



T R A V E L & L O G I S T I C S

Gannett Peak Mountaineering

Course Start Location and Arrival/Departure Dates

<u>Starting Location:</u>	NOLS Dorm and International Headquarters 288 Main Street (corner of Third and Main Streets) Lander, WY
<u>Arrival Date:</u>	No later than the day before the course starting date
<u>Departure Date:</u>	No sooner than the morning after the course ending date

There will be an orientation meeting in the hotel at approximately 6 PM the evening before your trip start date. This meeting gives you an opportunity to get acquainted with your instructors and fellow expedition members, as well as to review the course route and schedule.

All courses wrap up late in the evening on the noted ending date. **You should plan to leave Lander no sooner than the following day.** Do not make travel plans that will require you to arrive late for your course or to leave early once your course is over. You may end up missing the start of your course or missing your plane home.

Making Travel Arrangements

We recommend that you make your travel plans as soon as possible to avoid complications. You should consider purchasing tickets that are refundable or changeable in case unforeseen events create changes in your plans.

The nearest commercial airport is in Riverton, Wyo., which is 30 minutes from Lander. It is serviced daily by **Great Lakes Aviation** (a United Express feeder) from Denver, Colo. You must arrange for shuttle service to get from the Riverton airport to Lander (See **Shuttle Service**). Airlines often overbook their flights to Riverton. To be sure you don't get bumped, allow plenty of time between your connections in Denver. Get to the gate early to check in. If you have a confirmed reservation and are on time, you deserve a seat on the flight. You may need to be insistent to get that seat. There are only a **few** flights to and from Riverton, so if you get bumped, you could miss your course or your return flight.

You should take the following precautions with your luggage to ensure its timely arrival:

- Carry essential items onto the plane with you, including prescription medications.
- Check your luggage all the way through to your destination, especially if you are changing planes en route.
- Retain your luggage claim stubs. These are important tools for tracking any missing luggage. Upon your arrival in Lander, promptly inform the Dorm desk clerk if you are missing luggage.

Shuttle Service

Shuttle service in southwestern Wyoming and the surrounding areas is provided by **Wind River Transit Authority (W.R.T.A.)**. You can reach W.R.T.A. in the following ways, even for after hours travel problems: phone (800) 439-7118 or 307-856-7118; fax: 307-856-8724.



W.R.T.A. shuttle rates for one way/round trip to Lander:

Riverton airport -- \$20 / \$40

Jackson, WY airport -- \$100 / \$200

Casper, WY airport-- \$100 / \$200

Please inform W.R.T.A. if any changes in your travel plans occur after your initial arrangements have been made.

If Delayed

If your arrival in Lander is delayed because of weather or other reasons, and you are not going to be able to make the orientation meeting, please call the NOLS Admission Office at 800-710-NOLS. From 5:00 p.m. until midnight any night, please call (307) 335-2265 and leave a message with the Dorm desk clerk. The dorm closes at midnight. If you will arrive between midnight and 8:00 a.m., call well before midnight to get instructions on how to get into the dorm after hours.

Accommodations

Accommodations are dormitory style and are for NOLS students and staff only. Rooms will be available at the NOLS Dorm (the historic Noble Hotel, built in 1918) 1 or 2 days prior to your course start. The Dorm is located at the corner of Third and Main Streets in Lander, with entry on Third Street. The NOLS Dorm desk clerk is available from 5:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight on weekdays, and 8:00 a.m. until midnight on weekends by dialing direct to (307) 335-2265. All student messages should be directed to this phone number. If the desk clerk is not available, you will have the option to leave a voice mail message.

There is no charge for the night before your course begins or the night after. Please do not call to reserve a spot for these dates, as we will be expecting you. **Reservations are not necessary, unless you plan to arrive EARLIER than the day prior to your course,** in which case you will need to contact the Dorm Manager or an Admissions Officer for confirmation. The charge is \$15 per person per night, payable upon arrival. Other accommodations are available in Lander, and you are welcome to make reservations for additional nights at any number of motels or bed and breakfast inns. Please contact the Lander Chamber of Commerce (307) 332-3892 for more information.

Storage of Personal Belongings and Vehicles

Personal belongings and vehicles may be stored at the NOLS facility for the duration of your course. Valuables may be checked into our safe. Due care will be taken to prevent theft or damage of your stored items. **NOLS does not assume any liability for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property while in our care.** During semester courses, your gear may be stored in remote regions with little or no supervision. NOLS will not honor any personal claim for property loss while in our care. **If you want insurance coverage for your personal belongings, you need to provide it yourself.**

Parking is generally available on a NOLS lot for the duration of your course in an unfenced parking lot with little or no security. If all available spaces are filled or you want more secure storage, private companies offer such facilities for a modest fee. Arrangements can be made on the morning your course begins.

Student Mail

You will be able to receive mail before and after your course, however, **you will not receive or be able to send out mail while you are in the field.** Inform your family and friends that letters and packages they send to you must include your course code, (e.g. GAN 7/28/09).

Your Name
Course Code



NOLS
P.O. Box 333
Lander, WY 82520

Telephone

You will be out of telephone contact for the duration of your field experience. We have pay telephones for student use while at a NOLS facility.

Fishing Licenses

Fishing for trout is possible on most courses. While fishing is considered to be good in Wyoming, we can never guarantee you'll catch a fish! Your instructors will advise you on the practicality of purchasing a license, according to the season and your course route. If you want to fish, you can purchase a State of Wyoming fishing license on the first day of your course. Fishing licenses will come out of your equipment deposit. Non-resident fishing license fees range from \$26 for an annual youth (14-17 yrs.) license to \$11/day for a non-resident adult (up to 6 days) or \$86 for an annual license.

Potential Expenses

Bring enough cash to cover expenses encountered while traveling to and from Lander. Additional expenses may include phone calls, shuttle fees, and any miscellaneous purchases like film, toiletries, etc. **We suggest a minimum of \$215.**

About Money

If you are going to have money sent to you through the mail, please have it sent in the form of cashier's checks, money orders, or personal checks in amounts less than \$300. Personal checks can be cashed at a bank when co-signed by our Finance department. There are several ATM's in Lander if you need cash from an account or credit card.

First and Last Day

The first day is busy. All phone calls, letters, and personal matters must be attended to the evening before leaving for the field. After an early breakfast, instructors will check your equipment and issue any items you need for the course. You will prepare rations, then pack up to leave town. Once last minute details are completed (generally after lunch), you will be transported to the roadhead to spend your first night camping.

On the last day, you will be picked up early in the morning and transported via NOLS vehicles back to the NOLS base. Upon arrival, you will clean, repair, and return issued equipment, then take that long-awaited shower. During this time, you will have an opportunity to purchase equipment. The experience concludes with dinner and the awarding of diplomas. This marks the official end of the course.

Contacting NOLS

All completed student forms, tuition payments, and other correspondence should be sent to NOLS, 284 Lincoln Street, Lander, WY 82520. Questions concerning course content, enrollment, college credit, etc., should be directed to the Admission Office at the same address, or call 800-710-NOLS between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. mountain time, Monday through Friday.

