



Environmental Experiences Invites You to Experience the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River in 2017.

To: PROSPECTIVE YEAR 2017 GRAND CANYON EXPLORERS
From: ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES, INC.

At the conclusion of the first recorded exploration of the entire length of the Grand Canyon in 1869, John Wesley Powell noted: "When [one] at last goes out . . ., what a world he sees! How beautiful the sky, how bright the sunshine, what floods of delicious music pour from the throats of birds, how sweet the fragrance of earth and trees and blossoms!"¹ We cannot say it better!

Since 1980 ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES has introduced thousands of participants to the unparalleled splendor of the Grand Canyon. When we leave the Colorado River no participant is ever quite the same.

We invite you, your family, and your friends to join us on our 2017 trip: **July 31 – August 6, 2017**. There is a high demand for river days, so we cannot hold our days indefinitely. We urge you to return your completed *Registration Form* and *Trip Deposit* early to secure a confirmed reservation. Registrations are booked on a first-come, first-served basis effective immediately.

NOTE: The 2017 trip will be a 7-day trip. We will be helicoptered out and then board an airplane for return flight.

Increased demand for limited days on the River requires earlier reservations to assure a place. Please do not hesitate to make your reservation. We expect this trip to fill up quickly, so don't delay.

Our plan is to make our 2017 Trip as meaningful as our previous experiences in the Grand Canyon. While no two trips are ever the same, the essential ingredients remain constant: breath-taking scenery, daily hikes into the side canyons, fellowship, waterfalls, friendship, camping on the banks of the Colorado River, conversation, white water, inner peace, and unparalleled access to a place like no other.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES, INC. is a non-profit, tax-exempt charitable corporation founded by Dr. F. W. Cropp, College of Wooster Professor of Geology *emeritus*. Our goal is to complement the Grand Canyon's natural wonders with information relevant to its environment, ecology, geology, history, and the natural habitats it affords. To this end we are accompanied on each of our trips by a visiting geologist/environmentalist. We also want each trip to be safe, organized, well executed, and professionally managed. Accordingly, Hatch River Expeditions, Inc. is the exclusive outfitter for all ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES trips in the Grand Canyon. Their expert Boatmen and seasoned support staff guide our river trips and attend to all of our logistical needs.

Been to the Canyon before? Go again. Powell: "You cannot see the Grand Canyon in one view, as if it were a changeless spectacle from which a curtain might be lifted."²

The following brochure provides more information about our 2017 Grand Canyon Trip and ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES. Please look it over carefully. Don't avoid going ... join us in 2017!

See you down the River!

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**Can't Go This Year?
Please Share This With Someone Else**

^{1,2}See *A River Running West, The Life of John Wesley Powell*, by Donald Worster (Oxford, 2001)

30-Plus Years in the Grand Canyon

Since 1980, we have learned many things in the Grand Canyon. Very rarely does it rain. But when it does, the scenery is enhanced. There can be spectacular waterfalls and we have enjoyed seeing the results of occasional flash floods in the side canyons - most notably at Havasu Creek and Deer Creek Falls.

Colors in the Canyon are more vivid when there are clouds in the sky. We have enjoyed full moons, shooting stars, and planets and satellites visible in the night sky from the beaches where we camp. During every Trip we have explored aspects of the Canyon never seen before by our group and we frequently revisit familiar sights. The point is the Canyon is never the same, the people are always new, and each Trip is a new experience - an ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCE!

Hatch River Expeditions

When we approached Pearce Ferry at the end of one of our Grand Canyon Trips, Dave Foster, a Hatch boatman who accompanied us on many Trips, said, "At Pearce Ferry, practically everyone tells us that he or she will see us again on the River, but folks from your group are the only ones who regularly come back." Dave was right. Usually 30% of our participants are returnees. Hatch River Expeditions has been selected as the exclusive Outfitter for all ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES Grand Canyon Trips because their people and equipment are the best on the River. The average age of our Hatch boatmen is over 40. Hatch's people are more than thoroughly qualified professionals and premier River Runners, they are our friends.

Not Just Your Average Boat Ride

Our 2017 Trip will be a 7-day event, one less day than some years.

Our goal is to see as much of the Canyon as we can during our time together. We don't think of these Trips as Colorado River Trips. They are Grand Canyon Trips with much of our time spent walking and enjoying the beauty of the side canyons. On each Trip we are accompanied by a resident Geologist and Environmentalist who will help explain the many mysteries of the Grand Canyon.

As one of our EE River Rats said more than a decade ago (after a four-mile hike, and while looking down on

the verdant valley of Tapeats Creek with the majestic roar of Thunder River over his right shoulder), "Rafting down the River is great, but this is the Grand Canyon."

Each year persons who have been on as many as fifteen previous Trips are amazed at how many new places and things are seen. We intentionally describe our Trips as "high energy." This does not mean they are grueling, but they are active. Participants are expected to hike, help load and unload the boats, clean up, and sleep under the stars.

Dates & Rates

Our 2017 Trip leaves Flagstaff at 7:00 a.m. on July 31 and returns on August 6. Participants should arrive at Flagstaff the day before and join us for the traditional pre-Trip social hour and dinner. Many participants extend their stay to enjoy the Arizona high desert after we return from the Canyon. Your exit travel should be scheduled no earlier than the day after we return to Flagstaff. More on this later.

