Trip Planning

Some questions for which you may want answers before heading out.

What resources are available?
Search on the internet – summit post, 14ers, mountain project, etc.

Where am I going?
Maps from gear stores, online at usgs.gov and caltopo.com, etc.

What conditions exist where I am going?
USFS at fs.fed.us Trailheads, Trail Conditions, Snow Conditions, Fire Danger, Flash Floods

What is the Weather going to be like?
weather.gov

What are the driving conditions like?
cotrip.org

What is the avalanche danger?
CAIC avalanche.state.co.us SNOTEL wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/

These sources should provide enough information to determine:

What should I take?

Are there any special requirements?
Permits, water, avy gear

How long will the trip take?
When will I be back? (Don’t ever answer that with specifics)

What is a good alternative activity?

Where should I leave my itinerary?
What county should be notified if I don’t return?
What is the Sheriff’s or Ranger’s telephone number?