



## SEASONAL GUIDESLINES FOR PACKING

There are essentially four “seasons” on the Middle Fork and depending upon the date of your trip you will want to adjust what you pack to fit the season. A suggested packing list is included on the next page, but the following will help you judge how to pack.

**EARLY-SUMMER** – River trips launching from late-May through mid-June, will have colder water and cooler temperatures (the exact conditions are dependent upon summer’s decision to arrive early or late that year!). It is always best to be warm, so plan on bringing warm outer layer clothing for both your days on the river and nights in camp. As an underneath layer during the day, quick dry shorts and swimsuits work fine beneath warmer pants and water-repellent rain pants/top, or under our famer john wet suits. For camp, warmer clothing (such as jeans, long pants, Carharts, long sleeve shirts), a jacket/vest (fleece or puffy), a thermal layer, knit hat, gloves and socks works well (cotton is fine in camp). We always recommend rain/splash top & pants. Experienced boaters who own wet/dry suits are encouraged to bring them on May and early June trips.

**MID-SUMMER** – Guests launching after mid-June through mid-August, will enjoy summer weather, with hot days and balmy nights. Good choices for days on the river are swimsuits, shorts, shirts/sun shirts/rash guards or light pants in a quick dry material (such as Columbia’s PFG clothing line or nylon/polyester material). In camp shorts, tshirts, light pants, sundresses all work well (cotton in fine in camp). It is a good idea to bring a piece of warm clothing in case there is a cool day or evening, such as a fleece or light jacket/vest. We always recommend rain/splash top & pants. Many guests choose to sleep outside of their tents in this season, the air is mild and the stars in the night sky amazing.

**LATE-SUMMER** – Trips launching from mid-August through early-September will experience shorter days and the weather is beginning to cool down, especially in the evening and early morning hours. Come prepared to layer for a wide temperature variation between day and night. As an underlayer during the day quick dry shorts, shirts and swimsuits work fine beneath warmer pants or a water-repellent outer layer that can be removed when afternoons heat up. In camp, comfortable warmer clothing (such as jeans, Carharts, long sleeve shirts), along with a fleece or jacket/vest, knit hat, gloves and socks (cotton is fine in camp). We always recommend rain/splash top & pants.

**FALL** – Guests coming on a fall season Fishing or Cast & Blast trip in September and October should be prepared for much cooler weather (the actual conditions will be dictated by the early or late arrival of fall). Pack according to the activity planned for your specific trip (boating, fishing and/or hunting) and be prepared to layer with warmer clothing such as fleece, heavier shirts (such as flannel, denim, heavy cotton), pants, hats, gloves, socks, a thermal layer and rain/splash top & pants.

**SUN IN ALL SEASONS** – Be prepared for the sun in ALL season, a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen are very important items!

## SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

Please limit your gear to 30 pounds!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Your pillow – only if desired                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen/body lotion   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 set river shoes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic bags for wet clothes  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 set camp shoes  | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapstick/Carmex lip balm   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 pairs socks   | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel/washcloth   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changes of underwear  | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap/shampoo (store in baggies)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bathing suit  | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush/toothpaste   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair quick dry shorts   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mirror/comb/shaving kit   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 lightweight tops  | <input type="checkbox"/> Small nylon cord (clothesline)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 lightweight long sleeved top                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 zip lock bags for toiletries  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair warm fleece pants  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sacks/large zip locks to organize gear  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 heavy fleece top  | <input type="checkbox"/> Medications/aspirin/band-aids   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 sets long underwear   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bug repellent   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 set rain gear (for rain & splash)                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing license – if desired*   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm hat, gloves & socks  | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight/headlamp/batteries   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wide brim hat   | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof map/reading material ≠   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses w/strap  | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of identification & insurance card <sup>^</sup>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm jacket or fleece vest  | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency contact info <sup>^</sup>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle w/securing strap                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card or cash for the Flying B <sup>^</sup>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musical instrument +  | <input type="checkbox"/> Blank check or cash for guide gratuity <sup>^</sup>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone/camera/gopro/batteries/<br>power bank/ dry box or dry pouch | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit car, blank check or cash for flight to<br>alternate launch site, if necessary <sup>^</sup> |

\*Fishing licenses & matching identification must be carried with you while fishing

≠We carry a small library of books and games

+Optional and at your own risk, we will usually have a guitar

<sup>^</sup>We recommend carrying copies of your id & insurance card, as well as cash or credit card & blank checks in a baggie for stops at the Flying B ranch located on the banks of the Middle Fork with a small general store that sells ice cream, sodas, beer, t-shirts and snacks) and North Fork (a small store where we'll take a bathroom break after getting toff the river on the last day) & a blank check or cash for guide gratuity.