

Equipment List

Patagonia Backpacking & Fly Fishing

Careful equipment selection is essential for your overall health and comfort. Your thoroughness in this process will have a very direct impact on you and your expedition as a whole. Before selecting what to bring, buy, or borrow from a friend, it is important that you go over the equipment list carefully. Students often find they have spent unnecessary money for new gear that is unsuitable for the conditions we will encounter.

If you already own two items and are undecided which item would meet a particular equipment need, consider bringing both items to Patagonia. Prior to departure from the NOLS base, you and your instructors will work together to determine the best strategy. In advance of the course, NOLS Admissions in Lander, WY may also be able to answer some of your equipment questions and to help you determine whether a particular item will be suitable.

If you are purchasing new items for your NOLS course, we suggest that you begin by visiting your local shops, (see the list of NOLS preferred retailers at <http://www.nols.edu/about/partnerships/retailers/>), and looking through mail order catalogues (Mt. Equipment Co-op, Eastern Mountain Sports, REI, etc.) and outdoor magazines (*Backpacker*, *Outside*, *Climbing*) for an approximate gauge of price range and varieties available. We do not recommend purchasing footwear via mail order. NOLS has a mail-order store (<http://www.nols.edu/store>) if you wish to purchase items like wind pants, mugs, caps, etc. prior to your arrival at NOLS Patagonia. **There will be no opportunity to obtain equipment marked “Not Available from NOLS” on the following list, once you arrive at NOLS Patagonia.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Office, NOLS, 284 Lincoln Street, Lander, WY 82520 or phone 800-710-NOLS, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. mountain time, Monday through Friday.

Equipment Rental Deposit and Bill Payment

All members of the expedition have been charged an equipment rental deposit (not included in the tuition). This deposit amount is based on an estimated rental charge for the course. Your actual charge will vary according to how many items you obtain from NOLS, and will be totaled at the end of the course. If you are due a refund from the deposit, it will be sent to your home by mail from the Lander Headquarters. No refunds will be given in Patagonia. If your total exceeds the deposit, the balance will be billed to your home. The deposit is intended to cover the cost of use, cleaning and normal wear and tear of the equipment. **Loss and damage costs will be charged to the individual or group depending on the situation.**

Luggage Storage and Transport

NOLS Patagonia has storage space: Items not needed for the expedition should fit in a moderate sized bag, which you may store at our headquarters at your own risk. During the course, NOLS will transport expedition gear to and from meeting points at your own risk.

Please study this section carefully. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that your choice of personal gear could be crucial to the success of the expedition. The availability of each item is indicated as follows:

Purchase Only - Indicates that the item is available from NOLS for **PURCHASE ONLY**.

Not Available from NOLS – Indicates the item is **NOT AVAILABLE** from NOLS. You must bring these with you.

Rental - Indicates you can rent the item from NOLS Patagonia.

Prices are projected for current courses at NOLS. Purchase price listed is for new gear; used gear will be discounted proportionally according to amount of wear.

ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND AVAILABILITY



Clothing

The use of clothing systems to stay healthy and comfortable in adverse conditions is a fundamental aspect of the NOLS curriculum. Your primary tool is judgment, not technology. The new fabrics and materials simply increase the level of comfort and performance. Select for function and durability, and remember you'll be wearing these clothes for two weeks straight, so choose something you'll be happy wearing. Minimizing weight is a high priority on any expedition. Whenever possible, choose equipment that fills multiple needs and enables another item to be left behind. If you are purchasing equipment, scrutinize product information and select the lightest possible combinations offering reliable quality.

Upper Body Layers

You will need 3-4 insulating garments that can be comfortably layered. Most instructors will recommend a system of one long sleeve lightweight base layer and 2.5 to 3.5 insulating layers that can be intermixed, in addition to wind and rain layers. You should bring a variety of weights and insulating values to mix and match as conditions vary. Synthetics are recommended because they are lightweight and will dry more quickly, but wool is also an option. **Cotton garments will not work for insulating layers!** Lengths, which will stay tucked in below the belt line, are preferable. Note that some items are considered a half-layer. **Example system 1:** One lightweight short or long sleeve, one mid-weight long sleeve, and one expedition weight long sleeve, one fleece vest, one fleece jacket or synthetic insulated jacket. **Example System 2:** One lightweight long sleeve, mid-weight long sleeve, expedition weight long sleeve, one fleece jacket or synthetic insulated jacket.

Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Base Layer Light- and Mid-weight top(s)	Purchase Only	\$42-72	1-2	Required. Synthetic layers are best for expedition needs. At least one of these layers should be lightweight (short sleeve is fine) for hiking in warm conditions. Additional shirts (1 or 2) should be mid- or expedition-weight. A zippered turtleneck increases warmth and offers some protection against the sun. Short sleeve, silk-weight or very lightweight synthetic or wool tops are considered a half layer.	
Sports Bra	Purchase Only	\$43-55	1-3	Two are recommended. NOLS Patagonia has sports bras from Patagonia and Brooks for sale.	
Short Sleeve Shirt	Not available from NOLS	Not available from NOLS	1	Recommended. A quick dry t-shirt will be very useful on really hot days. A long sleeve that rolls up to a short sleeve could also work fine. Polyester or cotton button shirts are acceptable. "Insect Shield" shirts also acceptable.	
Fleece Vest	\$5	Rental	1	Optional. This is considered a half layer. Great for cool days on the trail.	
Expedition- Weight Fleece Pullover	Purchase Only	\$85-165	1	Recommended. Heavier than a med-weight top, but lighter than a fleece jacket – though not required, many people find it to be a useful layer. NOLS Patagonia has the Patagonia R1 Hoody w/ logo and Velocity for sale.	



Upper Body Layers (Continued)

Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Fleece Jacket	\$7	Rental	1	Optional. Unbeatable warmth-to-weight ratio, but bulky. A variety of weights and styles are on the market, look for 300 wt. Closeable cuffs, draw cords at waist and hem, and a high snug collar are features that increase warmth without adding significant weight.	
Synthetic Insulated Jacket	Purchase Only	\$160-200	1	Required. An insulated jacket that is lightweight, such as the Mountain Hardware Compressor or the Patagonia Puffball or DAS parka make good third layers. This jacket should fit over your other layers and under your rain jacket, and can replace a fleece jacket. NOLS Patagonia has Mountain Hardware and Montbell hooded jackets with the NOLS logo for sale.	
Wind Shirt	\$10	Rental	1	Optional but recommended. A breathable nylon wind shell with hood. Select for minimal weight, but bear in mind that this layer may take a lot of abuse. Available for sale at the NOLS online store.	
Rain Jacket	Purchase Only	\$110-\$220	1	Required. A light, durable and roomy garment for mountain travel. Cagoules and anoraks are acceptable, but not ponchos. This garment should be fully waterproof and must have a hood. Gore-Tex is a great option NOLS Patagonia has light rain shells by Patagonia and Mountain Hardware for sale.	

Lower Body Layers

You will need to have a total of 2-3 insulating lower body layers. Shorts and wind pants would be in addition to this.

Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Hiking Shorts	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS	1 pair	Optional. Nylon shorts with a liner are lightweight and dry quickly. Convertible pants work also great.	
Long Underwear Bottoms	Purchase Only	\$42-50	1-2 pairs	Required. These should be mid-weight polypropylene. Cotton and cotton blends are not acceptable. Many students have recommended 2 pairs.	
Underwear	Purchase Only	\$22-36	2-3	Optional. You will need 2-3 pairs while in the field. You might have one for wearing, one for drying and one for rotation. Synthetic underwear is preferable though women may consider cotton for hygiene purposes.	



Lower Body Layers (Continued)					
Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Expedition-Weight Fleece Pants	\$8	Rental	1 pair	Optional, if using 2 pair of long underwear. These should fit comfortably over a light layer of underwear. Bibs or shelled fleece are acceptable but unnecessarily heavy. A full-length zipper is convenient for changing layers without removing boots.	
Wind Pants	Purchase Only	\$65	1 pair	Recommended. Trekking pants or breathable single-layer nylon wind pants (not waterproof), should fit comfortably over fleece pants. Patches to reinforce the knees and seat are strongly recommended. Wind pants designed and made especially for NOLS are available at NOLS Patagonia and through the NOLS online store.	
Rain Pants	Purchase Only	\$95-110	1 pair	Required. A light, strong roomy pant works best in mountain travel. A full-length zipper is very convenient. NOLS has light, non-zippered rain pants by Patagonia and Mountain Hardwear for sale.	

