

# Media Kit 2015

## **AROA Guiding Principles**

### **Mission Statement**

To support and protect commercial rafting and kayaking and other recreational activities within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. We understand that the Arkansas River is a tremendous resource for outdoor recreation and will work to maintain this appeal.

### **Member Benefits**

- Representation for issues regarding water flow on the Arkansas River
- Representation for issues regarding the Management Plan and Rationing Plan
- · Money saving educational resources pertaining to current policies
- Access to public relations campaign

## **Objectives**

- Maintain boatable flows on the Arkansas River
- Work to keep the Management Plan and Rationing Plan fair and equitable for the membership
- Educate the membership about industry standards
- Promote achievements and mitigate crisis through a public relations campaign
- Use our collective resources to promote a healthy and vibrant business environment
- · Adhere to a Code of Ethics

#### Code of Ethics

This AROA code of ethics is a statement of the common values of this association. It is meant to guide us in the business decisions we make as Arkansas River outfitters, individually and collectively.

- All AROA members shall strive to provide an enjoyable experience for visitors to the AHRA.
- At all times members shall adhere to industry standards.

 Members will act in a manner that is respectful to employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, government agencies, and all others associate businesses.

### **Model to Resolve**

In the event of conflict between member outfitters, the following process will be followed.

- Head guides from relevant businesses will discuss the issue.
- Owners of relevant businesses will discuss the issue.
- If conflict remains unresolved, then the issue will be brought to the board for discussion. All relevant parties *must* be present.
- It should be clear that the board is not responsible for reaching a 'verdict.' Board members role is to facilitate the discussion and add input.