



Conservation & Culture: Southwestern U.S.



Experiencing the wonders...

of the Southwestern US is an unbelievable opportunity. From dramatic canyons to colorful badlands and secluded cliff dwellings to vibrant Native American communities, it is the perfect setting to discover the power you have to make a positive difference in our world. In partnership with the **Girl Scouts of the USA** (GSUSA) and their *Include all Girls Initiative*, this Global Explorers Leading the Way Destination will integrate girls of ALL abilities for the adventure of a lifetime. Raft along the San Juan River, hike in slot canyons, learn valuable digital skills from the **Pearson Foundation** prior to travel, explore hands-on science, meaningful service, and leadership development during travel; and build a social awareness and media campaign post-trave.



Program Highlights

- Attend a training retreat with GSUSA and Global Explorers and gain valuable storytelling skills through the Pearson Foundation's Digital Arts Alliance training.
- Explore hidden cliff dwellings and ancient ruins mysteriously left behind by their original inhabitants.
- Listen to traditional Navajo stories, eat frybread and take part in meaningful community service on a Navajo reservation.
- Camp on sandy beaches and explore magnificent terrain while rafting the San Juan River.



Global Explorers is a nonprofit organization passionate about providing the most comprehensive and genuine travel experience available to students and educators of all backgrounds and abilities. Its Leading the Way program was developed in partnership with world-renowned blind athlete Erik Weihenmayer. Leading the Way has been featured on ABC Nightline, World News Tonight, the Travel Channel and CBS Sunday Morning. www.globalexplorers.org



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Girl Scouts®

Including All Girls

An estimated one in five girls in the U.S. has some type of disability—physical, cognitive, sensory, emotional or learning. In an effort to open opportunities for all girls, GSUSA and Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation launched the *Include All Girls Initiative*, fostering inclusion in Girl Scout councils and inclusion of people with disabilities in Girl Scouting. www.girlscouts.org

Program Essentials

- **Location:** Four Corners, USA
- **Dates:**
Session 1: 4-days in April/May
Session 2: July 28-August 6
- **Price:** \$2,050
- **Applicants:** Girl Scouts ages 14-18 of ALL physical abilities are encouraged to apply. Girls with disabilities up to age 21 are welcome if currently enrolled in high school. Accommodations will be made for those with disabilities.

Timeline of Events

December 1: Application deadline
Apply online www.globalexplorers.org
Click *Leading the Way*

Spring 2010: Attend training retreat in Colorado with Global Explorers, Girl Scouts and Pearson Foundation

Summer 2010: Field Workshop!

Fall 2010: Conduct follow-up service and tell your story!

Discover Connect Take Action



Girl Scouts Leading the Way *destination*

Like every Global Explorers Leading the Way adventure, this program is much more than just a fun trip! Our 3-phase program immerses you in the culture, environment and history of the Southwestern U.S. You won't just visit the area, you'll dive into field science, community service and cross-cultural experiences that will change your life & empower you forever. Here's how...

Before you travel....



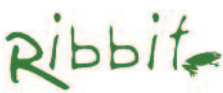
We want your travel experience to change your life. As part of that process, you will learn as much as possible before you depart. You'll participate in a training retreat and attend team conference calls covering topics such as: Desert ecology, soundscapes, Navajo culture, U.S. History, Southwest conservation, inclusion and accommodations. You will also work with GEx to raise money for your adventure.

While you travel....



We emphasize authentic, hands-on travel experiences. You will explore the rich cultural and natural diversity of the Southwestern U.S. while learning more about your own leadership strengths and what role YOU play in making a difference in our world today.

After you travel.... Telling your story!



You're not done yet! You will return inspired and ready to make a difference. Upon your return, you will be asked to share your story with the world. Each Leading the Way expedition is paired with a social awareness and media campaign that we use to educate a much broader constituency. Through the Pearson Foundation's Digital Arts Alliance, you will learn many skills that will equip you to play a part in spreading this message of hope and inspiration, while at the same time breaking down barriers placed between those with and without disabilities.

What's included in the price?

All expenses related to the training retreat, all expenses once you arrive in Mancos, CO, all meals, all lodging, all ground transfers, taxes, basic level of tips for guides and other services, program t-shirts, workshop journal, basic travel insurance, textbook(s), preparatory curriculum, year-long support, on-site Global Explorers Workshop Coordinator during travel, and professional river guides.

Not included:

Airfare to and from your home city to Durango, CO and any personal items.

Details

Who: Girl Scouts ages 14-21 of ALL abilities. If you are not a Girl Scout, you must register with your local Girl Scout council. The annual fee is \$12.

What: Shatter expectations and reshape the way the public views disabilities through this educational adventure!

When: Spring Retreat in 2010 and trip: July 28-August 6, 2010

Where: Southwestern U.S.

How: Apply Online by Dec. 1

www.globalexplorers.org
(Click *Leading the Way*)

Price: \$2,050

Sample Program Itinerary

*Subject to Change

- Day 1 - Travel to Mancos, CO; Overnight near Mesa Verde
- Day 2 - Mesa Verde National Park; fire management issue in the region
- Day 3 - Hovenweep National Park; conduct research on impact of sound
- Day 4 - Ancestral Puebloan ruins; desert ecology; travel to Navajo reservation
- Day 5 - Canyon de Chelly National Park; overlooks and White House hike
- Day 6 - Service in Canyon de Chelly; camp in canyon; Navajo storytelling and music
- Day 7 - Hike out of Canyon campsite; Hubbell Trading Post; return to Mancos
- Day 8 - Depart for San Juan River!
- Days 9-11 Raft the San Juan River, camp on sandy beaches and explore canyons only accessible from the river
- Day 12 - Travel Home



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