

Greetings Everyone,

I guess this is my first e-mail to everyone. The only people not included in this mailing list are [REDACTED] - so I'm counting on [REDACTED] to get word out to these folks.

I assume Leo and Andrew have been in contact with those of you who I haven't met yet - although I've not met Leo face-to-face yet either. I am the one who is handling a great deal of the logistical planning so the whole trip will hopefully run real smooth.

First things first, it is time to commit to the trip. Everyone needs to send Leo \$100 each to confirm a spot on the trip. This is the amount that is charged by the Park Service for a permit.

I am looking a budget of around \$850 per person, which will include food, gear, permits, etc. It is only an estimate at this point though, so don't be terribly surprised if the price goes up a bit over this. But I think it is fairly realistic though - I certainly wouldn't expect it to hit \$1000 - and on the other hand it may even be a bit lower. Also be aware that this amount does not include travel to the canyon or food and accommodations along the way.

So that everyone will be able to plan adequately, here are a couple potential itineraries for our trip. The river miles are very rough and will be worked out somewhat on the fly, but here they are:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Start Mile</u> | <u>End Mile</u> | <u>Miles</u> | <u>End Camp</u> |
|-------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 8-Jul | ABQ | in ABQ to deal | | | ABQ Hotel |
| 9-Jul | ABQ | ABQ | Flag | | Flag Hotel |
| 10-Jul | Flagstaff | in Flag AM to deal | | | Flag Hotel |
| 11-Jul | Rigging | drive AM, rig PM | 0 | | Lee's Ferry |
| 12-Jul | 1 | 0 | 17 | 17 | House Rock |
| 13-Jul | 2 | 17 | 29 | 12 | Silver Grotto |
| 14-Jul | 3 | 29 | 41 | 12 | Buck Farm |
| 15-Jul | 4 | 41 | 52 | 11 | Nankoweap |
| 16-Jul | 5 | 52 | 72 | 20 | Unkar |
| 17-Jul | 6 | 72 | 87 | 15 | Cremation |
| 18-Jul | 7 | 87 | 98 | 11 | Crystal |
| 19-Jul | 8 | 98 | 108 | 10 | Bass |
| 20-Jul | 9 | 108 | 125 | 17 | Fossil |
| 21-Jul | 10 | 125 | 133 | 8 | Tapeats |
| 22-Jul | 11 | 133 | 148 | 15 | Matkat |
| 23-Jul | 12 | 148 | 166 | 18 | National |
| 24-Jul | 13 | 166 | 178 | 12 | Vulcan's Anvil |
| 25-Jul | 14 | 178 | 192 | 14 | Fat City |
| 26-Jul | 15 | 192 | 207 | 15 | Indian Canyon |
| 27-Jul | 16 | 207 | 220 | 13 | Mile 220 |
| 28-Jul | 17 | | extra day | | layover somewhere |
| 29-Jul | 18 | 220 | 226 | 6 | Flag Hotel |

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| 15-Jul | 4 | 41 | 52 | 11 | Nankoweep |
| 16-Jul | 5 | 52 | 74 | 22 | Rattlesnake |
| 17-Jul | 6 | 74 | 92 | 18 | Salt Creek |
| 18-Jul | 7 | 92 | 107 | 15 | Wheeler |
| 19-Jul | 8 | 107 | 122 | 15 | Blacktail Canyon |
| 20-Jul | 9 | 122 | 134 | 12 | Tapeats |
| 21-Jul | 10 | 134 | 137 | 3 | Pancho's Kitchen |
| 22-Jul | 11 | 137 | 151 | 14 | Ledges |
| 23-Jul | 12 | 151 | 166 | 15 | National |
| 24-Jul | 13 | 166 | 188 | 22 | Whitmore |
| 25-Jul | 14 | 188 | 209 | 21 | Granite Park |
| 26-Jul | 15 | 209 | 220 | 11 | Mile 220 |
| 27-Jul | 16 | | extra day | | layover somewhere |
| 28-Jul | 17 | | extra day | | layover somewhere |
| 29-Jul | 18 | 220 | 226 | 6 | Flag Hotel |
| 30-Jul | Flagstaff | in Flag to deal | | | Flag? ABQ? |

Note in particular the days at either end of the trip that will be needed to adequately prep. Hopefully most people who are driving will be able to rendezvous in Albuquerque sometime on the 8th.

For those of you who are going to change out at Phantom Ranch, it looks like we will be passing by Phantom on Day 8 (July 19), fairly early in the morning. But this is still in the planning processes.

I will be sending out an e-mail soon with somewhat of a questionnaire on it. We'll be wanting adequate emergency contact info, I'll need to know of any dietary restrictions, etc.

So until then.... get very, very psyched!!

Ciao,