

# 2012 Schedule of Classes



## Welcome to the Canyon's Premier Outdoor Education Program!

The Grand Canyon Field Institute (GCFI) is a leading provider of exciting learning adventures in Grand Canyon National Park. Whether you are a newcomer to our program, or one of more than ten thousand alumni, we invite you to join us for a world-class experience! This publication is designed to provide an overview of GCFI, including our class schedule for 2012. Visit our website at [www.grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute](http://www.grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute) for more detailed information on individual classes and instructors, as well as photographs, interactive maps and much more.

## What Is the Grand Canyon Field Institute?

GCFI is an outdoor education program that offers exciting learning opportunities throughout the year at Grand Canyon National Park. Since our inception in 1993, GCFI has worked in partnership with the National Park Service to help share the rich natural and cultural history of this iconic park. We accomplish this important mission by placing small groups of Grand Canyon enthusiasts in the company of our expert instructors. Whether it's a rim walk, backpack or whitewater-rafting trip, participants hear an expert's take on this world-class resource, while enjoying what has often been described as the "trip of a lifetime." GCFI hosts up to 2,000 participants each year. Classes can be grouped into three broad categories including **Single-Day Classes and Tours**, **Multi-Day Rim Classes** and **Backcountry Classes**.

## Single-Day Classes and Tours

GCFI offers a popular single-day class called *Meet the Canyon*. This privately guided tour is ideal for families and small groups. Beginning in the Historic Village District on the South Rim, an expert instructor will lead your party on a series of short hikes along and below the rim. The topics are as wide-ranging as the magnificent scenery, but will always include geology, ecology, and archaeology, as well as pioneer and Native American history. Our *Meet the Canyon* class can be found in the "Family Classes" section of our website.

## Multi-Day Rim Classes

Our multi-day, rim classes take place on both the North and South Rims, and allow participants to spend nights on their own in either a hotel (out-of-pocket) or in complimentary campsites. Classes that are offered in this format include those that focus on photography, wildlife, archaeology, botany and yoga. One of the more popular offerings in this category is our *Learning & Lodging* package, which includes two nights of lodging, meals, in-park transportation and two full days in the field with a GCFI expert. See "Family Classes" for more information on *Learning & Lodging*. Other multi-day, rim-based classes can be found by genre on our website.

## Backcountry Classes

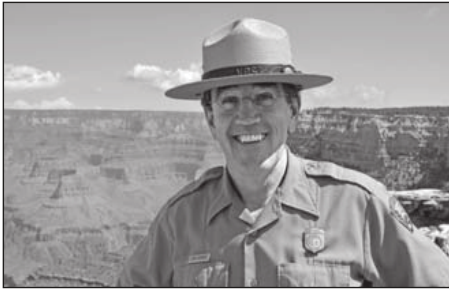
For those able to carry a heavy backpack over Grand Canyon's challenging terrain, our backcountry classes offer a chance to explore the canyon from the inside out. From introductory to expedition-level backpacking, GCFI takes qualified participants to many of the canyon's most intriguing destinations. A yearly, interdisciplinary whitewater rafting trip is also available. Our backcountry classes are listed by genre throughout our website.

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Photograph courtesy of the National Park Service.

## National Park Service Partnership

“The Grand Canyon Field Institute and its parent, the Grand Canyon Association, are valued partners in meeting the educational and experiential goals of Grand Canyon National Park. GCFI has the full endorsement of the National Park Service.”

*David V. Uberuaga*

David Uberuaga, Superintendent  
Grand Canyon National Park

## Grand Canyon Association Get involved and be a part of something grand!

GCFI is a program of the Grand Canyon Association (GCA). GCA is a nonprofit membership organization created in 1932 to cultivate knowledge, discovery and stewardship for the benefit of Grand Canyon National Park and its visitors. GCA is a publisher, the official fundraiser for Grand Canyon National Park, and a provider of numerous exhibits and public lectures both in the park and throughout the region. The mission of the Grand Canyon Association is to help preserve and protect Grand Canyon National Park by cultivating support, education and understanding of the park. Find out more about GCA, their many wonderful sale products and the benefits of membership, including discounts on most GCFI classes, at [www.grandcanyon.org](http://www.grandcanyon.org).