Footwear					
It is important to your enjoyment and success that all footwear fit, and perform well. The majority of travel may be in wet, muddy river valleys or perhaps on snow and ice in below-freezing conditions.					
Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Wool Socks	Purchase Only	\$14	4 pairs	Required. Heavy wool or synthetic socks.	
Neoprene Socks	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS	1 pair	Optional. These will be worn inside boots and should be 2 or 3 mm thick. The thicker models with covered seams (e.g., Deep Sea, NRS) offer greatest durability, an important consideration since these could receive daily use. Avoid socks with zippers or a prominent seam, as these will cause blisters and irritation. These socks are available at dive, kayak and windsurfing retail shops. These are socks, NOT hard-soled booties. They could be used for this course as an alternative to full waders on possible hot weather days.	
Gaiters	Purchase Only	\$73	1 pair	Required. Usually just below knee-high. We recommend a sturdy nylon zipper, velcro, or non-zippered type. These take a lot of abuse so they must be durable. NOLS Patagonia recommends and has OR Crocodile gaiters available for sale in M, L, XL and XXL sizes.	



Footwear (Continued)					
Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Camp Shoes	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS	1 pair	Required. For wear around camp and in town. These get a lot of wear but are rarely used for hiking, so a very light running shoe or sneaker is recommended. Opened-toed shoes are not acceptable. Students and Instructors have suggested Crocs, without holes, as a good camp shoe for all courses, as they are easier to dry and lighter to carry than sneakers.	
Leather Hiking Boots	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS	1 pair	Required. Leather boots are not available at NOLS Patagonia, so you must bring your own. They should fit comfortably with two pairs of wool or synthetic socks. See your NOLS Enrollment Packet for a boot-fitting guide.	

Head & Hand Layers					
Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Insulating Mittens/ Gloves	Purchase Only	\$20	1 pair	Required. Wool or synthetic. You will need one insulating hand layer. NOLS has gloves and mittens for sale.	
Liner Gloves	Purchase Only	\$10	1 pair	Optional. Lightweight polypro liners. Useful on warmer days by themselves, or to add additional warmth to your glove system.	
Wool/Fleece Hat	Purchase Only	\$15	1	Required. A ski hat is fine. Consider ear-flaps for added protection.	
Balaclava/ Neck Warmer	\$5	Rental	1	Optional. Fleece or wool will offer added protection. Silks scarves are versatile.	
Sun Hat	Purchase Only	\$12-15	1	Recommended. Consider a full brim for maximum protection. A typical baseball cap is. NOLS caps are available for purchase.	
Sunglasses	Purchase Only	\$53-76	1	Required. The drugstore counter varieties are likely unsuitable, so head for your local outdoor store. Please bring a durable case to protect your glasses as well as Chums or another retainer. NOLS Patagonia has Optic Nerve sunglasses for sale. If polarized, these can also serve as fishing glasses (see notes below in "Fishing Gear").	



Packs and Bags					
Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Backpack	\$40	Rental	1	Required. Many packs on the market are not large enough to handle the amount of gear we carry or to withstand the use we give them. Your pack must have enough room to comfortably hold 60 to 80 pounds of equipment (7000 cubic inches), and must be an internal frame design. Reliable brands include Dana Design, Deuter, Osprey, and Lowe Alpine. If you bring your own pack, it will have to be approved before use on the course. If you do not own a pack, consider renting one from NOLS. NOLS has Lowe backpacks (Small and Regular), Dana Design (Small and Medium), and Deuter packs (Regular and Large) for rent in Patagonia and available for purchase through the NOLS website.	
Small Nylon Stuff Sacks	\$1	Rental	2-3	Recommended. Used to organize gear in your pack.	
Medium Nylon Bag	\$5	Rental	1	Required. A medium-sized, very lightweight zip bag or stuff sack helps to organize and protect clothing in your backpack.	
Heavy Duty Trash Bags	Purchase Only	\$1.50	3-4	Required. These are used to waterproof your clothing and sleeping bag. The Chilean stores don't stock strong compactor bags in small or regular sizes. We suggest you to bring some from home in small and large volumes	

