending on vehicle size</i>
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Restaurants: Too numerous to list!

SILVER CLOUD EXPEDITIONS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & ASSUMPTION OF RISK

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any portion or activity of a recreational trip with Silver Cloud

Expeditions, I, _____ acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:
(Please print name of participant)

1. I plan to make a recreational trip with Silver Cloud Expeditions. I am fully aware that there are significant risks both known and unknown involved in any white water rafting or boating trip, fishing trip, air and/or ground transportation to and from the river, and/or recreational activities (hiking, swimming, camping, wading, fishing, etc.) that are associated with this experience. Certain risks cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of this trip. The same elements that contribute to the character of this activity can be causes of loss or damage to my property, accidental injury or illness, or permanent trauma or death.
2. I am aware that I will be camping and traveling in a wilderness or backcountry area, traveling by raft, drift boat, inflatable kayak, or other water craft or on foot on or along a river with obstacles and rapids, far from the normal services of civilization, subject to risks known and unknown unique to this type of travel.
3. These risks include but are not limited to: loss or damage to personal property; serious bodily injury or fatality due to capsizing of a raft or other vessel or other causes; collision with boat, rock, log, or tree; air loss from boats or other equipment failure; immersion in water & hypothermia; falling while on a raft/boat, at shore or on land; accident or illness in remote place without medical facilities; exposure to temperature extremes or inclement weather.
4. I expressly acknowledge my responsibility to select a trip appropriate to my (and/or my minor child's) abilities, for being in sufficient good health to undertake the trip, for studying pre-departure information, and for bringing the appropriate clothing and equipment as advised therein. I further agree to consult a physician regarding any medical problems that may impede my (or minor child's) participation in this trip.
5. I understand that Silver Cloud Expeditions has the right to make river craft and schedule changes, when necessary for the safety of the trip and participants. I also understand that if I must be evacuated at my request or otherwise due to illness, injury, or other cause, that I will be responsible for the evacuation cost. I acknowledge that I will be responsible for costs associated with unplanned flight or shuttle changes that are incurred on my behalf.
6. I do expressly covenant and state that I am (or my minor child is) a member of a trip with Silver Cloud Expeditions and that I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, including risks known or unknown not listed above, in said trip for myself (and my minor child). I also assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself and/or members of my family, or for loss or damage to my personal property and expenses thereof. The terms hereof shall serve as an express assumption of risk for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, and for all members of my family, including any minors accompanying me.
7. I understand that other trip members, professional photographers or Silver Cloud Expeditions may wish to make photographic or video records of this trip for personal and promotional purposes, and I hereby grant my permission for them to do so without recourse and without compensation to me.

I have read this document. I voluntarily sign my name as evidence of my (and/or my minor child's) acceptance of the above provisions.

Printed Name Of Participant (adult or minor)

Signature Of Participant (or parent or legal guardian if participant is under the age of 21)

Date

Please return **one Assumption of Risk form for each party member** along with a Medical Questionnaire for each party member to Silver Cloud Expeditions at your earliest convenience –

Fax – 208-756-3708

Mail – PO Box 1006, Salmon, ID 83467

TRIP MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY

I acknowledge that the personnel of Silver Cloud Expeditions are happy to discuss any and all aspects of the trip I am about to take with me if I have any further questions or concerns. I acknowledge that I and the members of my family have the responsibility to select a trip appropriate to our abilities and interest, and I agree that we are responsible for being in sufficient good health to undertake the trip. I acknowledge that I am responsible for studying all pre-departure information and bringing the appropriate clothing and equipment as advised therein. If I have any medical problems that may impede my participation in this trip or increase the risk of my participation, I have consulted my physician and obtained his/her approval, and I have advised Silver Cloud Expeditions of this condition.

MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Please fill out the information below - *one form for each party member* - and return with your balance payment. This information will be kept confidential. Parent or legal guardian should fill out this information for minors under 21.

PLEASE CONSULT YOUR PHYSICIAN FOR ANY PHYSICAL OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR PARTICIPATION BEFORE TAKING THIS TRIP

Trip Participant (print): _____ Trip Date: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Gender: Male - Female - Height: _____ Weight: _____ Birth Date: _____

Are you allergic to any foods? Yes _____ No _____
Are you allergic to insect bites or bee stings? Yes _____ No _____
Are you allergic to any medications? Yes _____ No _____

Within the past 3 years have you been under a physician's care or taking medication for:
Hypertension, Diabetes, Seizures, Shortness of Breath, Stroke, Vascular Problems, Pregnancy, Allergies or any Chronic Medical Conditions? Yes _____ No _____

Has your doctor advised you against taking or participating in any aspect of this trip? Yes _____ No _____

If yes to any of the above, please explain: _____

In an emergency, please notify _____ Phone: _____

I agree with the above "Trip Member's Responsibility" and certify that the information provided in the "Medical Questionnaire" is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also agree to hold harmless Silver Cloud Expeditions and its employees, for any failure, intentional or otherwise, to provide medical or other disclosures which may be significant to my health during participation in this trip.

