



NOLS Professional Training
Operation Purple® Leadership Program
Backpacking Expedition, August 3rd – 12th, 2010
Rafting Expedition, August 11th – 19th, 2010

TRAVEL AND LOGISTICS

We look forward to meeting you! As you prepare for your course, please be sure to double-check the following:

- The Correct dates of your flights to and from Idaho Falls – you should **arrive the afternoon before your course start date** and **depart the morning after your course ends**.
- Your Confirmed reservation with TETON STAGE LINES – you must **contact TSL directly** to assure a seat on the shuttle between the airport and NOLS Teton Valley at the start and end of your course.
- 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.

Flying to Idaho:

- 1) Fly into Idaho Falls, Idaho between **noon and 4 pm** the afternoon **before** your course start date.
- 2) Meet NOLS staff at the baggage claim (there is only one carousel in the airport).
- 3) At 4:30/5:00 pm **Teton Stage Lines** will drive you to NOLS Teton Valley. You must call ahead to reserve and pay for your seat. Specify round trip when you make your reservation. **TSL: 208-529-8036**

Flying Home:

- 1) Teton Stage Lines will pick up students at 4:45 am the day **after** your course ends and drive you to the Idaho Falls airport.
- 2) NOLS staff will accompany the group to help folks check in. Schedule your **return flight, to depart Idaho Falls, between 6:45 am and 11 am**.

Unaccompanied Minors

Unaccompanied minors should note **“Abby Warner” as the designated person** who will meet them. Unaccompanied minors **must** schedule flights for the times when NOLS staff will be at the airport (Arrival: noon to 4 pm; Departure: 6:45 am to 11 am.)

Notifying NOLS of Your Travel Plans

Please fax or email your travel itinerary to the NOLS Professional Training admissions office (Fax: 307-332-8811) **at least 2 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 us.

Notification That Your Child Has Arrived at NOLS Teton Valley

NOLS Teton Valley will send confirmation of each student’s arrival only if we have a valid email address for the parent or guardian on file with our admission office. Please call NOLS Professional Training admissions (800-710-6657 ext. 3) with the email address that you would like us to use. If you do not have email and would like arrival confirmation, please call NOLS Teton Valley (208-354-8443) on the course start date.

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.

If you are driving plan to arrive at NOLS Teton Valley at 5:30 pm the day before your course start date. This will coincide with the arrival of your course mates on the shuttle from Idaho Falls. (Note: We do not have the staff or facilities to accommodate student who arrive early. Please help us prepare for your course by arriving on time. You are welcome to come by in the afternoon to make sure you know where we are and we will be happy to point out options for you in the valley until it is time to meet.)

If Delayed

If your arrival is delayed please call NOLS Teton Valley at (208) 354-8443.

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 Idaho Falls (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 Professional Training is located in Lander, WY, and is open from 8 am to 5 pm, MST, Monday through Friday. All NOLS 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 NOLS Professional Training admission. Call 800-710-NOLS ext. 3

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.

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 Idaho Falls Airport at 4:45 a.m.