Sleeping Gear					
Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Sleeping Bag	\$45	Rental	1	Required. NOLS Patagonia has the Mountain Hardwear Lamina 0° (-18°C) for rent. If you are bringing your own, it must be synthetic fill (e.g. Polarguard), 0°F to 15°F, with a hood. Down is not acceptable, nor are bags with cotton linings.	
Sleeping Pad	Purchase Only	\$45-60	1	Required. Choose either a closed cell foam pad with a 3/8" thickness, or an inflatable. If you are buying an inflatable, choose a lightweight model of the shortest possible length (does not need to be full length as the half pad can make up the difference). Thermarest, Pacific Outdoor, and Bridge Outdoors are reliable brands. NOLS Patagonia has full length and ¾ length pads from Bridge Outdoors for sale.	



Sleeping Gear (Continued)					
Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Half Pad	\$2	Rental	1	Recommended. A half-pad increases insulation, while on snow, and serves as a portable seat for meetings. The foam pad can be a short-cut piece of ensolite, 2-3 ft. long. This option is lighter than a Crazy Creek chair.	
Crazy Creek	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS	1	Optional. Heavier and bulkier than the half pad, but comfortable.	
Compression Stuff Sack	\$5	Rental	1-2	Required. This is to pack your sleeping bag and clothing layers that you will not need to access during the day.	
Sleeping Pad Stuff Sack	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS	1	Recommended. A nylon sack to protect the environment from your ensolite/Therma-Rest and vice versa.	

Miscellaneous Personal Gear					
Important: Keep in mind that small items such as sunscreen, lip balm, bandanas, watch, trash bags may be less expensive and easier to buy at home than in Chile. Coyhaique is a small remote town with limited availability of everything and where all prices tend to increase due to the costs of shipping and taxes.					
Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Hand Sanitizer	Purchase Only	\$2.	1	Recommended. One travel-sized bottle is required for your course. You can choose to bring your own small bottle or purchase it at our base.	
Cotton Bandanas	Purchase Only	\$2.50	1-2	Recommended. Useful for all sorts of things.	
Headlamp	Purchase Only	\$40	1	Required. Lightweight is preferable. Bring 2 sets of batteries, or more if you use a super bright halogen bulb. Lithium battery headlamps work well in cold weather. If you will be using lithium batteries, 1-2 sets should be sufficient. NOLS Patagonia offers Petzl headlamps for sale.	
Extra Bulb for Headlamp	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS	1	Recommended. Just in case.	
Batteries AA, AAA	Purchase Only	\$0.75 each	2 sets	Recommended. 1 set in addition to the set already in your headlamp.	
Pens/Pencils	Purchase Only	\$0.50	Several	Required. Please bring more than one.	
1 Small Notepad or Journal	Purchase Only	\$9	1	Required. Notebooks are required for class notes and are nice to have for personal writing. NOLS Patagonia sells NOLS Expedition Journals.	



Miscellaneous Personal Gear (Continued)

Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Sunscreen	Purchase Only	\$16	1 medium tube	Required. SPF 30 at least and should be water repellent. Keep in mind that sunscreen and lip balms are expensive in Chile.	
Lip Balm	Purchase Only	\$4	1-2	Required. SPF 15 or greater. Carmex is not suitable, as it has no sunscreen.	
Toiletry Items	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS		Toothbrush, toothpaste, contact lens solution, comb, tampons, etc. This is an area to minimize weight by bringing only what you need: no more, no less. Remember, you've got to carry it!	
Insulated Mug	Purchase Only	\$10	1	Required. Make sure it is unbreakable! It must withstand boiling water, cold and abuse. Insulated NOLS mugs are available at NOLS Patagonia. Your mug should be at least 12 oz.	
Spoon	Purchase Only	\$1	1	Required. Must be durable – helps if it fits inside of the bowl.	
Bowl	Purchase Only	\$4	1	Required. We highly recommend that your bowl have a tight lid to carry leftovers on the trail. Tupperware is a good option, as is the Rubbermaid "Flex & Seal" medium-sized bowl. The Chilean market doesn't offer any model of bowl that is sturdy for a NOLS course. They all seem to crack and break easily. We recommend you to bring your bowl from home.	
Water Bottle	Purchase Only	\$12-14	2	Required. 1 L capacity minimum. Wide mouth is convenient. Should be indestructible! Consider bringing an additional 1/2 L bottle instead of a mug. NOLS Patagonia has 16oz. water bottles with the NOLS logo for sale.	
Hydration System	Purchase Only	\$42	1	Optional. Water bag with drinking tube that can fit in a backpack. Not required, but many folks have recommended them. Camelbak, Platypus and MSR all make excellent water bag/drinking tube systems. You will also need a 1L water bottle to carry a total of 2L.	
Watch	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS	1	Required. Waterproof, with an alarm. Bring your own watch or buy in your travels before the start of the course.	
Lighter	Purchase Only	\$2.50	2	Required. For starting stoves and fires.	
Small Waterproof Bags	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS	Several	Recommended. For books, passport, papers etc. Nothing bigger than 8" X 12". Zip-lock bags or small stuff sacks lined with a plastic bag are good options.	
Small Carabiners	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS	1-2	Optional. They are very useful for clipping things.	



