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Check List of Items Needed for a Successful *Smith River* Adventure:

Camping & Floating:

- ◇ **Smith River Float Permit**
- ◇ **Raft, Cataract, Kickboat, Drift Boat** -CrossCurrents sells & rents all types of boats. **Minimum Flows for boats:** 385 cfs for Drift Boats, 225 cfs for Rafts/Cataracts, 200 cfs for Kick Boats, 150 for Canoes. *Check out the live Streamflow link on www.crosscurrents.com!*
- ◇ **PVC Rod Holder for Raft** (We make ours out of 3" schedule 40 or 80 PVC that we cut ~25% of the tube off, making a trough. At 10' long they accommodate up to four 9' rods fully rigged. They strap to the side of your raft and keep all your rods perfectly protected and at the ready.)
- ◇ **Cash &/or Checks for Float Fees for each person in the party** (Residents - \$30 per person, Non-Residents - \$60 per person. Also to buy firewood at Camp Baker.)
- ◇ **Cash or Checks for Vehicle Shuttle(s)!** (~\$130 per vehicle and worth every penny!)
- ◇ **Spare Vehicle Keys** (For the Shuttle! Keep your key w/ you on the river in a very secure place!)
- ◇ **Smith River Map** (Get one before hand to plan your trip – and they're great souvenirs.)
- ◇ **Sleeping Bag** (rated at 0° to 30° - Synthetic is better because it will still keep you warm even if it gets wet [you will be on a river ya know!]. It's not uncommon for nighttime temps to dip below freezing even in July!)
- ◇ **Compression Stuff Sack for Sleeping Bag** (They make packing much easier.)
- ◇ **Sleeping Pad &/or Roll-A-Cot** (Full length sleeping pad is better than shorter. The Roll-A-Cots are great and they pack up nicely!) -CrossCurrents sells & rents cots.
- ◇ **Pack Pillow** (optional but nice.)
- ◇ **Tent** (Get the best one you can buy if you don't have one already. Make sure it is seam sealed and waterproof even in wind driven rain. If you already have one treat the entire tent and rain fly with a DWR product like Tectron before you leave. This will greatly increase the waterproofness of the fabric! Vestibules are really handy. You may bring a tent of any size since you will be carrying it in the boat - I would get one that I could stand up in or nearly so. Remember however, that it must go in a dry bag!) -CrossCurrents sells Tectron.
- ◇ **Tent "Footprint" or Ground Cloth**
- ◇ **Spare Tent Stakes and Guy Lines**
- ◇ **Canopy Rainfly** (~15'-20' x 15'-20'). To put over the cooking and eating area if its raining. This item can really save a trip. Ask Chris how to set one of these systems up.)
- ◇ **5.0 cubic feet (~16"x42") Dry Pack** (at least one) -THESE ARE A MUST. (These will hold your sleeping bag & pad or tent) -CrossCurrents sells & rents dry packs.