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## What Your Class Fee Includes

Your class fee includes expert instruction by leading Grand Canyon scientists, authors, researchers, historians and naturalists (see website for biographies); backpacking and camping permits; free camping immediately before/after class (where applicable); and an educational park entrance-fee waiver. Select classes include meals, lodging, gear and/or mule pack services. See our website for details.

## Grand Canyon Trail Fund

A journey below the rim of the Grand Canyon is often a life-changing experience. The trails that provide access to this world-class backcountry are in need of constant monitoring and repair by the National Park Service trail crew. Your generous donation will help ensure that future generations will be able to carry on the centuries-old tradition of enjoying the marvels of Grand Canyon on foot. To make a donation, visit the GCFI website and click the homepage link to the “Grand Canyon Trail Fund.”

## Am I Ready for the Grand Canyon?

We design all of our classes to highlight the beauty, drama and interpretative themes of Grand Canyon. Whether you are joining us for a single-day rim class or a weeklong backpack in the canyon, it is imperative that you honestly access your ability to accomplish the physical tasks required. Our website provides a difficulty scale, topographic maps and photographs of the terrain for each class to help with the decision-making process. All participants are required to complete a Health Questionnaire before being approved for any class that involves whitewater rafting or overnight backpacking.

## How to Contact the Grand Canyon Field Institute

Telephone: (928) 638-2485 or toll-free (866) 471-4435

Facsimile: (928) 638-2484

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Website: <http://www.grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute>

E-mail: [gcfi@grandcanyon.org](mailto:gcfi@grandcanyon.org)



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## 2012 Calendar of Classes

### January

9–12 Winter Photography

### February

22–24 Wilderness First Responder Recertification

### March

5–10 Grandview to Kaibab Archaeo-Geology Backpack

12–15 Take a Load Off: Mule-Assisted Camping

19–22 Introductory Backpack

29–4/1 Phantom Ranch Natural & Cultural History (women only)

### April

4–9 Clear Creek Natural History Backpack

9–12 Introductory Backpack

17–23 Hermit to Boucher Springs Backpack

23–27 Hands-On Archaeology

30–5/3 Take a Load Off: Mule-Assisted Camping

### May

14–17 Take a Load Off: Mule-Assisted Camping

14–17 Introductory Backpack

20–25 Rim-to-Rim Geology Backpack

23–28 Rim-to-Rim Natural History Backpack

25–30 Hermit to Bright Angel Natural History Backpack

30–6/4 Rim-to-Rim Natural History Backpack

### June

4–7 Introductory Backpack

8–17 Wilderness First Responder Training

19–21 Wilderness First Responder Recertification

20–22 Creative Writing Workshop

23–24 Archaeoastronomy

25–29 ABCs of Off-Trail Hiking

### July

13–15 Ecology on the Edge

20–24 North Rim Trail Sampler

27–29 Yoga with a View

### August

3–5 Geology on the Edge

6–9 South Rim Monsoon Photography

10–12 History on the Edge

27–30 Introductory Backpack

### September

10–15 Rim-to-Rim Natural History Backpack

16–21 Plein Air Painting Workshop

17–20 Take a Load Off: Mule-Assisted Camping (women only)