Miscellaneous Personal Gear (Continued)					
Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Extra Glasses or Contacts	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS		Required. If you wear prescription lenses, bring a spare set. Purchase all contact solution before you arrive. If your natural vision is significantly limited, bring prescription sunglasses or glacier glasses or very high quality ski goggles to fit over your glasses. We recommend keeping your glasses safe in your carry-on luggage during your travel to Patagonia.	

Optional Items					
Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Trekking Poles	Purchase Only	\$115	1 pair	They are not required but recommended. Collapsible poles are easier to pack and carry, especially when bush whacking. Can serve as a wading staff, as well (see below in "Fishing Gear").	
Camera and Film	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS	1	You will want a protective, waterproof container. Keep this light, simple and small, as you will have to carry the extra weight! Dry boxes and dry bags (e.g. Pelican Cases or Sportsbags) are available from most outdoor stores. If you are investing in a new camera or binoculars for this trip, consider those that are water resistant. Because of the likelihood of adverse weather, avid photographers may be interested in bringing a small "point and shoot."	
Knife	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS	1	A small, lightweight, single blade is all you will need. A knife with a locking system is recommended. (this will prevent the knife from closing accidentally).	
Binoculars	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS	1	A pair of small, light 7x 20 or 8 x 20 binoculars will enhance your enjoyment of the wildlife. You need a protective, waterproof container for these.	
Book	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS	1	One is fine. When you're done, you can trade with a tent mate.	
Coffee	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS		NOLS does not have coffee for sale. If you are attached to a particular brand/type, we suggest you bring it from home. If you choose to bring ground coffee, you may consider a small, Lexan (unbreakable plastic) coffee press. The other less expensive option is to make coffee "cowboy" style, using a bandana to strain the grounds.	
Earplugs	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS	1 pair	Earplugs are great for traveling, and great for sharing tents with loud sleepers.	



For Pre- and Post-Course Travel					
Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Photos of Family and Friends, Small Map				It's great to have photos of your community back home to share with people you meet. Chileans are very family oriented and will always ask about your family and hometown.	
Small Towel, Shampoo, Soap, Deodorant				Only for pre and post-course use. Travel-size.	
English/Spanish Pocket Dictionary and Phrase Book				Optional, but a small, travel edition can be helpful throughout the course unless you are fluent in Spanish. Plastic bindings are best.	
Insect Repellent				Optional, our course dates are post-mosquito season at the end of the summer.	
Energy Bars				Some students in the past have recommended bringing a few of these from home. We have Power Bars available for sale at NOLS Patagonia. Keep in mind the NOLS rations provide snacks/trail food. All food is locally purchased in Chile.	

Passport: Also bring a photocopy of the identification page. **You need to retain your Tourist Visa that you'll receive upon entering the country.** For more information, see the Travel & Logistics section of your pre-course information packet.

Fishing Gear					
The course instructors are available for direct phone or e-mail consultation. Please contact the Admissions Office to arrange this, if desired. Generally, the fishing will be in clear, cold-water streams with a fairly steep gradient and lots of stone and big rocks. Students should bring a lightweight traveling selection of their favorite, customary gear. There is a fly-fishing shop in Coyhaique, however availability of your preferred kit is not guaranteed.					
Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Fishing Rod and Reel	Not Available from NOLS	Not Available from NOLS	1	5 or 6 weight. 4 to 7 piece travel rod highly recommended, extra spool is optional. Past students have suggested a "tough" rod tube for traveling in/out of the field.	
Line	"	"		5 or 6 weight (to match rod/reel), weight-forward, floating, "trout" line with 100-150yds of backing. If you bring an extra spool, a sinking or sink-tip line of the appropriate weight could be useful.	
Leaders	"	"		9ft. nylon or fluorocarbon, size 2x thru 4x.	
Tippet	"	"		30yd. spools, nylon or fluorocarbon to match leader material, 2x thru 5x.	