- ◇ **3.8 cubic feet (~16"x~33") Dry Pack!!** (*at least one!*) -**THESE ARE A MUST!** (These will hold your sleeping bag & pad or tent) -*CrossCurrents sells & rents dry packs.*
- ◇ **2.2 cubic feet (~14"x~24") Dry Pack!!** (*at least one!*) - **THESE ARE A MUST!** (These will hold your clothes, toiletries and other stuff.) -*CrossCurrents sells & rents packs.*
- ◇ **~11"x24" Dry Bag** (These are great for smaller items and things you want to keep handy while on the river.) -*CrossCurrents sells & rents dry bags.*
- ◇ **Splashproof Duffel Bag** (I use one to carry my loose gear, fishing stuff, camera & film, dry snack foods and other stuff that I may go to several times a day. Although not as dry as a true "dry bag" they are much easier to get in and out of and will keep its contents very dry unless it is submerged in the water.) -*CrossCurrents sells great dry duffels from Outcast & NRS.*
- ◇ **Stuff Sacks** (These may be made out of waterproofed fabric but are definitely not waterproof - they just have a pull cord at the top to close them. They are handy for putting your clothes and other gear in to keep things organized. i.e. -all your socks are in one small stuff sack, your spare shirts are in another stuff sack, etc.)
- ◇ **Freezer Zip-Lock Bags** (2 Gallon, Gallon & Quart size. I put my clothes in these even though I'm going to put them in a stuff sack and then put the stuff sacks in the dry pack. It will make life much easier when you are trying to get to your dry socks on the bottom of your bag and you have to take out all your other clothes to get to them! You'll also put your batteries, cameras, snacks and other stuff in them so bring a bunch and some extra for garbage.)
- ◇ **Cam Straps** (4' to 20' lengths and about two to four of each size. These are extremely handy for lashing your gear to the boat - very important!) -*CrossCurrents sells & rents cam straps.*
- ◇ **Carabiners** (I like the wire-gate style like the Omega Highwires. Carabiners are invaluable because everything must be clipped together and to the boat.) -*CrossCurrents sells Carabiners*
- ◇ **Roll-A-Chair or Roll-A-Stools** (Trust me when I say you want to bring these. A wet stump is no fun to sit on when you are trying to put your waders on or when you are trying to eat dinner.) -*CrossCurrents sells & rents chairs & stools.*
- ◇ **Roll-A-Table** (Super handy!) -*CrossCurrents sells & rents Roll-A-Tables!*
- ◇ **Headlamps & Flashlights** (It's nice to have both. I absolutely love my Princeton Tec headlamps and flashlights. I've owned over a half dozen headlamps in my camping/ climbing/hunting/ fishing/night-time auto repair career and have found that that to-date, Princeton Tec makes the best! -*CrossCurrents sells Princeton Tec lights.*
- ◇ **Batteries** (Bring a back-up set for your headlamps, flashlights, cameras and two-way radios.)
- ◇ **Lantern** (Needs to be in dry bag or dry carrying case.)
- ◇ **Extra Mantles for Lantern**
- ◇ **Camp Stove** (At least one, 2-burner stove and the fuel to go with it.)
- ◇ **Fuel for Stove & Lanterns**
- ◇ **Good Matches &/or Windproof Lighter** -*CrossCurrents sells Lighters.*
- ◇ **Fire Starter** (Can use lantern fuel, charcoal lighter fluid or those little blocks work well.)
- ◇ **Cook Ware & Cooking Utensils**
- ◇ **Coffee Pot or French Press**
- ◇ **Fine-Mesh, Metal Strainer** (Perfect pasta or for straining out dirty dish water.)
- ◇ **Sturdy Paper Plates, Plastic Utensils & Paper Towels.** (Paper plates & towels reduce the amount of dishes you have to wash every meal and make good fire starters. FYI- a roll of paper towels fits nicely into those 2 gallon freezer zip-locks)

