

# Idaho Salmon River Travel and Logistics

## Course Start

Arrive	The afternoon before your course start date
Meeting place	Jackson, WY airport
Meeting time	4:00 pm at Jackson, WY airport

## Flight Destination

Airport	Jackson Hole Airport, Jackson, WY (JAC)
Date	The day before your course start date. Reserve a flight that arrives before 4pm.

## Flight Return

Airport	Boise Airport, Boise, ID (BOI)
Date	Depart the day after your course end date

## Ground Transportation

From airport to NOLS	NOLS will pick you up at the airport
From NOLS to airport	NOLS arranges and pays for a shuttle to the Best Western Vista Inn and the Inn America, in Boise, ID. You take the complimentary shuttle to the airport the next day

## Accommodation

Before Course	NOLS will provide
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After Course	Reserve a room in Boise for the date your course ends (recommended hotels below)
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## Prepare to Travel to Your Course

(Further details following)

1. Submit your health form on your [Dashboard](#) as soon as possible. Once NOLS clears it, you can start booking travel.
2. Book your travel.
3. Arrange ground transport
4. Arrange accommodation for before and after course
5. Complete and submit Travel and Logistics form on your [Dashboard](#)
6. Consider Tuition Protection coverage (see [Dashboard](#), highly recommended)
7. Check your medical insurance coverage will be adequate for your travels and expedition activities
8. For International Travel:
  - a. Check that your passport is valid for the appropriate dates
  - b. Arrange visa and/or parent letter if needed
  - c. Notify your bank/credit card company that you will be travelling internationally
  - d. Get cash in local currency
  - e. Prepare for important cultural considerations
  - f. Get inoculations as required
9. **Contact NOLS Admissions:** 800-710-6657 / [admissions@nols.edu](mailto:admissions@nols.edu) (Save our contact info so you have it while you travel!)

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We hope the following information will help you make efficient travel arrangements. Please wait to make travel plans until after NOLS Admissions clears your health form.

## Flight Reservations

Book your flights to arrive in Jackson, Wyoming **and depart out of Boise, Idaho**. Your course begins in Driggs, Idaho and ends in Boise, Idaho. Our research indicates that this flight pattern is similar in cost to a round-trip ticket, and will save you close to eight hours of driving back across Idaho after your river section at the end of the course.

## Arrival

**Schedule your arrival flight so that you arrive the afternoon before your course start date.** You need to arrive **before 4 p.m.** in order to catch the shuttle from the airport to the NOLS base.

## Flying into Jackson, Wyoming:

Schedule your flight to arrive before 4 p.m. NOLS Teton Valley staff will meet you at the baggage carousel and bring you to our campus near Driggs.

## **If you are driving to your course:**

You will need to arrive at the NOLS base at 5 p.m. the day before your course starts. At the end of the course, you will ride back to the NOLS base and will arrive in the evening of the day after the course is complete. Your vehicle will remain at the NOLS base during your time in the field.

## **Departure if you are flying:**

Schedule your return flight home from Boise, Idaho for the day after your course ends. You will be driven from the river take-out near Riggins, Idaho to your hotel in Boise the afternoon of your course end date. The trip takes at least five hours, so you will not be in Boise until 6:00 p.m. or later. NOLS arranges and pays for this shuttle.

## **Hotel Reservations in Boise, Idaho**

Reserve a room in Boise for the date your course ends. We recommend one of two hotels near the airport:

- Best Western Vista Inn: 208-336-8100
- Inn America: 208-389-9800

Both hotels offer complimentary shuttles to the Boise airport and a special rate if you identify yourself as a NOLS student. Harlow's Bus Service, which will bring you from Riggins to Boise, only delivers to these locations; you are responsible for transportation to other lodging from one of these locations.

## **If Delayed**

If your arrival is delayed and you are not going to make it to NOLS the afternoon before your course start for orientation and dinner, please call NOLS Teton Valley at (208) 354-8443.

## **Expedition Behavior Starts in Town**

Collectively the group sets the tone for the course at an orientation meeting on the first day of your course. The first morning's activities include checking personal gear, issuing NOLS equipment and food, and packing up to be driven to the trailhead.

You will learn much about what we call expedition behavior on your course. We expect you to demonstrate attention to the course, care for self, others and property while at NOLS Teton Valley as well as in the backcountry.

## **The Last Day of Your Course**

On the last day of your course, a NOLS vehicle and a commercial bus shuttle, arranged by NOLS will meet you at the river. You will de-issue your NOLS gear and say goodbye to your instructors by early afternoon. You will board Harlow's Bus Service for the ride to your hotel in Boise. Students are responsible for their own dinner that night.

## **Student Mail**

Any mail received during the course will be brought to the river take-out at the end of the course. We suggest that letters or packages be sent out no later than two weeks before your course end date. We will make every effort to get mail to students on courses, but there is no guarantee.

Please have your family and friends include your COURSE CODE, as indicated in your ACCEPTANCE LETTER (e.g., IDAS 6/14/13), with your address as in the following example:

Your Name  
COURSE CODE c/o NOLS  
1690 East 2000 South  
Driggs, ID 83422

## **Storage of Personal Belongings**

Personal belongings may be stored at NOLS. Due care will be taken to prevent theft or damage. Valuables are stored in a locked cabinet. NOLS does not assume any liability for lost, stolen or damaged personal property while in our care. Luggage and valuables will be delivered to you upon pick-up at the end of the course, before the shuttle to Boise.

## **Telephones**

NOLS courses travel in remote areas as self-sufficient expeditions for the duration of the course. You will be out of telephone contact for the duration of your expedition. Typically, once your course begins you do not have contact with the outside world, until you arrive in Boise on the last night.

## **Potential Expenses**

Please bring enough cash to cover personal expenses encountered traveling to and from your course. Additional expenses may include phone calls, lodging, meals, and miscellaneous purchases, such as film, batteries or toiletries. Purchases made at NOLS

and your fishing license may all be charged to your NOLS account, so you do not need much cash while at NOLS Teton Valley.

### **Fishing Licenses**

If you plan to fish, you must have a state fishing license. Your instructors will advise you on the practicality of purchasing a license. This can vary according to the season and your course route. While fishing is considered to be good in Idaho, we can never guarantee you will catch a fish! You will have the opportunity to purchase a fishing license before departure into the field. Idaho fishing license fees vary from \$10 to \$75 depending on your age and the duration of license purchased. At NOLS you can either buy a license online with your own credit card or we can add the expense to your outfitting bill.

### **NOLS Headquarters**

NOLS administrative offices are located in Lander, WY, and are open from 8 am to 5 pm, MST, Monday through Friday. All forms, tuition payments and correspondence should be sent to NOLS, 284 Lincoln Street, Lander, WY 82520. Questions concerning course content, enrollment, etc., should be directed to NOLS Admission Office at [admissions@nols.edu](mailto:admissions@nols.edu).

We look forward to seeing you for your course!