



Camp Teepee Pole Rafting Procedures

1. *Trip Leader*: The person responsible for the trip as a whole. To become a *Trip Leader* a person must have been a *Raft Guide* for a number of years, must have a valid Swift Water Rescue certification and a valid standard first aid or better and must be approved as a *Trip Leader* by the appropriate Teepee Pole board representative.
2. *Raft Guide*: The person responsible for an individual raft. Each *Raft Guide* answers to the *Trip Leader*. To become a *Raft Guide* a person must have a valid Swift Water Rescue certification or equivalent and must be approved by the appropriate Teepee Pole board representative. In addition it is recommended that they have been a *Raft Guide Apprentice* for at least one year of camp.
3. *Raft Guide Apprentice*: Any person training to become a *Raft Guide*. A *Raft Guide Apprentice* answers to the *Raft Guide* of the raft they are assigned to and ultimately to the *Trip Leader*. To become a *Raft Guide Apprentice* a person must have a desire for rafting and have shown himself to be dependable and responsible. It is recommended that they have a valid Swift Water Rescue certification.
4. Every trip must have a *Trip Leader*.
5. Each raft must have a *Raft Guide* and may have a *Raft Guide Apprentice*. (The *Trip Leader* may also serve as a *Raft Guide* on one raft.)
6. All people on the raft must wear an appropriate PFD and helmet. If people bring their own PFD it must meet the approval of the *Trip Leader*. (Note that not all certified life jackets are suitable for white water rafting, and not all white water life jackets are certified. The *Trip Leader* will be able to tell if a given PFD is suitable.)
7. All people on the raft should wear an appropriate wetsuit. The wetsuit may be left out if the temperature is warm enough and if the *Trip Leader* deems there is no undue risk.
8. Appropriate first aid, raft repair, emergency and communication equipment must be taken on each trip. It is the responsibility of the *Trip Leader* to ensure these items are present and in good condition before the trip begins.
9. An appropriate safety talk will be given at the start of each trip. While this talk is the responsibility of the *Trip Leader* he may allow a *Raft Guide* or a *Raft Guide Apprentice* to give the talk so long as the *Trip Leader* ensures that nothing is missed.
10. No alcohol or drugs, other than prescribed for medical purposes, are permitted.