- ◇ **Large, Heavy Duty Plastic Bags** (One for trash and one for aluminum cans – *they have a recycling bins at Eden Bridge for cans. Get 40-55 gal. “contractor grade” bags.*)
- ◇ **Coolers** (Should have *at least* two, 50-120 quart coolers for food and drinks.)
- ◇ **Ice Blocks** (Blocks last much longer than cubes. If it’s going to be hot, bring a cooler packed with spare ice blocks. Duct tape it shut and only get into it when your other ice runs out. However, you’ll want to drain the water out every day.)
- ◇ **Water Bottles & Large Water Containers** (Bottles to drink out of during the day and some large containers for using in camp –freezing gallon or 1/2 gallon jugs gives ice for coolers and then water to drink or cook with when it melts.)
- ◇ **Water Filter/Purifier** (It’s a lot easier to get it from the river than it is to bring all your water. Although if the water is muddy filters don’t work and you’ll have to rely on bottled water you bring or the few springs along the river.) -*CrossCurrents sells water purifier bottles.*
- ◇ **Camp Saw &/or Hatchet** (For cutting & splitting firewood –WHEN CAMPING ON FOREST SERVICE LANDS YOU MUST HAVE AN AXE, BUCKET & SHOVEL!)
- ◇ **Toilet Paper!!** (*Double* bagged in freezer ziplock bags. Everyone bring some! Need I say more?)
- ◇ **Anti-Bacterial Handy Wipes & Anti-Bacterial Hand Wash** (Make sure you put some in the bags with the toilet paper! And make everyone use them before they cook &/or eat.)
- ◇ **Toiletries** (The usual stuff – toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, contact lens solutions, etc.)
- ◇ **Biodegradable Soap** (For your hands/face & for the dishes.)
- ◇ **Pack Towel** (These things are great.)
- ◇ **Bandanas** (These always come in handy.) -*CrossCurrents sells Buzz-Off Bandanas*
- ◇ **Bufs** (Super comfortable and versatile –keeps you warm, cool and protected from the sun, bugs & wind. Great to keep your hat on your head when it’s windy.) -*CrossCurrents sells Bufs*
- ◇ **Polarized Sunglasses** (and a back-up pair) -*CrossCurrents sells the best polarized glasses.*
- ◇ **Chums Sunglass Neck Retainer** (These are cheap insurance and extremely handy.)
- ◇ **Hard Case for Sunglasses &/or Rx Glasses** (A soft case will not do!)
- ◇ **Glasses Cleaning Kit** (This little item can really make a difference.) -*CrossCurrents sells these.*
- ◇ **Lightweight Waterproof Boots** (You will definitely want a pair of lightweight boots to wear around camp unless you want to go right from your waders to your sleeping bag. Also great for when you want to go on a little hike in this scenic canyon. –Be mindful of private property, though.)
- ◇ **Chaco, Teva or Korkers Sandals** (These are what our guides wear in June and July when it’s warm/hot.) -*CrossCurrents sells Chaco & Teva & Korkers!*
- ◇ **Waterproof/Breathable Wading Jacket** (A good one like the new Orvis’ Deluge Wading Jacket. Feature for feature the best on the market today! You may be in this jacket 10 to 12 hours a day for rain and wind protection so make sure it’s a good one.) -*CrossCurrents sells raingear.*
- ◇ **Back-Up Rain Jacket?** (It doesn’t need to be waterproof/breathable but that would be nice.)
- ◇ **Rain Pants** (Waterproof/Breathable are the best but they don’t have to be since you will only be wearing them at camp.) -*CrossCurrents sells great rain gear!*
- ◇ **Warm Hat** (A nice hat can make a huge difference between being warm or not. Bring a spare.)
- ◇ **Fingerless or Flip-Finger Gloves or Flip-Mitts** (The windbloc kind is best. These are what you will be wearing while fishing.) -*CrossCurrents sells Glacier Gloves.*

- ◇ **Full-Fingered Gloves for Rowing** (Neoprene gloves are great but any glove will work as long as they are warm, waterproof and durable. You will appreciate warm, dry paws when it's your turn on the sticks!)
- ◇ **Sungloves** (These are nice for the fair skinned folks. They are also great for anyone to row in!)
- ◇ **Leather Gloves** (Work/Garden gloves for hauling firewood, setting up camp, etc.)
- ◇ **Medium-Weight Synthetic Long Underwear** (Like Orvis' medium wt.)
- ◇ **Fleece Pants** (100 or 200 weight fleece pants over a base layer of light to medium-weight synthetic underwear should keep you warm. Add a third layer if it's really cold. This is the system I use when it's cold: 1-base layer of Light to Medium-Weight Underwear, 2-middle layer of 100-weight fleece pants, 3-Third layer of 200-weight Fleece Pants. Of course my outer layer is my Pro-Guide III Breathable Waders. Note- Cotton does NOT allow Breathable Waders to breath so wear clothes made from wicking materials like fleece, wool or poly.)
- ◇ **Upper Body Layering Pieces** (Like Orvis' Medium-Weight zip mock-turtle neck, 100-weight and 200-weight fleece pullovers, Orvis' Primaloft Jacket or Vest, Wool Sweaters, etc.. Just make sure you bring enough to stay warm and have some for a back up.)
- ◇ **ExOfficio Technical Shirts** (These are perfect for life on the river. They convert from long to short sleeve (it gets cool/cold in the evenings & mornings), dry very quickly, allow for ventilation on hot days, have perfect pocket configurations so you don't need a vest, and hold up very well after 4 or 5 days on the river! The best choice for any season on this river.)
- ◇ **CrossCurrents Smith River T-Shirt** (With the river map silk screened on the back you can't get lost and they are incredibly comfortable and come in stylish colors. Better get a couple of them!)
- ◇ **ExOfficio Convertible Pants** (They are moisture-management long pants to wear under your breathable waders, they are perfect to wet wade in (they dry extremely fast) and convert to shorts for hot weather.)
- ◇ **ExOfficio or Columbia Shorts** (Comfortable, functional and fashionable in warm/hot weather. In June and July all I wear are my shorts or convertible pants and my sandals. I always have my breathable waders with me in case it starts raining or the temps drop. You should too.)
- ◇ **Good, Warm Synthetic &/or Wool Socks** -*CrossCurrents sells excellent socks.*
- ◇ **(During Cool/Cold Weather, avoid Cotton Clothing as it will get wet and stay wet for the whole trip!** There is a saying in the outdoor business - "Cotton Kills" because wet equals cold!)

