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GRAND CANYON NORTH RIM TO CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAYS

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – The National Park Service invites the public to the 14th annual Native American Heritage Days on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. Native American Heritage Days began in 1993 as “Paiute Days”, and was designed to honor the last Native American group to occupy the North Rim of what became Grand Canyon National Park. In 1997 the event was extended to include all native groups with cultural ties to the Grand Canyon.

The event begins on Friday, August 3, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., with a nature walk that begins at the park’s North Rim Visitor Center, and will conclude with an 8:00 p.m. evening program ~*Hopi Hair Styles ~ From Childhood to Marriage*, on Saturday, August 4. Programmed activities will take place in various locations throughout the North Rim developed area each of the two days. Please inquire at the North Rim Visitor Center for a complete list of event activities, as well as the times and locations of each. If you are visiting the South Rim, you may also inquire at the Visitor Center, which is located in the Canyon View Information Plaza, or at Tusayan Museum along Desert View Drive.

This event celebrates the rich diversity of the Colorado Plateau, Arizona Strip, and cultures that have contributed to what Grand Canyon is today. Activities will focus on native traditions and skills, including Hopi, Paiute and Navajo cultures. Special programs will be offered on subjects ranging from ethno-botany to Native American flute, and dance. All programs offered in the park newspaper, *The Guide*, will be given as scheduled and may be given by guest speakers.

Support for this event is provided from donations received through the Grand Canyon Association, Xanterra Parks and Resorts, Flagstaff Area Parks and Pipe Spring National Monument.

Advance overnight lodging reservations for North Rim facilities may be made by contacting Xanterra Parks and Resorts, central reservations office in Denver, Colorado at their toll free number (888) 297-2757. Advance reservations for the North Rim Campground can be made on line at www.recreation.gov or by calling (877) 444-6777. Campground reservations can be made up to five months in advance. For additional information about Native American Heritage Days, please contact Robin Tellis, North Rim District Interpreter, at (928) 638-7739. For additional information about Grand Canyon National Park, please call (928) 638-7888 or visit our website at www.nps.gov/grca.

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