COST: \$3,400 - Includes everything from the time we leave Flagstaff on Day 1 until the time we return to Flag on Day 7, except gratuities for our Boatman, and incidental purchases made on the bus rides to the Canyon.

Payment schedule for 2017 7-day Trip¹:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Initial Deposit: | \$1000.00 |
| December 15, 2016: | 1000.00 |
| January 15, 2017: | 1000.00 |
| March 1, 2017: | 400.00 ² |
| Participant's Total: | \$3,400.00 |

Make Your Trip Reservation Now!

¹Participants making reservations after December 15, 2016 should send a \$2000 deposit, after January 15, 2017, a \$3000 deposit, etc.

²We reserve the right to increase the fee by \$200, to be added to your March Payment, if unanticipated costs require it.

To confirm your 2017 Grand Canyon Trip Reservation ...

- Complete the enclosed *2017 Trip Registration Form*. Please include all participant names, addresses, telephone numbers, and ages of minor children.
- Include your initial deposit via check payable to **ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES, INC.**, and mail it to ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES, INC., P.O. Box 1202, Wooster, Ohio 44691.
- DO SO ASAP!

Other Notes & Stuff the Attorney Made Us Include

We regret the need to include these provisions, but they are necessary if we are to keep the cost of our Trips as low as possible. We'll be glad to explain the need for them in greater detail - some day on the River.

CANCELLATIONS: If requested prior to January 1st - full refund less a \$250 *Administrative Fee* to cover costs already incurred. On/after January 1st - we can only refund your payment (less the \$250 *Administrative Fee*) if you can locate someone else to take your place on our Trip.

LATE BOOKINGS: After March 1 [when all Trip planning is complete] we reserve the right to charge an additional administrative fee of up to \$250 to cover the added cost normally created by a last minute booking. **Bottom line:** get your reservations in early.

LATE PAYMENT FEE: \$100, per person, per payment for participants who fail to make a scheduled installment by the due date(s) shown.

BUMP RULE: If we have a waiting list [folks who want to join us on the River and there is no space available - as we have in many years], we reserve the right to cancel a person's reservation if he/she is late with a scheduled payment. Sorry, but ...

AGE RESTRICTION: Some Canyon Trips are advertised as being for people from 8 to 80. From the beginning we have set 14 as our minimum age for a Trip Participant. Yes, we will "negotiate" if/when YOU take all responsibility, but most people agree that 14 is a good minimum-age for our Trips.

**ALL OF OUR GRAND CANYON TRIPS ARE
TOTALLY NON-SMOKING.**

TRANSPORTATION PLANS TO AND FROM FLAG: Your ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES Trip is a Flagstaff to Flagstaff Trip. Anyone who arrives late or attempts to leave early does so at his/her own risk. We cannot guarantee that

your luggage will arrive on time or the exact time of our return to Flagstaff on day nine.

Do yourself a favor ... Stay overnight in Flagstaff the day we come off the River and join us for dinner. Airlines can be uncertain - don't cut it too close!

More about Motel Accommodations in Flagstaff, Equipment, Personal Gear, and Travel will be sent to you along with your Trip Confirmation.

Join Us in the Canyon in 2017!

Previous Trips have been fantastic, and we usually are able to say, "every Trip is better than the one before." We are looking forward to 2017 in part because of those of you reading this who have told us that 2017 is *definitely* your year to join us in the Canyon. We hope you will give yourself the opportunity to have the type of experience that led a previous participant to write ...

"This Trip was the greatest thing I have ever done. Wilderness tends to reconcile me with those who are absent, by withdrawing temporarily from others we can be brought closer to them."

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ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES, INC. Scholarship Fund

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES has been granted tax-exempt status by the IRS pursuant to Sec. 501(c)(3), which means a person may make a donation to ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES for scholarship purposes and deduct this contribution from his/her income tax. Won't you consider a donation to this Fund? "Ground rules" for awarding ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES scholarships are available to donors and applicants. Please write or call if you wish to receive more information.



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2017 TRIP REGISTRATION FORM

(Please return with deposit.)

The number of participants allowed on each ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES, INC. Grand Canyon Colorado River Trip is limited. Trip assignments are *first come, first served*, by earliest postmark date. To book your reservation, we will need this information...

Your Name(s): _____

Address(es): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: [_____] _____ Evening Phone: [_____] _____

Email: _____ Fax: [_____] _____

The dates for this year's Grand Canyon Trip are **July 31-August 6, 2017.**

Please indicate your T-shirt Size(s)

MEN'S SMALL _____ **MEN'S MEDIUM** _____
Number Number

MEN'S LARGE _____ **MEN'S X-LARGE** _____
Number Number

My Initial Deposit [\$1000 per Participant x [#] _____ Participants - Check Payable to ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES, INC.] is enclosed. (We do not accept credit cards.) Subsequent payments of \$1000 per participant are due December 15, 2016, January 15, 2017 and \$400 on March 1, 2017. A \$100 late fee - per participant, per payment - may be charged for payments not received by the due date. See Brochure for details.

Thank you for your interest. As we get closer to our time in the Canyon, more information will be sent to you. If, in the meantime, you have questions, please ask them here, send us a note [the address is shown below or via E-Mail], or give us a call at (330) 465-1860. Don't forget to enclose your initial deposit. Thanks!

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