(Remember, you will not be going back to your car or going inside a warm house at the end of each day. When you are cold during the day, unless you quickly make changes to warm you back up [drink warm beverages, add more layers, put on a warm hat, etc.] you will remain cold and it will be very difficult to warm up when you get to camp in the evening as the air temps are dropping! The danger about being outdoors the entire time is that when you get cold, you tend to stay cold. The trick is not to get cold in the first place. Mild hypothermia can quickly lead to severe hypothermia which is the third leading cause of river deaths each year! Read Stan Bradshaw's *River Safety* book!)

- ◇ **(On the other end of the scale – be mindful of Heat Exhaustion & Heat Stroke! It can be just as deadly as Hypothermia!)**

(It's easy to become over-heated on the river. Drink plenty of non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated fluids all throughout the day! [This can be especially troublesome for some women. They don't want to drink that much because then they will have to go to the bathroom. They either find it embarrassing or inconvenient to answer nature's call while out in nature. The men in the group

must understand this and respect the women’s privacy! There is plenty of thick vegetation and big boulders along this river to allow for excellent privacy and some of the established latrines have some of the most spectacular views of the canyon! Don’t be embarrassed to say, “pull-over now!”] Taking a dip in the river on a hot day is a great way to cool off and is most pleasant after a couple days without a shower! Read Stan Bradshaw’s *River Safety* book!)

- ◇ **Hand Lotion/Butter Bar!** (I guarantee you that you will get “river hands” by the end of the first day. Liberal amounts of lotion will ease this problem.)
- ◇ **Super Glue** (Nothing seals up the cracks in your “river hands” faster than super glue! Trust me on this one! It’s also perfect for making small repairs on gear and buying some time on your fly that’s falling apart.) -*CrossCurrents sells Zap-A-Gap Super Glue*
- ◇ **PFD!!** (aka – “Life Jacket” EVERYONE MUST HAVE ONE BY LAW. Here’s an FYI on PFD’s - Most adults wearing a bathing suit weigh between 10 and 12 pounds in the water. The more muscle you have or the more clothes you have on, the more floatation you need. Higher floatation in a PFD brings you to the surface faster and floats you higher in the water. Get a PFD that has at least 15.5 lbs of floatation. Get one with ~20+lbs if you want a high floating PFD. Get the best one you can afford. Don’t be too macho/proud to wear your PFD if you feel the slightest bit uncomfortable on a section of river –like at Givens & Rattlesnake! This is classic self-rescue water and you can’t rescue yourself and gear if you’re drifting along the bottom of the river! Kids 12 and under need to wear their PDF while in the boat.) -*CrossCurrents sells & rents PFD’s!*
- ◇ **Safety Whistles** (A whistle attached to your PFD is just a great idea.)-*CrossCurrents sells Safety Whistles*
- ◇ **A Comprehensive First Aid Kit** (You need one in each boat. Don’t skimp on this safety item as there’s really no way out of this canyon except at the take out! A good one will run between \$50 and \$150. IT NEEDS TO BE IN A DRY BAG.) -*CrossCurrents sells excellent First Aid Kits!*
- ◇ **Rescue Rope/Throw Bag!!** (In each boat!! These can mean the difference between life or death on a river! Aside from your brain and PFD, this is the most important safety item to have! I won’t go on the river without one in my boat or PAC.) -*CrossCurrents sells rescue throw ropes!*
- ◇ **~50’-75’ of 3/8” “Bow Line” or Anchor Rope** (In each boat to tie off the boats at night. Each boat *MUST* be tied off to something *very solid on shore* (boat camp posts, big tree or boulder) at night! It’s not much fun to get out of the tent on a beautiful morning and have it ruined by looking down at the river and see an empty shore line!)
- ◇ **Multi-Tool** (Like a Leatherwoman.)
- ◇ **A Very Good and Complete Raft Repair Kit & Pump!!** (In each raft! It should also include things like spare Oar Locks, Pins, Nuts, Bolts, Bag Needle & 100# Test Thread, and Tools to do all the repairs. You should also know how to use all the repair materials & tools in the kit!!)
- ◇ **Loon’s UV Life Saver Boat Patch** (Quick & easy and gets you back floating in minutes!)
- ◇ **Spare Oar & Oar Lock & Oar Stop/Oar Right** (for each boat, in each boat!)
- ◇ **Loon’s Reel Lube** (Great for your reels but also takes care of that annoying oar lock squeak!)
- ◇ **Duct Tape** (“Montana Chrome” If it’s moving and it shouldn’t!)
- ◇ **Spare Boot Laces**
- ◇ **Accessory Cord** (~2mm - 3mm, for your tent, tarp, shoe laces, etc.)
- ◇ **Rope for hanging stuff up to dry** (550# cord is great and it’s cheap.)
- ◇ **Sunscreen** (And a couple spares - because you can’t remember which bag you put it in!)
- ◇ **Lip Balm** (And a spare or two - “Oh no, I left it in my pants that I packed away!”)
- ◇ **Insect Repellent** (Can you say, “West Nile?”) -*CrossCurrents sells great sunscreen, lip balm & repellent.*

