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Serving the Palatki Heritage Site to promote healthy lifestyles and environmental appreciation while working on trail maintenance and restoration.

Overview: In collaboration with Recreational Sports' Outdoor Adventure Center, this trip provides a transformational blend of service and outdoor adventure in the Grand Canyon of Arizona. The trip begins with a flight to Phoenix, Arizona and a quick one hour drive to the beautiful Red Rock region of Sedona. Adventure activities include backpacking, cave exploration, rafting, and lots of hiking between activities. Housing during the trip will consist of 1-2 nights in a hostel and camping in backcountry remote settings in a tent. Tents, sleeping bags, mats, backpacks, and rafting equipment are provided. Physical fitness is required both for the service project and the Grand Canyon backpacking portion of the trip. **The physicality level of this trip is extremely high and participants should be able to hike long days, carry full and heavy backpacks and be in hot weather.**

Day-to-day: Students will be serving the [Palatki Heritage Site](#) in the Coconino National Forest, a site visited by thousands each year. Restoration work and manual labor will ensure access for many years to come. Interpretive guides will share the story of Native Americans who used these cliff dwellings hundreds of years ago and the importance of keeping these heritage sites for future generations. Following this work, students will continue north and begin a challenging, bucket-list backpack into the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon. Over 2.5 days, the group will be backpacking 15-20 miles, camping below the rim of the Grand Canyon for two nights. Finally, the trip concludes with two days of whitewater rafting at the bottom of the Grand Canyon, complete with travertine waterfalls and river side camping. Impromptu service projects in the Canyon will arise based on group ability and direction from Park Rangers.

The Nitty-Gritty Details: Participants should expect to take their own spending money for any additional personal purchases (souvenirs), and \$40 total for meals while in airports. **This trip will be filled through an application review and interview process. This trip application is due on January 14th. All applicants will be contacted for an interview to be held in late January. Trip Dates are May 7-20, 2018.**

SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Phoenix/Sedona, AZ

Price: \$3000

Trip Price includes:

- Food
- Transportation (flight and shuttles)
- Lodging
- Grand Canyon permits
- Adventure activities listed in the trip description

Transportation: Students will fly to Arizona and back

Housing: Camping

Meals: Not provided by site

Social Justice Issue:



Physicality Level: VERY High

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