



Raft Trip sign up sheet

1-800-370-0581

www.coloradorafting.net

Just in case you're still trying to decide, see what our clients have to say about AVA...

Dear AVA,

Me and my party of 6 rafted down Brown's Canyon on July 9th, afternoon trip. I just wanted to let you know that we all had a really great time. I think we had the best guide that AVA has on staff, which was OZ. He was a very good teacher and we had lots of practice before we ever hit the rapids.

Our entire team was synchronized well, and with every command, we responded well. Three of the six had never been rafting before and two of the six had been once over ten years ago. Our 1-2 paddle strokes equalled other boats 4-6 strokes.

I would like to commend Oz on a job well done and thanks again for the awesome afternoon.

-Karen

Trip Date: _____ Phone Number: _____
 River & Section: _____ Deposit/Person: _____
 Price/Adult: _____ Balance/Person: _____
 Price/Youth under 13: _____ Deposit Due Date: _____
 Group Organization: _____ Balance Due Date: _____

Notes/Instructions

	Name	Phone #	# People	Ages (under 13)	Amt Due	Deposit PD	Balance PD
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Why Organize a Group Trip

Organizing a group rafting trip for your friends, co-workers and family can be fun, and the rewards will be a great day of running exciting whitewater! As an added bonus, we offer a FREE trip for the organizer of a group of 19 or more people who pay for a half or full-day trip.

The group organizer is the main contact between your group and AVA. You will collect deposits and final payments and submit the total to us as one payment. Your organization of the trip and collection of funds is what allows us to offer group savings.

There are many ways for you to inform the members of your group of our policies. You can distribute brochures (which we will provide), or let them know about our informative website, www.coloradorafting.net. It is important that everyone know AVA's cancellation/reservation policy.

Please let us know of special requests for your group. We take special care to help our guests enjoy everything the Arkansas Valley has to offer. Keep in contact with us regarding changes in the number of your party so we can continue to work with you.

On the day of your trip, help us keep your group organized by arriving a little early and connecting with everyone in your group. We will check you in as a group to ensure that everyone is informed about the trip.

Other tips:

- 1 Plan in advance. Determine whether members of your group would like to raft a half day, full day or multiple days. Discuss what type of white-water they would like to experience (i.e. a calm scenic trip or a challenging, physically demanding adventure?). Please be sure everyone in your trip is physically able to handle the trip you sign up for. See our brochure or website for details on the trips we offer.
- 2 Pick a date for your trip and confirm it with AVA. Call us at **1-800-370-0581** to discuss rafting and lodging availability and group rates. Be ready with an alternate date in case we are already booked on your first date. We will hold the reservation for two weeks while you get participants to sign up and give you their deposit/payment.
- 3 Get the word out about the upcoming trip. Display photos or send an e-mail to announce the trip. We can provide photos and brochures to help. Complete the trip information on the sign-up sheet and collect payment.
- 4 Call AVA once your sign-up/deposit deadline has passed. We will confirm your group numbers at this time. A 50% deposit is payable by one credit card or check by the group organizer. The deposit officially confirms your trip and subjects it to our cancellation policy.
- 5 We will send your confirmation and pre-trip information in the mail. Send a liability release (available in this packet) home with unaccompanied youths for parental approval.
- 6 Your balance is due 30 days before your trip. Overdue or unpaid spaces are subject to cancellation without notice. Participants can be added on a space available basis up until the day before the trip. Call AVA to confirm additional people. Group rates are received only when group members book through the group organizer.



How to Find AVA

Arkansas Valley Adventures is located 13 miles north of Buena Vista, Colorado, just an hour away from Aspen, Vail and Summit County. Less than two and one-half hours from Denver, Colorado Springs and Crested Butte.

From Summit County...

Take I-70 west to State Route 91 (Copper Mountain exit). Travel through Leadville to US 24. Go south-east on US 24 for about 20 miles until you reach AVA, three miles below Granite on the right hand side.
Approximate total distance: 55 miles.

From Vail...

Take I-70 west to US 24 (exit 171). Go south on US 24 for approximately 49 miles. Arkansas Valley Adventures is 13 miles north of Buena Vista, just 3 miles below Granite.
Approximate total distance: 56 miles.