- ◇ **Binoculars** (Because it's a HUGE canyon and there's lots to see! Is that a Peregrine Falcon?!)
- ◇ **Camera** (a waterproof camera like the one-time use ones are great) -*CrossCurrents sells one-time use cameras including the waterproof camera and film!*
- ◇ **Extra Film/Digital Media Cards** (Or extra one-time use cameras.)
- ◇ **Snack Food** (Because the lunch food is in the other raft and we haven't seen them for 4 hours!)
- ◇ **Small Notebook & Pen** (The "Write In Rain" notebooks are perfect. It's always nice to look back in a journal or some short notes written while you were on your Smith River trip. It also helps in planning next years trip –like making notes on camp sites you liked or didn't like.)
- ◇ **Medications** (If you need to take Rx meds, then make sure you bring them! You may want to let someone in the group or the entire group know that you need Rx meds to help remind you to take them or if there is a problem. [i.e. diabetic shock, etc.])
- ◇ **Contact Solutions/Eye Drops/Cases/Travel Mirror** (Make sure you have some hadiwipes &/or alcohol wipes in your contact kit to clean & disinfect your grubby river hands.)
- ◇ **Back-Up Pair of Rx Glasses** (Bring these in a hard case.)

**CrossCurrents Rental Program includes subtracting the rental price off the purchase price should you want to buy a new one for yourself when you get back. That's how our "Demo Program" works – try before you buy!*

Fishing:

- ◇ **Fishing License!!!** -*CrossCurrents sells Fishing & Hunting Licenses.*
- ◇ **8' to 9' Four, Five and Six-Weight Rods.** (BRING AT LEAST 2 RODS!!!! I mainly fish my Orvis Helios 9' 4-wt or 5-wt for dries & nymphs and my Helios 9' 6-wt for streamers. However, I always bring 3 to 4 rods with me – and I've had to use the 3rd & 4th rod on a couple trips! (-No I'm not that clumsy, but a couple of my clients were!)
- ◇ **Reels** (You should have a reel for every rod you bring.)
- ◇ **Floating Fly Line** for your main fishing line (You will most likely be chucking big, heavy stuff or larger, air resistant dry flies so Weight Forward tends to be better for that and since this river is fairly small, floating line is best.)
- ◇ **Orvis "Streamer Stripper" Mini Sink-Tip Fly Line** is perfect for throwing streamers. Or WF, Intermediate (2.5 ips) to Fast (5.5 ips) Sink-Tip or Sinking Fly Line is handy if you wish to chuck buggers and streamers (which are very productive!). (It's not a bad idea to have one rod rigged up with dries or nymphs and another rod rigged up with buggers on a sink-tip line. You will often come across a "perfect" bugger spot and if you have the rods rigged and ready to go it's just a matter of a quick switch to the other set up.)
- ◇ **Leaders: 7.5': 0X, 1X & 2X** (for streamers on sink-tips lines), **9': 1X, 2X, 3X** (for nymphs & larger dry flies), **9' 4X** (for small dry flies). I would plan on one new leader per day. You'll probably be using the 1X, 2X & 3X most of the time, so plan accordingly.
- ◇ **Tippet: 0X to 5X.** However, I would bring extra spools of 2X, and 3X. Mirage Fluorocarbon is not necessary on the Smith for stealth unless you simply want it for the abrasion resistance - which is not a bad idea on this rocky river.
- ◇ **Breathable Waders** (You will be spending 8 to 12 hours a day in these babies so breathables are the only way to go!) -*You've got to check out the new waders from Orvis!!*
- ◇ **Loon's UV Wader Patch** (Can save you from a soggy day and a miserable trip.)

