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Re: Guide Tipping

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"I know this will tick some people off, but here it goes. Why a tip period. I mean, your paying \$425 for the trip, correct? Its not exactly cheap but if someones willing to pay God bless ya. Do you tip the mechanic who repairs your car, the guy that cuts your lawn, do you tip your lawyer(oops!)we could go on and on. Your paying what the service provider is asking. If the guide is an employee, the employer should provide the proper wage."

You tip a guide for his knowledge, his skill in not only handling the boat but also putting you on good riffs if you nymph or finding rising fish. You shouldn't compare guide tipping with having a mechanic fix your car. Do you tip the wait person when you go out to dinner with your family?

Also the cost of the float may be \$425 but if he just works for an outfitter he will probably get no more than \$100 for his eight hours of busting his butt rowing you down river, changing your flies, and putting up with your poor line management skills (not you personally) \$12.50 an hour is not exactly a great wage so that is why tipping is the right thing to do. If you don't want to tip you shouldn't be going on a float. Except of course if the guide is a drunk or does not know the water where you are fishing and overall you have a lousy day that can be attributed solely to the guides ineptitude. Then you might not want to tip. BTW if you are going to use the same guide for more than one day you could just wait until the last day to give him the gratuity. If you give it to him day by day, and he isn't pleased with the sum, he might work less than if you wait until the end.

I've only used a guide a few times in fifty years and would never, ever, tip more than \$50 per day whether there was one or two anglers.