From Aspen...

Go east on State Route 82 to US 24 (44 miles). Then go south on US 24 for about 5 miles to Arkansas Valley Adventures (3 miles below Granite on the right hand side).
Approximate total distance: 51 miles.

From Denver...

Take I-70 west through Eisenhower Tunnel to State Route 91 (Copper Mountain Exit). Then take State Route 91 southwest through Leadville to US 24. Finally go southeast on US 24 for approximately 20 miles until you reach Arkansas Valley Adventures (3 miles below Granite on the right hand side).
Approximate total distance: 137 miles.

From Colorado Springs...

Take US 24 west to Buena Vista. From Buena Vista continue north on US 24 for approximately 13 miles to Arkansas Valley Adventures.
Approximate total distance: 120 miles.



Details for The Detail Oriented Types

- **Trips leave at 8:30am, 9:30am, and 1:15pm.** Please plan to arrive 45 minutes prior to departure to check-in and get your group ready.
- **What to Bring:** AVA provides all rafting equipment including Coast Guard approved life jackets and helmets. Additional gear that is usually rented includes wetsuits, splash tops and booties for the feet. Water sandals that strap on are also good footwear, as are tennis shoes that can get wet. Swimsuits are usually worn underneath wetsuits. Bring a fleece or poly-propylene top or jacket, and leave cotton garments in your car to wear after the trip. Favorite baseball caps, jewelry and other valuables should be left in a safe place. T-shirts, professional photographs of your trip and other mementos are available for purchase at AVA's lodge.
- **The Arkansas River has sections for all abilities.** It is sometimes more difficult to choose a trip for a group of people with various expectations for their whitewater adventure. Please let our staff help you choose the right trip for your group.
- **Children:** Kids are invited on certain trips only (for safety reasons) and will receive reduced prices for those trips. The minimum age varies with water level and river conditions.
- **Video:** At your request, AVA guarantees that your full-day river trip will be captured on Digital or Hi 8 and set to music by a professional videographer, who will follow your raft down (in a kayak) and film your crew negotiating the rapids. Upon returning to AVA's lodge, the video will be played on a big-screen TV in stereo. It's a fun way to end your river adventure that is uniquely offered at AVA.
- **The quality of AVA's equipment is unsurpassed.** Our WING rafts are the performance vehicle for whitewater descents. We always use self-bailing rafts. On intermediate trips, you can choose whether to paddle as part of the crew in a boat captained by a guide, or to ride in an oar boat with the guide rowing through the rapids without your help. This option allows you to hang on with both hands.

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How to Save Money with AVA

AVA always offers discounted rates for large groups. In addition, we are a helpful connection for you, answering all your vacation questions and helping to plan and make reservations for a variety of activities available in the area. Whether it's a barbecue at our lodge, directions to our favorite hot spring or a horseback riding excursion into the national forest, we will make it happen for you. We can set up transportation, meals and accommodations, plus many other events. Yes, many summer visitors come here primarily for the rafting, but here is a sampling of other activities we can arrange (many of these are conveniently offered on AVA's property):

- camping
- hiking
- jeep tours
- mountain biking
- horseback riding
- fly fishing
- hot springs trips
- rock climbing
- group barbecues and other meals
- campfires
- volleyball tournaments

Our 4-acre lodge on a beautiful property just 12 miles north of Buena Vista allows you and your group to enjoy the Arkansas Valley to its fullest. Our most popular trip is the Whitewater Express — several days of consecutive rafting offered in a package with lodging included. Take advantage of our “stay and play” deals, by arranging for your group to camp or sleep in a cabin at AVA.

Availability is limited. Please make reservations well in advance.



Thanks

Thanks for contacting Arkansas Valley Adventure about rafting on Colorado's best whitewater! The enclosed group organizer kit includes plenty of information to get you started planning a rafting adventure to remember.

Please visit our website at www.coloradorafting.net for more information about AVA, photos and heart-stopping videos of rafting the Arkansas and Colorado rivers. Please don't hesitate to call us — we are more than happy to help you plan your trip to the Arkansas Valley.

Sincerely,

Duke Bradford
owner/operator