

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

APRIL 2022 Camping Trip



Join us this Spring Break for a camping adventure in Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona! We are heading to this amazing destination to experience God's magnificent creation, learn about God through the hearing of His Word, to have fun, and to build lasting relationships and memories!

Activities

- A two-night backpacking trek from the canyon rim down to the Colorado River and back along a seldom used remote route. (some will opt out of this segment and choose activities on the rim). [South Bass Trail, 7.5 mi rim to river, with 4400 feet elevation. Stenuous]

[NPS Trail Description](#)

- Remote base camp perched on the rim of the canyon with numerous above-rim and below-rim hiking options.
- Visiting the visitor's center and various south-rim observation points.
- Night hike under the stars.
- Afternoon at the pool, Kingman, AZ.
- Sleeping under the stars and evenings around a campfire.
- Overcoming the hostility of the desert environment.



Trip Dates:

Sunday, 10 April to Sunday, 17 April, 2022

Note: We are starting and ending near Las Vegas, the closest transportation hub to the Grand Canyon. Meeting in LV on Sunday the 10th, and ending in LV on the evening of the 16th. We can pick up at airport, or some may prefer to coordinate a carpool drive to LV. Contact for further details.

THE HEAVENS PROCLAIM THE GLORY OF GOD.

THE SKIES DISPLAY HIS CRAFTSMANSHIP.

DAY AFTER DAY THEY CONTINUE TO SPEAK;

NIGHT AFTER NIGHT THEY MAKE HIM KNOWN.

THEY SPEAK WITHOUT A SOUND OR WORD; THEIR VOICE IS NEVER HEARD.

YET THEIR MESSAGE HAS GONE THROUGHOUT THE EARTH,

AND THEIR WORDS TO ALL THE WORLD.
—PSALM 19:1-4

The not-so-fine print: This trip is not a cushy guided tour! It is a camping adventure where every participant is a member of a team and helps out with setting up camp, cooking, clean-up, etc. The Grand Canyon is a notoriously harsh environment, and potential for excitement is high! Our remote backcountry campsites do not have toilets, water, or any amenities other than what we carry with us. We sleep on the ground under the stars or in tents with the wildlife. Temperatures in April can be very pleasant on the rim during the day and can drop below freezing at night. Down in the canyon, temperatures can easily exceed 100 degrees. Wind and sand or rain storms can come up unexpectedly, which can make camp functions like cooking, eating, setting up tents, taking the shovel into the desert for a bathroom visit, and sleeping very difficult. There are limited opportunities for bathing during the trip. Weather, vehicle problems or flat tires could alter plans. That being said, we have always had a blast, even with the challenges - one thing that is guaranteed is lasting memories! An adventurous spirit and a flexible attitude are required items on the packing list!



Cost: The cost for this 8-day trip is \$450. A \$50 deposit holds your spot. Costs cover food, fuel, transportation to and from Las Vegas, supplies, park fees, a meal out, replacing, repairing, and upgrading equipment, and a small portion towards a scholarship fund to help those who are unable to afford the full trip cost. We do not want financial hardship to be a reason anyone does not go – please contact the trip coordinator to ask about financial aid if there is a need.

Who: We ask that any child under the age of 10 be accompanied by an older responsible person. All minor participants will require a signed permission slip, release of liability, and a medical release form. Adult participants are understood to be fully responsible for themselves and their accompanying minor children.

Equipment: The packing list is posted on the website. Minimal camping specific gear required. Warm clothing will be a must.

Contact: For questions, details, or to reserve a spot, please contact: **David Kissner**
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Space is limited! Please contact us as soon as possible if interested.

We (Stacy, David, Ittai, and Truckee) love to spend our free time camping and adventuring as a family enjoying God's great Creation. We are so blessed to live in such a remarkable and diverse natural area! We gain even greater joy by being able to share these remarkable experiences with others, and we hope that your child – or your whole family - will be able to join us. This is my 14th year organizing and leading trips for youth and families into the deserts, mountains, national parks, and mountain biking trails of the Western U.S. We hope to reflect, in some small way, the love that God has shown to us through organizing these adventures. A highlight for me is having the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus through engaging stories from the Bible in a setting of some of God's most magnificent creation. Hope to see you on the trail!