



Leading
the Way
GLOBAL EXPLORERS

2012 Rim to River Expedition

One of the 7 Natural Wonders

of the world, Grand Canyon is an ideal setting to explore science, culture, leadership, and service. In partnership with Grand Canyon Youth, this program brings together blind, visually impaired, and sighted teens for the adventure of a lifetime!

You'll spend the first 3 days engaging in service and experiencing the vast culture of the area on the South Rim of the Canyon. You'll spend the next 7 days on the upper half of the world-renowned Colorado River, where your team will raft exhilarating whitewater, float through calm stretches, and journey by foot through slot canyons.



www.gcyouth.org





Rafting the Grand Canyon is a coveted journey with limited permits. Grand Canyon Youth makes it possible for 10 Leading the Way participants to enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

LEAD STEP OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE AND LEARN TO USE ADVERSITY AS AN ADVANTAGE.

LEARN EXPLORE NEW CULTURES, ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AND STEP UP TO BECOME A RESPONSIBLE GLOBAL CITIZEN.

LIVE EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF TRAVEL AND DISCOVER THE POWER YOU HAVE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.

Program Highlights

-  Study Grand Canyon soundscapes, perform research for the National Park Service, and explore desert ecology.
-  Raft the Colorado River, hike beautiful canyons, and camp on sandy beaches.
-  Experience Native American culture and engage in a meaningful service project that will help the region thrive for years to come.
-  Challenge yourself to examine your own leadership strengths and weaknesses.

The mission of Global Explorers is to inspire responsible global citizenship by providing life-changing travel experiences for students and educators of all abilities and backgrounds. Our Leading the Way program was developed in partnership with world-renowned adventurer Erik Weihenmayer. In 2001, Weihenmayer became the only blind man in history to reach the summit of the world's highest peak - Mount Everest. Leading the Way has been featured on ABC Nightline, World News Tonight, Travel Channel, and CBS Sunday

..... How to Apply

WHO?

Anyone 15-19 years old
blind, visually impaired, or sighted

WHEN?

Applications are due November 18
and available online:
www.globalexplorers.org/leadingtheway

HOW MUCH?

Price Range: \$1,800-\$2,300
Price is dependent on permits
and will be finalized ASAP.

..... Timeline

November 18: Application deadline

Spring 2012: Weekend retreat in CO
and 4 team conference calls

July 20-31, 2012: Expedition to the
Grand Canyon

Fall 2012: Conduct global citizenship
project and tell your story



Rim to River Expedition Details

Leading the Way Rim to River is an unparalleled educational adventure. You'll dive into field science, community service, and cross-cultural experiences that will empower you and change your life forever. Here's how...

Before you travel ...

A trip of a lifetime requires thoughtful preparation. You'll engage in team conference calls that cover topics such as Grand Canyon history, soundscape research, Southwest conservation issues, and service learning.



While you travel ...

We value authentic, hands-on travel. You'll explore the rich cultural and natural diversity of the Grand Canyon while learning more about your own leadership style and how you can make a difference in our world.



After you travel ...

You'll harness the energy, knowledge, skills, and values you developed to carry out a global citizenship project back home. Your message of inspiration will help break down barriers between those with and without disabilities.



What's included in the price?

All retreat costs including airfare. All expenses once you arrive in Flagstaff, all meals, lodging, ground transfers, taxes, tips for guides and other services, GEx t-shirts, journal, basic travel insurance, textbook(s), preparatory curriculum, year-long support, on-site Global Explorers Expedition Leader during travel, and professional river guides.

Not Included:

Airfare to/from Phoenix, AZ and any personal items.

..... Itinerary*

DAY 1

Travel to Phoenix, AZ then venture out to the deserts of Northern AZ. Program orientation. Camp under the stars!

DAYS 2-3

Explore the rich cultures and vast desert of the canyon rim. Engage in a meaningful service project with your teammates.

DAYS 4-10

Put in at the Colorado River. Learn about life on the river, geology, desert ecology, and river folklore. Camp on the river banks.

DAY 11

Hike out of the canyon and return to the rim. Overnight in Flagstaff.

DAY 12

Return to Phoenix and travel home.

*Itinerary subject to change.



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