24–28 Havasu Canyon Natural History Backpack

26–10/1 Rim-to-Rim Natural History Backpack

### October

1–6 Hermit to Bright Angel Geology Backpack

4–9 Rim-to-Rim Natural History Backpack

7–12 Rim-to-Rim Geology Backpack

10–16 Rim-to-Rim Photography Backpack

13–14 Fiber Arts Workshop

15–18 Introductory Backpack

16–19 Take a Load Off: Mule-Assisted Camping

19–21 Yoga with a View

21–27 Tapeats, Stone and Deer Creek Backpack

### November

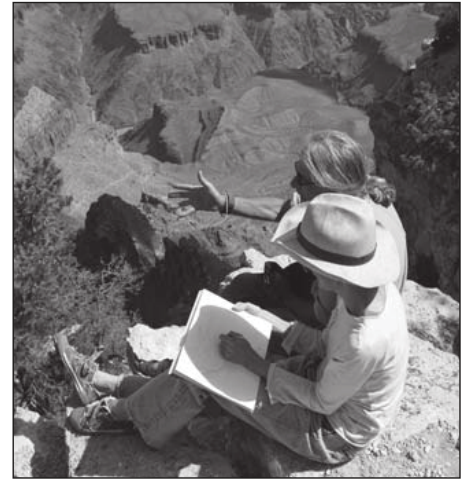
5–8 Introductory Backpack

18–21 Take a Load Off: Mule-Assisted Camping

See website for details on our single-day

“Meet the Canyon” and multi-day

“Learning & Lodging” programs for families and groups!



### GCFI Instructors

GCFI is proud of its outstanding team of instructors. Up-to-date class assignments and instructor biographies are available on our website.

Bruce Aiken	Jennifer Marshall
Stewart Aitchison	Charles Matheus
Mike Anderson, PhD	Melanie Miles
Bryan Bates	Steve Monroe
Gary Bolton, PhD	Tom Myers, MD
Kim Buchheit	Jack Pennington
Mike Buchheit	Andre Potochnik, PhD
Bob Craft	Wayne Ranney
Jeff Fearnside	Glenn Rink
Linda Glover Gooch	Laurel Roth
Brian Gootee	Christa Sadler
Dan Hall	Rick Schmitt
Wendy Hodgson	Larry Stevens, PhD
Rich Holtzin, PhD	Michael Stock
Ian Hough	Denise Traver
Kelley Ingols	Sally Underwood
Lisa Kearsley	Ken Walters
Gary Ladd	Greg Woodall
Larry Lindahl	Marjorie Woodruff, PhD
Elaine Maier	Amanda Zeman

# GCA Trip-Planning Publications

HC = hardcover; PB = paperback

## Trip Planning

**Trip-Planning Package.** Save on this unique set of books, guides and maps chosen to answer your trip-planning questions. Set includes:

*Along the Rim, Road Guide to Arizona and the Four Corners Area, Best Easy Day Hikes—Grand Canyon, South Kaibab Trail Guide, Bright Angel Trail Guide* and *Pocket Traveller Field Guide to Grand Canyon* (shows animals, plants and fossils). Complete set (\$33.70 value) just \$29.95, Item # 10189

## Maps

*Map & Guide of Grand Canyon*, Black. Full of geology graphics and information, park history, facts and timeline, photos and smaller detail maps. Waterproof and tear-proof. \$9.95, Item # 40039

## Hiking/Backpacking

**Hiking the Canyon Kit.** Includes: *The Official Guide to Hiking Grand Canyon*, Grand Canyon National Park Sky Terrain Trail Maps™ and Hiking Grand Canyon DVD. Complete set (\$29.89 value) just \$19.95, Item # 10209

## Individual Trail Guides

These seven pocket-size trail guides contain information about the cultural and natural history of the area, as well as trail maps and photographs. Guides for the South & North Bass, South Kaibab, Bright Angel and Grandview Trails are now available as e-books on Amazon, Barnesandnoble.com and iTunes/iBooks. Download before you go!

### Havasupai

32 pages, \$3.95 [PB], Item # 10085

### South Kaibab

32 pages, \$3.95 [PB], Item # 10105

### North Kaibab

32 pages, \$3.95 [PB], Item # 10100

### Bright Angel

32 pages, \$3.95 [PB], Item # 10070

### Grandview

32 pages, \$3.95 [PB], Item # 10083

### South & North Bass

40 pages, \$3.95 [PB], Item # 10108

### Hermit

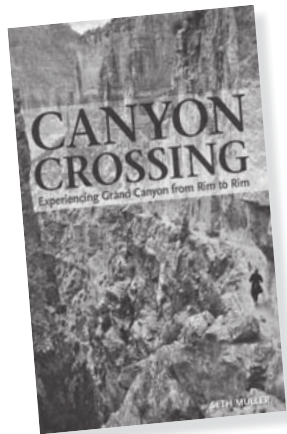
32 pages, \$2.95 [PB], Item # 10087

*Official Guide to Hiking Grand Canyon*, Thybony. Descriptions, trail profiles and planning maps for the major trails and routes in Grand Canyon National Park. 68 pages, \$11.95 [PB], Item # 10091

