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“Extra Credit:” Reminder List (*Tailorable*) – When *Walking or Float-tubing*



Instructions:

1. **Not intended to be used 'as-is'!**
2. **Members: *download* Reminder List.**
3. **Then use your *word-processor* to *remove* every item that's not:**
 - a. **Important for you, or**
 - b. **Somewhat hard for you to remember.**
4. **Add items, if you choose.**
5. **You might end up with only 2 (or more?) pages.**

- That spot still open for fishing?
[Click for Washington Regulations](#) [Click for BC Regulations](#)
[Click for Oregon Regulations](#) [Click for Idaho Regulations](#)
- Buy bait?

If Overnight Trip






- Ferry schedule OK?
[Click for Washington Ferries](#), or 1-800-843-3779.
[Click for British Columbia Ferries](#), or 1-888-724-5223 within BC (or 604-444-2890 from outside province.)
- Clothing for all days?
- Pillows?
- Tent? Hammer for pegs.
- Call for camping reservations? 
- Where keep bait during trip (like OVERNIGHT, for 2 days?)
Bring cooler?
- Mattresses. Sleeping bags.
- Food for all days?
- Money (U.S. & Canadian?)?
- Extra ice for bait?

Each Trip



- Got all equipment mentioned on TFC's Gameplan?
- Fish scents.
- Fishing licenses *in*. Are current?
- One water bottle/person/day?
- Polarized sunglasses, each person.
- A hat each person.
- Sun screen lotion.
- New lures sharpened?
- Mosquito repellent?

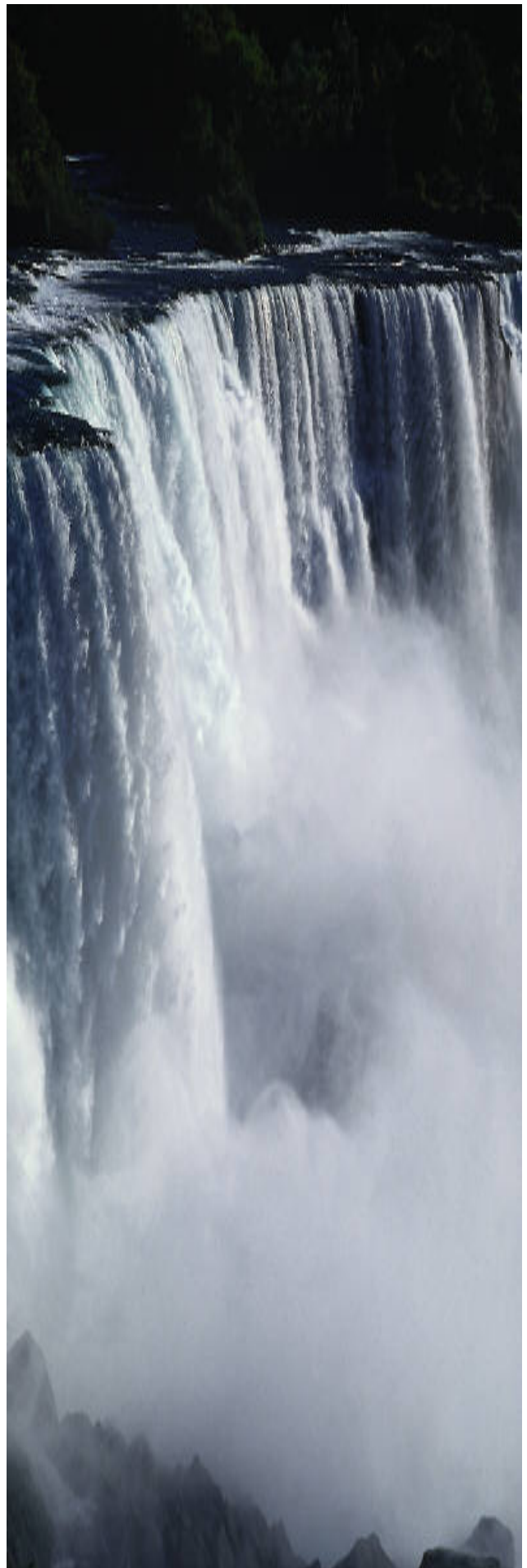


- Reel drags set correctly.
- Rig the rods/lures.
- Leaders. Pre-tied leader rigs?
- Pliers.
- Weights. 
- Knife.
- WD-40 swivels.
- Landing net?
- Brine, or cut, or prepare the bait?
- VHF radio.
- Enough gas in vehicle?
- Can-opener?
- Ice in bait holding (& fish-holding?) cooler(s)!
- Cell phone?
- Tackle box(s).
- Rods in.
- Jackets.
- Rain jackets.
- Waders or boots.
- If boots or waders: enough thermal socks + wool socks to not get cold!
- If waders: safety belt.
- If wading over waist-deep: PFDs on. 
- If tricky stream: wading staff.
- Fishing vest.
- If walking back (or float-tube kicking back to launch) a problem if I accidentally get into darkness (or simply fish near dusk): Good flashlight to walk when dark.
- Passport or birth certificate if cross US border. 

If Remote Back-country Road





- Electric tire inflator + extra spare tire....we've needed this multiple times!
- Extra vehicle gas can?
- Need come-along + chains?



- “Deadman” & sledge hammer?


”Make-it-fun” Ideas

- We consider laptop computer (or portable DVD player?) to watch DVD, for if fishing slows.
Branden loves “Veggie-tail” cartoons on DVD. 

- We enjoy music when exercising, etc., so how about when fishing? 









- We enjoy keeping in touch with friends/family, in other boats, or back at camp, or at home, via cell phone or walkie-talkie.

- If your team is playing that day, consider radio, or little portable TV? 

- Some people enjoy adult beverages as much as the fishing?
Ice + ice container? (Have a designated-driver.)

“Make-it-fun” Ideas

With ~~Little~~ Kidz Kids:

-  Fish scenarios where kid will likely hook a fish at least every 20 minutes!!
-  We set watch’s count-down (or hourly chime) to ring every hour, to pro-actively ask Branden “are you ready to leave now?”!
-  Consider bringing Branden’s toy or video game, for if fishing slows down? 
-  If “still-fishing”: Branden could play 2-4 times more fish himself when we put *all* our rods in rod-holders and say “Branden, you can grab *any* of the rods when it gets a fish on.”
-  Branden *loves* viewing all the fish he’s landed swimming in a 5-gallon bucket!!
If *releasing* them later, bring a cup to change most water in the bucket, every hour, or they sometimes start floating to the top due to lack of oxygen.

If Float-tube:

- If dangerous water: Check wind-report?



- PFD in.

- Fins in.



- Float-tube anchor and rope?
- If fish over 15": bring net.


Start of Trip



- Wash hands (before touching lures the first time?)
- Ask questions of other fishermen we pass.

Back At Home



- Clear GPS waypoints entered that are not needed for future?
- Re-check sharpness of hooks used. 
- Replace lost items: _____
- If they got wet, open tackle boxes & vest.
- Waders: 1. Turn inside-out, let dry, then turn back "in".
2. Empty plastic garbage-baggie in wader's pouch.
- If fly lines used: clean them.

Every April



- Clean & oil reels, including backup reels.
Did: ___/___ ___/___ ___/___
- Toss and replace (mark date): Scent bottles that are over 2 years old.
- Fishing lines 24+ months old: Change them.
Did: ___/___ ___/___
Yearly: Top-off reels to 1/8" of spool edge.
- FRESH batteries in flashlights.
Did: ___/___ ___/___ ___/___

To-do/Notes



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