

# BUCK-I-SERV

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

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 2.5 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.

**This is a STEP Approved Trip:** Use your STEP funds for an truly transformational experience. The trip is also open to students who are not in the STEP program!

**Trip fee includes:** All transportation (including flights), lodging, food & group gear.

**This is a backcountry and frontcountry trip:** For parts of the trip participants will sleep in tents and there will be no access to showers, running water, or other modern amenities. There will also be frontcountry stays in Hostels with access to showers. Trip leaders will teach participants how to dispose of waste properly by following Leave No Trace ethics.

**Difficulty level:** 4+ out of 5. Please reference the [OAC Physical Challenge Scale](#) for additional fitness information.

**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 19, 2020. Applicants will be contacted with details for the selection process to be held in late January/early February. Trip Dates are May 4-17, 2020.**

## SPECIFICATIONS

**Location:** Phoenix/Sedona, AZ

**Price:** \$2,300

**Dates:** May 4-17, 2020

**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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