2012 Program Catalog

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Come Get Your Feet Wet!

Grand Canyon Youth (GCY) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Flagstaff, Arizona for youth ages 11-19. Our program is about sharing the adventure, learning and beauty only a river trip can provide. Feel the exhilaration of whitewater, hike through ancient canyons, play in waterfalls, give back to your community, learn about your environment, make new friends, move beyond your comfort zone, and work as part of a team. A river trip can be a truly transformational experience, especially for youth. Join us!

A Quality Program at an Affordable Price
GCY has been providing experiential river education programs for over 10 years. As a nonprofit organization we work hard to raise funds to keep the price of our programs as affordable as possible. In fact, GCY covers over 70% of the cost! The price of your river program includes: detailed pre-trip support, professional guides, transportation to and from the river, meals, river equipment, sleeping supplies and waterproof bags. Financial aid is available.

Our Philosophy
We believe that every youth, regardless of background, can benefit from time on the river! Our educational philosophy is to inspire curiosity in the individual, the community, and the natural world. Through our program, youth participate fully in every aspect of their experience, from paddling boats to setting up camp to presenting educational projects.
What parents and participants say:
• 100% felt their safety needs were met.
• 100% would recommend GCY to others.
• 100% of parents felt GCY provided their child with an educational experience.

How it Works
Participating in a GCY program is more than showing up at the river. The places we take you are so special we believe you should earn your spot on the trip, by committing in three ways:
• Community service: Get involved, step outside your comfort zone, learn more about your community and help others!
• Prepare an educational project: Get curious about where you will be traveling and choose a topic of interest by preparing a 10-minute interactive presentation to share with your peers while on the river.
• Earn a portion of the trip cost: This ensures that you are responsible and invested in getting the most out of your river program.

More information about pre-trip requirements will be sent to you with the application packet.

Custom Group Programs
If you are interested in experiencing the river with a group, GCY partners with schools and other youth organizations across the United States. Our staff works directly with you to plan your educational adventure. We can accommodate up to 25 people. Programs run March-August. Contact info@gcyouth.org for more information.

Getting Started:
Submit your program interest form online early to ensure your first date priority at www.gcyouth.org. Trips fill on a first-come, first-serve basis. Dates are subject to change. We are here to help you every step of the way.
Grand Canyon

Discover one of the natural wonders of the world

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PARTNERS IN SCIENCE PROGRAMS

Few outdoor experiences can compare to rafting the Colorado River through Grand Canyon. During this 9- or 10-day trip you will ride through exhilarating whitewater and hike magnificent side canyons. You will also be an active participant in collecting data alongside scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey. You don’t have to love science to love these trips. Sleep under the stars, try new things and let the magic of the river transform you!  Ages 16-19

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MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVENTURE

Jump feet first into the San Juan River in Southeastern Utah to explore the interactions between fish, bugs, plants and other river life. As part of this 6-day program, youth have the opportunity to work alongside scientists to collect data related to this amazing river. Learn about how invasive species have changed the ecology of the river and the ongoing efforts to restore it. If you’ve ever wondered how fish see in muddy water, come learn the answer to this and many other intriguing questions. This is a great introductory river experience for middle school students. Ages 11-14

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NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH ARTISTS PROGRAM

This innovative 4-day program is for Native American youth interested in developing their artistic skills against the stunning backdrop of the San Juan River. Each participant receives their own art kit to use while renowned Diné artist, Baje Whitethorne, provides artistic guidance. Participants keep their kits so they can continue their artistic journey at home. At the end of the trip each participant donates a piece of finished artwork to include in the traveling Native youth art exhibit. Ages 15-19

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WILDERNESS EXPLORER

Discover the amazing complexity and beauty of the Colorado River watershed! This program travels north through the heart of the Southwest for 9 fun-filled days where participants camp, hike and visit local museums to deepen their understanding of the Colorado Plateau. The program culminates with a Green River trip through Gates of Lodore in Utah. Dig deeper, get dirty and play hard! Ages 16-19

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Sign Up! Your journey has just begun!

Detach and return this form to receive your application and additional program information. This form is available electronically on our website: gcyouth.org.

Participant Name: ____________________________________________________________________
First Name Last Name

Parent/Guardian Name: _______________________________________________________________
First Name Last Name

Mailing Address: _____________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________
City State Zip

Phone: (______) ___________________________  Email: _________________________________

School: __________________________________           Age: ______ Grade: 7 8 9 10 11 12

Trips fill on a first-come, first-serve basis. Get your interest form in soon to ensure your first date priority!

Participants can go on one Grand Canyon trip per year. Dates are subject to change.

Send to: Grand Canyon Youth, P.O. Box 23376 Flagstaff, AZ 86002
Please call us at 928.773.7921 or email us at admin@gcyouth.org if you have questions.

Please tell us which trip you would like to participate in:

___RR 1 (June 22-July 2)
___RR 2 (June 29-July 9)
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___GRIN (June 27 - July 8)
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___NAYA (June 26-29)
___WE (July 7-15)