



## Suggestions for Organizing a Group

Organizing a group to go river rafting can be made easy by looking at it from a series of points as described below. These suggestions are simple, but effective in organization, and after many years of river rafting and assisting our guests with groups we like to pass along this system.

### 1. Rafting as a group

It all starts with finding your ideal trip and matching it with your party's dynamics and interests. Most people who have not been rafting before are best to try the Day trips such as "Lower Quesnel, or Upper Quesnel rivers".

- **Group Numbers:** It is important to find a goal in obtaining your numbers, that way we can discount you accordingly and it is a good rule to look at the groupings as a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 24 for the best experience possible. Our rafts typically accommodate 8 persons per raft, so you can gauge a two-boat trip with 12-16 persons, which is an excellent average group size.
- **How to pay as a group?** This is where the organization comes together. Many interested persons contact us every year who wish to organize a group. They tend to want to send the individual group members our way, but we would prefer that the group get together do the following when reserving a rafting trip:

### 2. Designate a lead-organizer.

This is the person who contacts group members, and acts as the primary contact for Big Canyon Rafting.

The group leader will collect individual payments from group members, and collect all payments, prior to making the "formal" reservation with Big Canyon Rafting. The group leader basically handles the communication and collection of money from the group, and can make commitments to reserving the trip based on money in hand.

(People in groups are notorious for backing out last minute)

### 3. Getting information beyond the website, and assisting when additional people may want to join the group.

It is common that there will group members with questions, concerns, and wish to discuss the trip prior to committing. This is absolutely normal and we ask that you contact us with any questions or concerns at any time so that we can better inform

you of the specific or general rafting trip you are considering taking part in. What we will do prior to this is send an information package to your group lead-organizer, and most of the time it contains everything a group wants and needs to know. Do not hesitate to contact us with further questions.

#### **4. Reserving your Group and Specific Date.**

Reserving your group and the specific date is very important. You should do this well in advance of the trip departure date. When you have decided on the trip, organized a basic minimum numbers for the group, and secured the funds to go rafting, you may reserve the trip with Big Canyon Rafting, by making a deposit. Usually we take 25-50% deposit on a reservation depending on the time of reservation in relation to the date of the trip. (Basic rule...25% for group reservation prior to 30 days before the trip, the additional balance due 7 days before departure. You will need to see our policies on this, but that is a basic rule of thumb for group reservation.) NOTE: you can book a trip last minute, but there is not guarantee of space or availability as the prime months of July and August tend to sell quickly.

**Recap:** Get your friends family, co-workers, Stag/stagette, etc together. Decide on a Day trip, and general dates that everyone can go rafting. Designate an organizer/treasurer. Have the organizer contact Big Canyon Rafting, and obtain final information and details regarding trip and costs. Have the group organizer collect the funds for the trip. Have the group organizer reserve the trip with Big Canyon Rafting.

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