Fishing Gear (continued)					
Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Dry Fly Box	”	”	1	Standard patterns recommended, generally size 16 to size 12. Good choices include Parachute Adams, Elk Hair Caddis, Light Cahill, Royal Wulff, Irresistible, Yellow and Orange Stimulators (#12-#8's), Dave's Hopper (#12-#8's), Chernoble Ant (#8's and #6's), Club Sandwich (#8's and #6's), Turk's Tarantula (#10-#6's)	
Streamers and Nymphs Box	”	”	1	Standard patterns recommended. Good choices include Black and Olive Woolly Buggers (your choice of plain, beadhead, conehead, krystalflash and weighted options, size 10 thru 6, Muddler Minnow (#12-#8), Leech (Black, Brown, Purple, and Olive, #10-#6), Prince Nymph (beadhead, #16-#10), Pheasantail (beadhead, #18-#14), Hare's Ear (beadhead, #16-#12), Copper John (#20-#16), Halfback (beadhead, #14-#8), Stonefly (Black, Brown, Kaufman's, #12-#8). Some beginner students have suggested carrying 2-3 of each fly.	
Fly Fishing Tools and Gadgets	”	”		Clippers, floatant, split shot, strike indicators, hemostats/forceps, Leatherman-type multi-tool, etc.	
Fishing Vest or Chest/Waistpack	”	”	1	Bring what's comfortable, but lighter and simpler is definitely better for a backpacking trip.	
Polarized Sunglasses	”	”	1	This is probably the single most useful aid in seeing and catching fish – Highly recommended by instructors and students.	
Wading Shoes	”	”	1 pair	Closed toe, above-the-ankle boots with felt or new-generation rubber bottoms are the best option for good traction. Should be sized to fit either stocking-footed waders, neoprene or wool socks.	



Fishing Gear (continued)					
Equipment	Rental Price	Purchase Price	Quantity	Comments	Check List
Waders	”	”	1 pair	A pair of lightweight, waterproof/breathable waist or chest waders that pack compactly will improve the comfort and duration of your time in the water. Stocking foot waders with a wading boot will be the most flexible option and they dry more easily. If it's warm you can use the wading boots without the waders. For safety, a waist belt is a must.	
Net	”	”	1	Optional – most fish we'll find are likely to be small enough to manage effectively without a net (~12"-19"). Nets can be cumbersome and fragile to travel with, both internationally as well as backpacking.	
Wading Staff	”	”	1	Optional - a lightweight, collapsible wading staff may come in handy, however trekking poles are available for sale.	

Group Gear

Group gear is distributed among all expedition members. The specific equipment taken on your course will be determined by the anticipated weather and terrain and the number of group members. All of this equipment is provided by NOLS and is included in your tuition; it is not part of your personal rental fee.

- Multi Fuel Stove and Cook Gear
- Food Bags
- Fuel Bottles
- Repair Kits
- Maps
- Shovels
- Compasses

Group Library: books can range from flora and fauna, technical skills, and environmental issues, to Chilean history and politics.

First Aid Kits: our instructors bring a first aid and drug kit, so no need to bring your own.

The expedition format of the course emphasizes the importance of equipment care: The success of your expedition is highly dependent on the performance of your gear which in turn depends on the care that you give it. Gear maintenance and repair will be ongoing. Normal wear and tear is expected, and most repairs can be successfully executed in the field. However, students will be held financially responsible for the loss of any items and for any damage that is due to mistreatment or neglect. This could be as small as a lost \$2.00 cook spoon or as large as a poorly treated \$700.00 tent. At the end of the course, a group gear “damage and loss” charge will be calculated and distributed among the appropriate members of the course. Individuals or groups of individuals will be held fully accountable, if they alone bear the responsibility for the loss or damaged.

