

#### Hello everyone!

Your Hut to Hut in British Columbia trip scheduled for August 12 to 19, 2022 is fast approaching and we wanted to give you some last minute details as you prepare.

#### First meeting details:

- Date: August 12, 2022
- Time:
  - If flying: 2:00 PM at the Kamloops Airport (YKA)
  - If driving: 5:00 PM in the lobby at Wells Gray Inn in Clearwater, BC
- For those of you arriving at the Kamloops airport on Aug 12th, please proceed to baggage claims #1 for the 2PM group shuttle to Clearwater.
- If you arrived into Kamloops earlier and stayed at a nearby hotel, please arrange to return to the airport by 1:30PM and proceed to baggage claims #1 for the 2PM shuttle to Clearwater.
- For those of you driving to Clearwater, please plan to meet the group @ 5pm in the lobby of the Wells Gray Inn. Use the following address for your GPS device: *Wells Gray Inn, Yellowhead Highway #5 Clearwater Village Road, Clearwater BC, 800-567-4088.*

#### Guides:

Your guide for this trip will be Tali Hunt. Tali lives in Kentucky and has been guiding with AGC since 2014. She is an extremely experienced backpacker/hiker and has done extensive hiking and backpacking on the Appalachian Trail and many places out west. You and Tali will be joined by a local guide who knows the area intimately and has guided extensively in the area. You will meet both your guides on the first day of the trip and they are looking forward to spending an incredible week hiking with you in the mountains.

## Check in phone call:

Tali will be calling each of you about a week before the trip to answer any questions you may have.

## **Emergency/Guide Contact:**

Tali's Cell: 859-533-4147

## Packing reminders/suggestions: A couple of suggestions based on our past experience in regard to this trip:

- On your trekking days (Days 3, 5 and 7), you will be carrying clothes, lunch, water, toiletries, and personal items. . You will also be carrying approximately 5 lbs of group gear (mainly fresh food). While the daily mileage is not extremely long on any day, it is in the mountains and therefore you are going up much of the time. Please follow the packing list closely and keep your choices as lightweight as you can makes for a lighter pack and more fun! Your AGC guide will help with these choices prior to beginning the trek. On the layover days (Days 4 and 6) you will carry only what needs to be in your daypack for the day.
- Don't forget to bring your trekking poles. Your AGC guide, Tali, will make sure that everyone knows how to use trekking poles correctly and will share all her great tips regarding going up AND down.
- Finally, if you do not currently use a hydration system, we encourage you to strongly consider purchasing one. It really does make a difference in keeping people hydrated. If you have questions regarding brands/features/differences, please let us know.

• It's important to stay hydrated - be sure to have the capacity to carry 1-2 liters of water, either with water bottles or a hydration system such as a "bladder."

# **Final Details:**

- Canada Entry Requirements
  - o Starting April 1, 2022, pre-entry tests are no longer required for fully vaccinated travelers entering Canada by land, air or water. You must still use <u>ArriveCAN</u> within 72 hours before your arrival to Canada.
    - ArriveCan is the official Government of Canada platform to provide your information when entering Canada
  - o These requirements may change, so please be sure to check in the following website in advance of the trip to make sure you are prepared: <u>https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/exemptions</u>
- Returning to the USA
  - As of June 12, 2022, the CDC will **no longer require** air passengers traveling from a foreign country to the United States to show a negative COVID-19 viral test or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before they board their flight. For more information, see <u>Rescission: Requirement for Negative Pre-Departure COVID-19 Test Result</u>.
- AGC Travel Updates
  - o Visit our <u>AGC Travel Updates</u> page on our website before you go for the latest information related to how AGC is responding to the pandemic and what you can expect on your adventure.
  - AGC requires all participants to be fully vaccinated. Bring your vaccination record (paper or digital) to show at the start of the trip. Participants who are unable to demonstrate proof of vaccination will not be permitted to participate on the trip.
  - We recommend that you travel with your original CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card, as well as a scan or photo and keep a digital copy that's easily accessible should you lose or misplace your original card.
  - o In addition to the normal packing list, please also remember to pack face masks (N95/KN95 recommended), a small bottle of hand sanitizer and COVID tests to self-test if you are symptomatic.
- Please refer to the Pre-departure document for this trip for other important details.

Have a great time!