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Here's a *really* rough breakdown of some of the expenses that could be reasonably expected by a guide.

I'll use Mike Heck for an example (sorry Mike!). He's one of the top guides here in PA, IMO. His rate for a one day destination trip to Spring Creek (one person, wade fishing) is \$250. His trip package includes a very nice meal, flies, and loaner equipment. Let's say he does 20 trips per year, so I'll roughly amortize some expenses based on that.

Gas - \$75.  
Vehicle maintenance and upkeep - \$20  
Insurance - \$50 (it's roughly \$1000 a year)  
Guide License - \$5  
First Aid Certification - \$5  
Meal - \$25  
Flies - \$25  
Leader(s), equipment loaners - \$10

That's \$215 in expenses alone. If he gets paid \$250 for this trip, he just made a whopping \$35 for the day. Now I realize it's far from an accurate estimate for his expenses, but it also doesn't include things like health insurance for himself. He'd make more money working at a McDonald's drive up window.

Think that tip isn't important?