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GRAND CANYON TOUR 2019

(September 10-13)

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What about meals?

All your meals will be included in the tour with the exception of Sunday evening, on our return leg to San Diego when inexpensive but good dining options will be made available. Snacks and water will also be provided for both bus and trail. Pack no food or cooking gear for this trip!

How will we get there?

A luxury 50-seat, air-conditioned motor coach will be chartered for the trip with bathroom, P/A system, and DVD/powerpoint capability for teaching enroute. We will depart early Friday morning from the SCS campus in El Cajon and return on Sunday night. Rest stops are planned throughout the day so as to minimize use of the onboard toilet; and water and snacks will be provided. We expect to make a brief stop along the I-15 corridor as it passes through the L.A./Inland Empire area to accommodate guests from there. You will be “among family” in the bus, and so we anticipate a fun time of sharing, teaching, fellowship, and teaching while enroute. Actual driving time is approximately 9 hours.

Who will be going?

Students, faculty and alumni of the SCS family will be given first priority followed by SDCC students and the greater community. Family, friends (including skeptics), and children age 13 and above are welcome. Younger ones of high maturity are also welcome. Secure your seat early for this field trip by returning your application form and \$50 deposit. The deposit is fully refundable until August 13, 2019, when full payment is due.

What can I expect to see?

We plan to be on the rim of Grand Canyon during sunrises and sunsets so dress accordingly and bring your camera! On Saturday morning we plan to rise early for a leisurely hike into the Canyon. Round trip distance will be about 4 miles, but with an elevation drop of about 1,200 feet it can be a challenge for some. Our pace will be leisurely, however, in order to enjoy teaching points along the way. This is a true Grand Canyon experience! In addition, we expect to view the Canyon from the vantage of at least four different South Rim overlooks.

What can I expect to gain from the field trip?

Expect to have your view of Creation and the Flood expanded in a setting of great beauty and Christian fellowship. Faculty, staff, and students will have opportunity to get to know one another in an informal and enjoyable setting. A brief guidebook that helps introduce the Canyon will be issued to you as well as a trip itinerary. In addition, you will receive expert biblical and scientific instruction that will challenge you to think about creation, the Flood, the origin of the Canyon, and its amazing rocks and fossils. Ample time will be given for lots of pictures!

Who will be leading the trip?

Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, Jeremy Lyon (Ph.D. Old Testament) will take a lead in teaching Biblical history and adjunct science professor Bill Hoesch (M.S. geology) will lead in teaching geology and earth history. Together these professors have logged considerable time in the Canyon so you will be learning from experienced guides. Other leaders are likely to share in devotions and worship while at the Canyon and while enroute.

* If born after Sept 12, 2001, additional parent/guardian authorization will be required.

What is the expected weather?

Daytime highs on the South Rim can be likely to be in the upper 80s with overnight lows in the upper 40s. Mather Campground, where we will spend two nights, is at 7,000 feet elevation, where brisk mornings and evenings can be expected but T-shirts and shorts will probably be comfortable wear for most of the day. Rain and gusty winds are not likely but are always a possibility at this elevation. Plan on breezy conditions when we gather at the rim for viewing sunsets.

What will our campsite be like?

Mather Campground is situated 0.7 miles from the rim at an elevation of 7,000 feet in a pinyon pine and juniper forest. Bathrooms and showers are within 50 yards, and Canyon Village, a complex of restaurants, general store, and post office, is within 0.25 miles. We will have an entire group-site to ourselves for two nights, including picnic tables, fire pit, nearby water faucet, and tent sites for 50 campers.

What must I pack?

You will be responsible to bring your own sleeping bag, pad or cot, tent, flashlight, and basic camping gear (a checklist will be supplied you). Those electing to sleep “under the stars” should be prepared for the unlikely event of a rain shower. You will not need to pack food, cook kit, or camp stove because meals will be provided with the exception of one, when inexpensive options will be available. A small backpack is advised for carrying incidentals such as camera, sunscreen, notebook, and water bottle. A hat with a broad brim and chin-strap, sunglasses, and sunscreen are essential items in the Canyon. Personal belongings and camping gear should all fit into two compact duffles or backpack for traveling. Storage space on our bus is very limited and so plan on leaving bulky camping items behind, such as large mattresses, lounge chairs, or excessive bedding items.

What activities are planned?

We will have only an evening, a full day on Saturday, and a morning at the Canyon and so we plan to take full advantage of daylight. This is particularly true of sunrises and sunsets when Canyon viewing is optimal. Saturday will begin with an early start and all-morning hike on either the S. Kaibab Trail or the world-famous Bright Angel trail. Later in the day we will visit several overlooks and enjoy teaching along the way. Early risers on Sunday may explore the rim on foot and enjoy the sunrise at their leisure but we will reconvene as a group for a breakfast buffet in the Arizona Room and group photos, before departing the Canyon.

How rigorous will the hike be?

Our Saturday morning hike will cover about 4 miles round trip, but with an elevation drop of about 1,200 feet it can be a challenge for some. Plan for this. Our pace will be leisurely, however, in order to enjoy teaching points along the way. We expect to return to the rim by noon along the same trail, which allows five-plus hours in the Canyon. We plan to walk as a group and safety instruction will be given. Expect temperatures to rise sharply as the sun climbs and shade becomes less available. For safety reasons we must ask that you obey trip leaders and not wander from the group without prior permission. Hiking boots are recommended but other footwear such as sneakers are okay.

How secure is the campsite?

This is a National Park campground where belongings are commonly left unguarded for part or all of the day, but theft is always a possibility. Although we anticipate the campsite to be attended by at least one trip leader for most of the weekend, this cannot be guaranteed, and so you will have to take responsibility for protection of personal property. You will have opportunity to stow valuables in the locked bus both nights and during the days.

We look forward to seeing you in the Canyon of canyons!