

Idaho Adventure for 14- and 15-Year-Olds

Travel and Logistics

We look forward to meeting you! Please wait to make travel plans until after NOLS Admissions clears your health form. As you prepare for your course, please be sure to double check the following:

- **Flying to Jackson, WY** – you should arrive between 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm the day before your course start date. You are responsible for making a reservation with Jackson Hole Driver Provider, reservations@driverprovider.com, for a shuttle to NOLS Teton Valley. A NOLS Staff member will meet you in baggage claim.
- **Flying from Jackson, WY** – book your departure the morning after your course ends, between 6:30am and 11:00am. The Driver Provider will pick up students at 4:45am the day after their course ends. A NOLS staff member will accompany the group to help folks check in. You are responsible for making a reservation with Jackson Hole Driver Provider, reservations@driverprovider.com to reserve a seat on the shuttle between the airport and NOLS Teton Valley at the start and end of your course. Specify “round trip” when you make your reservation.
- **A current parent/guardian email address on file with Admissions** – we will send out an email confirming students have arrived at NOLS Teton Valley when the shuttle drops them off from the airport. Please add a preferred email to receive confirmation that your child has arrived. If you do not have email and would like arrival confirmation, please call NOLS Teton Valley (208-354-8443) on the course start date.

Unaccompanied Minors

Please contact NOLS Admissions at admissions@nols.edu to get the contact information for the custodian one week before the course begins. Unaccompanied minors must schedule flights for the time when NOLS staff will be at the airport.

For the return flight home, a receipt of payment for unaccompanied minor travel is required at check-in. Failure to provide this receipt may result in additional airline fees/expenses.

If Delayed

If your arrival is delayed because of weather or other reasons, please:

1. Rebook for the next available flight as soon as you can.

Then call NOLS Teton Valley at (208) 354-8443.

Notifying NOLS of Your Travel Plans

Please add your travel plans to the travel and logistics section of your student Dashboard at least two weeks before your course begins. NOLS Teton Valley will meet 15-30 students for each course start date; knowing our students' travel arrangements will help us track down anyone who doesn't arrive as scheduled. If you are driving please contact your Admissions Officer.

Meals

The Jackson airport has very limited food options, so we ask students to pack a substantial sack lunch on the day they travel. If you arrive on a noon flight, you may have several hours to wait before the shuttle departs. We will provide dinner on the arrival night at 6 pm.

Driving to NOLS Teton Valley

We are just south of Driggs, Idaho. From Driggs, drive south two miles on Hwy. 33. Turn left on 2000 South. Drive ~2 miles to a two story brick building on your left. That's us! From Jackson, Wyoming, drive over Teton Pass. Continue north on Hwy. 33, towards Driggs. One quarter (1/4) mile past the drive-in theater (with a big potato parked out front) turn right on 2000 South. Finish as above.

NOLS Teton Valley
1690 East 2000 South
Driggs, ID 83422

If you are driving, plan to arrive at NOLS Teton Valley at 5:00 p.m. the day before your course start date. This will coincide with the arrival of your classmates on the shuttle from Jackson. (**Note:** We do not have the staff or facilities to accommodate students who arrive early. Please help us prepare for your course by arriving on time. You are welcome to visit in the afternoon, though, and we will be happy to point out options for you in the valley until it is time to meet.)

On departure, students can be picked up between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. the last night of the course **or** before 9:00 a.m. the morning after the course ends.

Student Mail

Mail is slow in these parts—often taking 10 or more days to arrive. Mail is delivered before and after the course only (no mail is delivered to students in the field). We will make every effort to get mail to students on courses, but there is no guarantee.

Please have mail addressed to:

Your Name and COURSE CODE (e.g., ADO 7/27)

NOLS Teton Valley

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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.

Telephones

We have a toll-restricted telephone for student use. Cell phones have reasonable coverage at NOLS Teton Valley. If you need to contact us, call the main line at 208-354-8443.

Potential Expenses

Students should bring enough cash to cover personal expenses encountered traveling to and from Jackson (i.e., meals). Everything else related to your course—including equipment rental or purchase and fishing licenses—can be charged 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 enrollment 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 the NOLS Admission Office. Call 800-710-NOLS.

Expedition Behavior Starts in Town

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.

Collectively the group sets the tone for the course at an orientation meeting the evening you arrive. You will spend your first night camping in tents in the field outside our base building. This gives you a jumpstart on skills for the following day, when your expedition begins in earnest. The first morning's activities include checking personal gear, issuing NOLS equipment and food, and packing up to be driven to the trailhead. Suggest moving to course description

The Last Day of Your Course

Your group will be driven back to NOLS Teton Valley, the last day of the course, to clean and return your equipment, take hot showers and enjoy a BBQ. You will spend the night at NOLS Teton Valley and then board the group shuttle bound for the Jackson Hole Airport at 4:30 a.m.