- ◇ **Felt or Rubber Sole Boots** (**DO NOT** wear studded boots - They don't get along with inflatable boats!)
- ◇ **Jet Fuel Floatant.** (the best floatant ever –made exclusively by CrossCurrents!)
- ◇ **Gel-Type Floatant.** (i.e. –Fly Sauce, Loon's Aquel, Gink, etc.)
- ◇ **Cliff's Wonderdust Powder Floatant.** (This stuff works well.)
- ◇ **Strike Indicators** (Medium and Large Thingamabobbers - bring a few back ups.)
- ◇ **Split Shot or Sink Putty** (You will mainly use AB, BB and 1)
- ◇ **Forceps** (and a back-up pair)
- ◇ **Hook Sharpener** (The Smith beats up your hook points - this tool is a must!))!!)
- ◇ **Nippers & Zingers** (and a back-up pair)
- ◇ **Polarized Sunglasses** (and a back-up pair) -*CrossCurrents sells Action Optics, Orvis, Suncloud, Cocoons, PolarEyes & Fitovers!*
- ◇ **Net** (preferably a *long handle* net for the boat - hopefully you will need this!)
- ◇ **Kit Bag or Chest Pack & Lanyard** (Vests are uncomfortable when you're in a boat and they get wet and stay wet when it rains. I have switched over to a waterproof kit bag and a lanyard for my essentials. These items along with wearing an ExOfficio shirt with good pockets are a lot more practical in the boat or even when you hop out to wade fish.)

Flies: (Plan on losing 10 to 20 flies *every day* to the Smith River's rocky bottom, & brushy shoreline!)

(I would fish all barbless hooks not only to make it easier on the fish but also to make it easier on you jacket, ear, finger, net, etc., etc. - you get my point - hopefully you don't get the fly's!)

Dries: (In early to mid May you usually only get a couple of hours of dry fly fishing in the warmer afternoon. In June & July you can expect to fish dry flies most of the day starting around ~10:00am on cool days and very early on hot days.)

- ◇ #12-#18 Parachute Adams
- ◇ #10-#16 Tan, Brown, & Olive Elk Hair Caddis
- ◇ #2-#6 Salmonfly Patterns (they are normally in mid-May through early June!)
[-Jacklin's Giant Salmonfly!, Rogue Foam, Stim Chew-Toy, etc.]
- ◇ #6-#10 Golden Stonefly Patterns (they are normally in mid-June through July!)
[Jacklin's Giant Golden {doubles as a hopper too!}, Rogue Foam, etc.]
- ◇ #4-#12 Parachute Madam-X's [aka. PMX or Bugmeister] (Peacock, Yellow, Royal)!!!
- ◇ #8-#14 Royal Wulff!
- ◇ #6-#12 Stimulators (Orange, Royal & Yellow)!
- ◇ #10-#14 Humpies (Yellow, Red)
- ◇ #6-#10 Hopper patterns (Stalcup's, Club Sandwich, DeBruin's)
- ◇ #12-#18 Ants & Beetles (Great to drop behind a PMX or Stim!)

Nymphs: (Nymphs can be very productive on this river.)

- ◇ #2-#10 Stonefly Nymphs (Brown &/or Black, Golden) - (There are a lot of stoneflies on this river and the nymphs are very abundant and active in May through July)!
- ◇ #6-#10 Rubber Leg Nymph (aka – "Pat's Rubber Legs")
- ◇ #4-#10 Bitch Creek Nymphs (Smith fish love the rubber legs!)
- ◇ #10-#14 Prince Nymphs
- ◇ #12-#16 Fly Formerly Known As Prince (Don't laugh, this is a great new version of an old classic!)

