

Rio Chama Guest Overnight River Trip Checklist

Clothing / personal	Personal Toiletries	Personal/ Dry Box	Electronics
<i>Day bag</i>	Toothbrush / Toothpaste	Water bottle(s)	
River shoes/ sandals	Floss	Lip balm	Extra camera batteries, card
Neoprene shoes	Mouthwash	Sunscreen	Solar / ptbl battery charger
Rubber boots	Deodorant	Bug repellent	Cell phone, charging cord
Synthetic long sleeve	Soap (biodegradable required)	Binoculars	GoPro / accesories / tripod
Cotton / linen long sleeve	Lotion	Extra batteries	Extra GoPro batteries / card
Splash jacket	Comb	Flashlights / headlamps	Food / Drink / Misc
Splash pants	Anti-chafe (BodyGlide)	Sunglasses / spare	Liquor / beer / soda / mixers
Fleece pants	Daily medicines	Sunglasses lanyard(s)	Snacks
Fleece sweater	Clippers / nail file / pumice	Paddling gloves	Electrolyte drink mix
Synthetic long pants	Feminine hygiene	Sun hat(s)	Water toys
Synthetic shorts	Lip balm	Visor	Dog food / dog PFD / etc
Synthetic short sleeve	Hair pins / ponytail holders	Hair scarves / Buffs	In the Car
Dry suit / wetsuit (early season)	Personal Gear	Handkerchief	Clean clothes / shower stuff
Wetsuit socks	Tent / footprint	Neck cooling thingy	Money for shuttle driver tip
Swimsuit / sports bra	Sleeping bag / pads	Drink coozie(s)	Cash for snack
Hiking shoes	Paco Pad	Notebook / blank paper	
Warm clothes (selk Bag)	Watershed bag / drybags	Chem hand / foot warmers	
Camp towel	Sleeping tarp		
<i>Camp Bag</i>	water bottle		
Flip flops / down booties	Pillow		
Long pants			
Shorts			
Shirts (long, short)			
Rain gear (pants / jacket)			
Heavy jacket (old down)			
Warm Jacket			
Warm Shirt			
Underwear, bra			
Long underwear			
Wool / cotton socks			
Warm hat			
Warm gloves			
Cotton (PJ pants, shirt, etc.)			
Costume for costume night			
Book			

Where Will My Stuff Go?

Your belongings will go in a dry bag that Santa Fe Rafting will provide. Drybags will be made available for pick up the week of your trip. Please have them packed and ready for immediate loading the morning of the trip.

What is the Weather Like?

Our overnight trips take place in a desert environment, so remember although the days are hot, the nights are typically quite cool. Bring a warm jacket. Afternoon and evening rain storms are quite common so don't forget to bring a rain jacket and pants.

Where Will You Sleep?

All overnight trips take place in wilderness settings. You should be prepared for an OUTDOOR experience. There are no improved campgrounds on the rivers we run however; we do set up portable sanitation facilities. You do not need to be an experienced outdoorsman to participate in our trips, but you should be prepared for eating hearty food, sleeping, and living in the great outdoors.

What Will You Eat?

All meals are prepared during the trip. All our meals are of generous proportions, and include a healthy mix of fruits, vegetables, and meats. If you are vegetarian or vegan, let us know and we will gladly accommodate you.

Fishing?

Fishing is allowed on all of the rivers that we run. It is your responsibility to obey all local game and fish laws. 1-day licenses are required for fishing.

Beverages?

On all trips we supply a generous supply of drinking water, breakfast drinks, and coffee. Please bring your own canned beer, soft drinks, and mixers. NO GLASS.

What Not to Bring

Please do not bring valuable jewelry on the river. The only cash you will need will be for small last-minute items, and boatman gratuities are appreciated.

What if I encounter wild animals on my trip?

If you encounter wild animals during your Rio Chama Overnight Rafting Trip, including rattlesnakes, it's crucial to prioritize safety and respect their space. Avoid any attempts to touch or interact with them. In the event of encountering a rattlesnake, calmly back away while making vibrations on the ground to encourage them to move away. Under no circumstances should you attempt to handle or remove the snake, as this can be dangerous.

Where do I urinate during the trip?

To maintain the ecological balance of the Rio Chama Overnight trip in our arid desert climate, we kindly request that all participants urinate directly into the river rather than on the beach or into the surrounding vegetation. This helps preserve the natural environment and prevents unpleasant odors during breaks. Some participants may also opt to bring a small bucket to keep by their tent for emergency nighttime use if they do not feel comfortable walking down to the river in the dark. The contents of the bucket should then be responsibly emptied into the river in the morning, ensuring the campgrounds remain waste-free. For other bodily needs, our guides will ensure the setup of a safe and hygienic bathroom system at the campsite.

