



TRIP PLANNING GUIDE

We want all of the groups that we work with to have amazing experiences! The intent of this Trip Planning Guide is to assist you as a group organizer in ensuring that your Compass Points adventure will be a successful one. The journey for your group is more than just the experience you have at Rainbow Trail. It starts as you begin to consider chartering a trip and the relationships that grow through your experiences together can last a lifetime. Below you will find information gained from the hundreds of groups that have attended Rainbow Trail in the past. We know that each group is different but believe that the more of these practices you include in your journey the more individuals in the group will gain from the experience.

Start The Journey Early

On trail it is important to get moving early in the day so that you can make it to your destination and have time enjoy all of the amazing things you encounter along the way. The same is true when planning your trip. Here are some tips to help you get started

- Hold a trip planning meeting as soon as possible to share information about the trip and the activity options that the group has to choose from. An outline for this meeting is available from Rainbow Trail and includes descriptions of the various activities, individual informational flyers and registration forms, and a list of frequently asked questions and answers.
- **Get individuals to make a financial commitment when they sign up for the trip.** We ask for a \$100 per person non-refundable deposit (minimum 10 people) to reserve a charter. If you collect a \$100 non-refundable deposit from each participant you will not have to pay any money for your deposit from congregational funds. Individuals will also be less likely to back out later if they have made a financial commitment early.
- Reserve your charter date early to ensure that you can get dates that work for your group. This will help reduce the challenge of busy and conflicting schedules. Call Ben today at 719-431-0050, to check availability of specific dates.

Take The Lead

Every trip is better with great guides. You will need to fill this role in your congregation, and we'll help you through it. Keep information in front of kids on a regular basis, remind them to turn in their registration and deposit, and find time for the group to meet together to do pre-trip training and bible studies. After you reserve your Compass Points charter we will send you additional information that will help you be a great guide for your group.