- ◇ #10-#14 Bead-Head Hare’s Ear (regular and flashback)
- ◇ #14-#16 Mirage Nymphs
- ◇ #14-#16 Lightning Bugs (Silver &/or Gold)
- ◇ #12-#14 Copper Johns
- ◇ #6-#12 San Juan Worms!

Streamers: (If you want to catch the bigger fish on the Smith or if the water is off color use big streamers!)

- ◇ #4-#8 Bead-Head Buggers (Black, Olive Wine-Tail, Brown and Olive)
- ◇ #4-#8 Bead-Head Girdle Buggers (Black, Olive Wine-Tail, Brown, JJ Specials)!!
- ◇ #6 Flash-Fry Zonkers (a sweet epoxy-head zonker that is a guide & staff favorite. In Black, White & Yellow/Brown.)!!!
- ◇ #4 Sheila’s Sculpin (A sweet squirrel zonker streamer)
- ◇ #4-#6 Conehead Bow River Bugger (White or Black)
- ◇ #4-#8 Zonkers (Black, White, Olive, Brown)
- ◇ #4-#6 Muddler Minnow (Kiwi, marabou and/or traditional)
- ◇ #4 DG’s Bugz Bunny (Black, Tan or Purple)
- ◇ #4-#8 Yuk Bugs (again, it’s a rubber leg thing)

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Dates of our adventure: _____

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2010 Rental Boat & Equipment Price List

Boats:

- ◆ **Drift Boat** (15'-16' low-profile drift boat or skiff for 2-3 people) \$100 / day
- ◆ **AIRE Raft** (new, 13', 14' or 15.5' **Self-Bailing Raft** w/ Custom NRS Frames for 2-10 people) \$85 / day
- ◆ **PAC 1200** (Outcast or Fish Cat 13' 2-Person **Cataraft**) \$75 / day
- ◆ **PAC 800 or 900 or 1000** (new, Outcast 8', 9' or 10' Single Person **Pontoon Kick Boat**) ... \$50 / day

Fishing & Camping Equipment:

- ◆ **Rod & Reel** (Orvis Helios, Hydros, TLS or Clearwater Rod w/ Reel)..... \$20 / day
- ◆ **Rod & Reel** (Orvis Saltwater/Big Game or Switch or Spey Rod w/ Reel)..... \$25 / day
- ◆ **Rod Only** (Orvis Fly Rod) \$15/day
- ◆ **Reel Only** (Orvis Large or Mid Arbor Reel) \$8/day
- ◆ **Orvis Breathable Waders** \$12 / day
- ◆ **Rain Jacket** \$8 / day
- ◆ **PFD ("life jacket")** (up to 5 PFDs included with our boat rentals—if you need more, we have them to rent) \$4 / day
- ◆ **Roll-A-Table** ... (Perfect for the Smith) \$4 / day
- ◆ **Roll-A-Cot** ... (Perfect for the Smith)..... \$5 / day
- ◆ **Roll-A-Chair or Stool** ... (Perfect for the Smith) \$3 / day
- ◆ **Dry Bags** (Heavy Duty, Waterproof Packs -5.0, 3.8 & 2.2 cubic feet bags) ... (Perfect for the Smith) .. \$4 / day
- ◆ **Set of Oars or Pair of Paddles or FORCE FINS** (oars & fins included w/ our boat rentals) \$8 / day
- ◆ **Anchor & Rope** (anchor included with our boat rentals) \$7 / day
- ◆ **Landing Net** \$4 / day
- ◆ **Set of 8 Cam Straps** (2 each of 4', 6', 8'-9', 10'-15') \$3 / day
- ◆ **Flatbed Raft Trailer** (perfect for hauling the rafts to the Smith or Blackfoot)..... \$25 / day

10% discount for Table & Cot set, or Rod, Reel & Wader set.
 10% discount for rentals of 5 consecutive days or longer.