Printed Name Of Participant (adult or minor) Signature Of Participant (or parent or legal guardian if participant is under the age of 21) Date

Please return *one Medical Questionnaire for each party member* along with an Assumption of Risk form for each party member to Silver Cloud Expeditions at your earliest convenience –
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Pack in a soft duffel:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> QUALITY RAIN PANTS AND RAIN JACKET (see below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries, sunscreen, lip balm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm jacket and pants, polyester fleece is best - <i>No Cotton!</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Quart water bottle w/strap & small carabiner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quick dry nylon shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Flashlight or Headlamp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long Pants for hiking or evening | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Wipes, Ziploc bags for wet items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear and socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Old twin sheet for warm nights (to sleep on top of your freshly laundered sleeping bag) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic bags to separate clothes/shoes in your duffel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun cap or hat | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 sets of keys (if you plan a vehicle shuttle) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> River sandals or water shoes for rafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Cash for fishing licenses, extra beer or booze, souvenirs, gratuities, incidentals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses with strap | <input type="checkbox"/> Trip Logistics and Lodging Sheets (in your carry-on bag) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sneakers or light boots for hiking and in camp | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel | |

✓ *Bring an extra poly fleece jacket, long underwear and wool socks for June or September trips*

OPTIONAL: Camera, book, pocketknife, binoculars, small pillow, bandana, light spinning or fly rod with storage tube. **NO TACKLE BOXES PLEASE.**

ADVICE FROM THE OUTFITTER:

1. **Bring good quality foul weather gear (no cheap plastic ponchos!)** If you don't want to buy, subject to availability we have assorted sizes of 4-piece rental storm gear packages (rain top and pants, fleece top and pants) available for \$31.80. Call early to reserve.
2. **Try to limit your gear to 25 lb. maximum**
3. **No phones, weapons, gameboy/nintendo or boom box/ipod allowed.**
4. We will be rafting in rugged and remote country. Please let us know of any medical or dietary restrictions. Call us if you have any questions or need help with travel plans.
5. **Do not bring suitcases!** Travel light - pack in a soft duffel (no wheeled luggage) to put in our waterproof duffel. Plastic bags also work well to separate your gear in the waterproof bag. If you do bring luggage, it will be shuttled in our vehicle to the take out site at trip's end.

SILVER CLOUD PROVIDES:

- **2 Waterproof duffels** (one large gear bag and one smaller day bag)
- **All rafting gear** – life jackets, paddles, helmets as needed
- **All camping gear** - Roomy dome style tents (one for every two guests), comfortable, freshly laundered full-size sleeping bags, self-inflating air/foam mattresses and camp chairs
- Sanitary toilet facilities with lovely canyon views
- Elegant, hearty meals - Dutch oven dinners include wine, beer, fresh salads and freshly baked desserts, drinking water, lemonade, morning coffee, two canned beverages per person per day



SUGGESTED READING LIST

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You can often find these books relatively inexpensively used on Amazon. You may also be able to find these in the bookstore in the Boise airport if you have a layover, in Salmon if you arrive in time to shop, at North Fork Store or after your trip.

River of No Return (Conley and Carrey) Milepost history and tales of the Salmon River. The one book to get if you only want one. Go to Amazon, and search for: “[River of No Return](#) by Cort Conley and John Carrey”

The Last of the Mountain Men (Harold Peterson) The life of Salmon River loner, Buckskin Bill

Undaunted Courage (Stephen Ambrose) Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery, very exciting reading

A Lifelong Affair (Bethine Church) Biography by wife of Idaho’s Senator Frank Church whose vision led to establishment of the Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness

The Journals of Lewis and Clark (Bernard DeVoto) Edited version of Lewis & Clark diaries

The Ridgerunner (Richard Ripley) Hermit who roamed the Salmon River area for 30 years

Idaho Loners (Cort Conley) Solitaires, Hermits and Individualists of Idaho’s backcountry

Lay the Mountains Low (Terry Johnston) Flight of the Nez Perce from Idaho & the Battle of the Big Horn