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**“Utah Outfitters Recommend Family-Style Whitewater for Labor Day”**

For most families Labor Day Weekend is the last hurrah before settling into the routine of schoolwork and a slow slide into fall and winter. The Utah Guides and Outfitters Association (UGO), however, suggests one last fling on Utah rivers before packing away the tank tops, swim suits and sandals. According to UGO officials, the upcoming holiday is a perfect opportunity to experience a family-style whitewater getaway.

Tom Kleinschintz, president of UGO, says that low water levels late in the season allow families with children of all ages to enjoy a whitewater experience.

“The lower water levels mean that families can bring younger children along on the raft trip because the ride is splashier and less intimidating. Older kids can even power their own inflatable kayak or participate by paddling through the rapids,” said Kleinschnitz.

Temperatures are still approaching 90 degrees in southern Utah during early September, which means that a jump in the water and swim along side the raft is still possible.

“Late season rafting is a totally different experience,” says UGO vice-president Denise Oblak. “During the spring Utah rivers attract those interested in a high-adrenaline expedition. Summer is more suitable for families or people wanting a less hair-raising experience.”

Family raft trips are offered on the Colorado and Green rivers as well as the San Juan.

For families more interested in escaping the heat and staying dry, UGO suggests trips into any of Utah’s mountain destinations where you can stay cool while enjoying

horseback riding, cycling or hiking. Four-wheel drive trips through the Utah deserts also allow visitors to enjoy some of the most spectacular scenery in the world while remaining comfortable in an air-conditioned vehicle.

“Low water levels and the back-to-school season do not put an end to the opportunity for fun in Utah’s canyon country,” said Oblak. “The crowds are thinning out making the experience much more personal too,” added Oblak. “There are many destinations perfect for a weekend getaway.”

The Utah Guides and Outfitters Association is comprised of 50 Utah outfitters offering a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities. UGO outfitters have decades of experience in guiding visitors from all over the world through the backcountry of Utah.

Travelers in Utah can choose from whitewater rafting, jet boat river cruises, scenic flights, rock art tours, hiking & backpacking, mountain biking, or horse pack trips. Members of the Utah Guides and Outfitters also offer customized trips for clients with specific needs such as special populations, youth at risk trips, high-end or corporate charters, family reunions or child-oriented tours, themes such as geology, archeology, or other educational adventures. For more information about Utah Guides and Outfitters visit [www.utah-adventures.com](http://www.utah-adventures.com) or call (435)260-2870 or 970-245-5428.

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