## River Guides

*Grand Canyon River Guide*, Belknap. A map and guide to 279 miles of the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park. Waterproof. 96 pages, \$22.95, Item # 20450

*Guide to the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon: Lee's Ferry to South Cove*, Martin. A complete guide to floating through Grand Canyon. 108 pages, \$26.95 [PB], Item # 40039



## General Interest

*Canyon Crossing: Experiencing Grand Canyon from Rim to Rim*, Muller. Everyone from experienced rim-to-rimmers to armchair hikers will experience Grand Canyon through this fascinating book. 260 pages, \$16.95 [PB], Item # 10124. Now available as an e-book on Amazon, Barnesandnoble.com and iTunes/iBooks!

*Grand Canyon: The Vault of Heaven*, Lamb. Oversize, spectacular book of informative text and gorgeous photographs feature the canyon at a price that can't be beat. 68 pages, \$8.95 [PB], Item # 10183

*I Am the Grand Canyon: The Story of the Havasupai People*, Hirst. Portrays the culture and history of the Havasupai tribe and what life is like living in a narrow place. 276 pages, \$18.95 [PB], Item # 10121. Now available as an e-book on Amazon, Barnesandnoble.com and iTunes/iBooks!

## Geology

*An Introduction to Grand Canyon Geology*, Price. The perfect introduction to one of the most significant geologic features on our planet. 64 pages, \$9.95 [PB], Item # 10120

*Carving Grand Canyon: Evidence, Theories, and Mystery*, Ranney. The story of this fascinating landscape's evolution, told in an engaging style that everyone will find interesting. 160 pages, \$14.95 [PB], Item # 10022

## How to Order

Online orders are preferred. To order online, visit [www.grandcanyon.org](http://www.grandcanyon.org). To order by telephone, call (800) 858-2808, ext. 7030, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. MST, Monday through Friday, with your credit card ready.

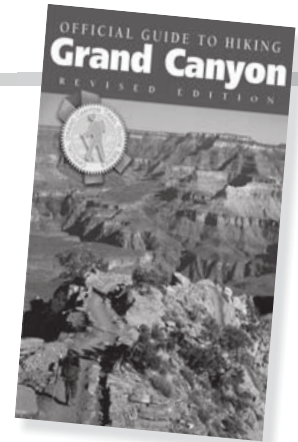
## Be a Part of Something Grand

Nearly 5 million people visit Grand Canyon each year. How does Grand Canyon National Park serve millions and protect this incredible landscape?

With help from people like you!

When you join the Grand Canyon Association, you help:

- provide park information and educational programs
- fund visitor improvements, such as the new Mather Point Amphitheater
- restore historic buildings in the park, such as Kolb Studio
- support sustainable practices and green technologies
- improve trails and trail safety, and fund search-and-rescue efforts



## Member Benefits

- 15% discount at all GCA stores and online
- 10% discount at Xanterra South Rim gift shops
- discounts on most Grand Canyon Field Institute classes/programs
- subscription to *Canyon Views*, GCA's quarterly newsletter
- special members-only gifts and events
- monthly e-newsletter *Call of the Canyon*
- discounts in stores in national parks nationwide

## Grand Guardians—\$1,000

Recognizing leaders whose outstanding commitments help preserve Grand Canyon for this and future generations.

Grand Canyon Guardians are entitled to special invitations and benefits.

## How to Join

It's easy to become a member for as little as \$35 annually. Contact GCA to support the canyon today!

Telephone: (800) 858-2808, ext. 7022

Website: <http://www.grandcanyon.org> (click on Join/Donate)

E-mail: [bhickey@grandcanyon.org](mailto:bhickey@grandcanyon.org)

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