



# Backcountry 101 Checklist

Please use this list as a guideline for what to bring for your day touring  
with Steamboat Powdercats.

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(O) for Optional

## For your body

- NO COTTON!
- Breathable/waterproof shell jacket and pants
- Down or synthetic, mid-weight insulated jacket
- Lightweight top (fleece or micro puff)
- Synthetic base layer(s) top and bottom. Again, no cotton! If you sweat a lot, bring an extra to swap out mid day.
- Ski socks

## For your head

- Helmet
- Baseball cap or sun hat (O)
- Wool or fleece hat
- Bandana (O)
- Headband (O)
- Neck gaiter
- Sunglasses
- Goggles

## For your hands

- Fleece liner gloves (O)
- Thin pair of touring gloves
- Ski/mountaineering gloves

## Skiers

- Ski touring boots
- Skis with touring bindings
- Climbing skins
- Ski poles with powder baskets, adjustable if possible.

## Snowboarders

- Snowboard boots
- Splitboard (and you know how to adjust bindings)
- Climbing skins
- Ski poles with powder baskets, adjustable if possible (collapsable encouraged)

## Essentials avy gear

- Beacon, extra batteries
- Shovel
- Probe

## Personal Items

- Backpack (20L or more)
- Cell phone
- Hydration bladder or water bottles, at least 1.5 litre of capacity
- Headlamp and extra batteries
- Sunscreen and lip balm
- Minor first aid kit with blister care supplies (SPC guide carries a major medical) (O)
- Repair kit and tools (multi tool, duct tape, zip ties...etc) - we bring this so you don't need to. (O)
- Whistle (O)
- Toilet paper and zip locks (O)
- Extra snack (SPC will provide but depending on your caloric intake, bring more) (O)

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Beyond bringing above gear, please make sure:

- You are paid up and received email confirmation from SPC with this gear list
- Contact Ski Haus (970) 879-0385 if you need to rent touring gear. Do this ASAP if you need skis/splitboard/boots/poles/skins.
- Shuttle logistics are worked out (do you have a car?)
- Do you have any medical issues we need to know about?
- What type of sandwich do you want for lunch? ([Yampa Sandwich Company Menu](#))
- Your instructor communicates with you at least the night prior about your gear, food, and logistics