



**GRAND  
CANYON  
YOUTH**  
*discover your nature*



# 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](mailto: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](http://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*

PARTNERS IN SCIENCE • RIM TO RIVER • GRAND INSPIRATION

## 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*

Trip Code	Dates	Cost	Section	Service Requirement
<b>GC1</b>	June 20 - 28	\$840	Upper	16 hours
<b>GC2</b>	June 27 - July 6	\$945	Lower	16 hours
<b>GC3</b>	July 18 - 26	\$840	Upper	16 hours
<b>GC4</b>	July 25 - Aug 3	\$945	Lower	16 hours

# RIM TO RIVER PROGRAMS

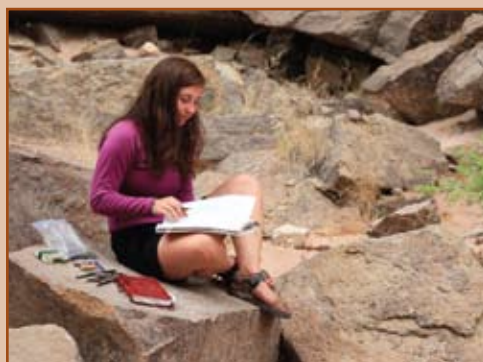
See the Grand Canyon from two different perspectives - from the top of the rim to the depths of the canyon. This 11-day program includes spending a few days at the South Rim involved in service projects, getting to know your peers and working as a team, before embarking on an exciting river trip. Once on the river, the hands-on activities continue as you assist in research projects with Grand Canyon scientists, hike gorgeous side canyons and ride the famous whitewater of the Colorado River. This trip is in collaboration with Grand Canyon National Park. *Ages 15-19*



Trip Code	Dates	Cost	Section	Service Requirement
<b>RR1</b>	June 22 - July 2	\$1100	Upper Half	16 hours
<b>RR2</b>	June 29 - July 9	\$1100	Lower Half	16 hours
<b>RR3</b>	July 27 - Aug 6	\$1100	Lower Half	16 hours

## GRAND INSPIRATION:

*Grand Canyon through the eyes of young artists*



The Grand Canyon has inspired artists, writers and photographers for generations. During this 12-day program, participants will immerse themselves in the beauty of the Grand Canyon and record their unique perspectives. Guided by professional artists, participants will spend a few days after their journey compiling their stories to share with

visitors at the South Rim. Youth will travel on 22ft motorboats while on the river. This program requires a submission of a piece of writing or artwork. *DEADLINE: April 20, 2012 Ages 15-19*

Trip Code	Dates	Cost	Section	Service Requirement
<b>GRIN</b>	June 27 - July 8	\$1115	Full-Length	16 hours

# Jump in!

## Discover rivers of the Southwest

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVENTURE • NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH ARTISTS PROGRAM • WILDERNESS EXPLORER



### 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**

Trip Code	Dates	Cost	Section	Service Requirement
<b>MSA</b>	June 13 - 18	\$625	Lower San Juan	8 hours

### 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**

Trip Code	Dates	Cost	Section	Service Requirement
<b>NAYA</b>	June 26 - 29	\$150	Upper San Juan	8 hours



### 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**

Trip Code	Dates	Cost	Section	Service Requirement
<b>WE1</b>	July 7-15	\$1150	Gates of Lodore	16 hours

# Application Process

Return Program Interest Form  
(below)

Receive application and full  
program description

Return your completed  
application & deposit to  
GCY to secure your spot

## GRAND CANYON YOUTH 2012 CATALOG Program Interest Form

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

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](http://gcyouth.org).

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

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](mailto:admin@gcyouth.org) if you have questions.

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\_\_\_ WE (July 7-15)

*Thanks to our  
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