The Fine Print:

- * Boat rentals include boat & people drop-off from the Dam or Wolf Creek Bridge to Craig. A full shuttle fee plus \$5 applies for boat &/or people pick-up on floats lower river than Craig. [There is a \$20 credit towards one shuttle if the customer has their own tow vehicle. (This is cheaper than any one else!)]
- * A 50% Deposit is required to reserve boat or equipment. (See Reservation/Cancellation/Refund Policy.)
- * All renters must fill out a Rental Agreement Form and secure the equipment with a valid credit card.
- * All persons renting assume full responsibility for their own safety.

- * All persons renting assume responsibility for damage to boats and equipment and will be charged the full repair price or replacement price if the product is lost, damaged or destroyed.
- * **Studded Wading Boots** are **NOT PERMITTED** on our inflatable boats! You are responsible for all damage!
- * All rental boats are kept in Craig. There is a **\$50 Shuttle Fee** for CrossCurrents to deliver boat(s) from Craig to Helena or to bring boats back to Craig that are dropped off in Helena.
- * To pick up your boat the late afternoon or evening before your Smith trip launch date, there is a 50% discount off the rental rate for that day and it does not count towards the multi-day discount.
- * All boats & equipment must be back to the Craig store by 7:00pm or the Helena store by 6:00pm on the last day of rental. –unless other arrangements are made & *paid for (\$5/hour late return fee)* at the time of rental.
- * **All the products except the raft trailer, nets and cam straps are available on our *Demo Program*.** If you decide to purchase a new one of the products you are renting within two weeks of your rental date, we will deduct the rental price (*up to 5 days worth of rentals*) off the purchase price.

Example #1- You rent an Orvis Helios 9' 5-wt. 4-pc. fly rod for 4 days for \$80. You find that it launches line like no other and you have to have one of these sweet sticks for your own. We deduct that rental price from the purchase price of a new rod. $\$775 - \$80 = \$695$.

Example #2- You're interested in buying a new pontoon boat but can't decide between the Outcast PAC 800 (8') and the PAC 1000 (10'). You rent each boat for 2 days to fish out of and try out. You can't believe how well the 10' boat handles with all the gear you strapped to it and decide to purchase the PAC 1000. We deduct the 4 days worth of rentals from the purchase price of a new PAC 1000. $\$1,400 - \$200 = \$1,200$. You **saved \$200** and more importantly, you picked the right boat for you because you were able to try out a couple of different boats and not have to rely on other peoples opinions or a marketing brochure.)

BOAT & EQUIPMENT RENTAL Reservation/Cancellation/Refund Policy

Boat and Equipment rentals require a 50% deposit that is collected and applied on a per day basis. If cancellations are made more than 30 days before your reservation, a refund of your deposit less a 25% of deposit service charge will be returned to you. If cancellations are made between 7 and 30 days of your reserved date(s) your deposit will be applied to a future rental later that year or the following season. If cancellations are made within 7 days of your reserved date(s) the entire deposit will be forfeited. We do not issue cash refunds for cancellations made within 30 days of your reservation. We operate in all safe weather and water conditions, therefore inclement weather or water is not a reason to cancel or receive a refund. Failure to show or failure to cancel in a timely manner will result in you being liable for the entire cost of the reservation and our resultant collection of that amount from you. All reservations and rentals are secured with a valid credit card. We require a Credit Card Imprint, Account Verification/Pre-Authorization and Identification at the time of rental. Your credit card will be charged the replacement price for any equipment not returned or destroyed.

If we are unable to provide boat or equipment rental service due to unforeseen events, your entire deposit will be refunded.

LODGING

CrossCurrents can arrange for a most pleasant stay here in our neck of Montana. We have over 14 lodging options for our customers to stay either on or near the Missouri River. We also arrange for lodging in the Blackfoot valley and in Downtown Helena. We can accommodate from 1 person to groups of 14+. From basic accommodations to pure luxury our prices range from \$65 to \$600 per night.

GUIDED TRIPS

CrossCurrents provides the fly angler with the best possible experience on our rivers by using the finest fly fishing outfitters and guides. Whether it's a day trip on the beautiful Blackfoot, a few days on the mighty Missouri, five, fantastic days on the spectacular Smith, or combinations there of, CrossCurrents can accommodate any guiding needs you may require. We're experts at helping you plan your fishing vacation to make it effortless and smooth on the front end and, of course, the most memorable trip ever while you are here in Montana.