

Boy Scouts of America – Troop 379
Grand Canyon Backpack Trip
Grand Canyon National Park
March 8th, 9th, 10th, 2024



Backpacking trip that, including all driving, starts Friday afternoon and ends Sunday late. We will stay in a campsite on the South Rim the first night after driving up. The hike is 14ish miles (7ish each day) in 2 days with an overnight stop at Bright Angel Campground. Hike out and drive home on last day.

Grand Canyon: World-class destination and strenuous hiking on classic Grand Canyon corridor trails. A true accomplishment for those that hike it.

Temperatures: Average Marcg temps at the South Rim are 30 °F low and 70°F high, Bright Angel Campground is about 20 °F warmer.

Daily Hikes & Campgrounds:

- Day 1 Drive to South Rim. Stay at Mather Campground on the South Rim.
- Day 2 Hike 7.0 miles on South Kiabab trail to Bright Angel CG. Elevation change -4,300'
- Day 3 Hike 7.0 miles on South Kiabab trail to Bright Angel CG. Elevation change -4,300' Get ice cream in the GC Village. Drive home.

Directions from Tempe: North to Flagstaff 146 miles then West on I-40 29.2 miles. Turn right on AZ 64 (exit 165) 52.0 miles/

There is no water on the hike down the south Kaibab Trail but a number of water stops when hiking up the Bright Angel Trail.

What to bring: Each person must carry in at least 3 quarts of drinking water. Keep it light weight; if you don't know when you are going to use it during the trip you may not need it. Bring lightweight backpack, sleeping bag, and pad; one-half of a lightweight 2-person tent (one person carries the poles & rain fly, other person carries the tent) or a one-person tent; food and cooking gear; hat, sunscreen and a 2-ounce plastic poncho. Sturdy hiking boots are required. Recommended to bring Moleskin and put it on before hiking.

Meals & Food: Take lightweight food and only what you plan on eating. Saturday Lunch and dinner will be on the trail or in camp and as will all meals on Sunday, Monday plan for breakfast and lunch on the trail or in camp. Each person is responsible for all his own meals and snacks on the trip.

Transportation: Meet at Desert Cross Church parking lot at 5:00 pm on Friday Afternoon for an early departure as soon as everyone arrives. Drive to the South Rim is 4 hours plus time at a fast food joint.

All Scouts must provide a completed and signed "Permission Slip and Release Form," \$25 for park entrance and permits, plus \$ for meals and souvenirs. All unaccompanied Scouts also need \$5.00 for the ride. Be certain to include parent or guardian's home and cell phone numbers on the form.

Rules for All Scout Outings

1. BSA policies: 10 scouts per adult leader, permission slips signed, and buddy system always.
2. Respect fellow scouts; no activity that destroys the personal dignity of the scout, no hazing of any sort, be helpful to your fellow scout, no foul language.
3. The Outdoor Code: **Clean** in your outdoor manner, **Careful** with fire, **Considerate** of others **and Conservation** minded.
4. Safety conscious: Stay between point and drag, **Stop** if you become separated, Carry enough stuff in your pack for an emergency overnight by yourself, Use good common sense.

Emergency Phone List

Alan Garlington cell (602) 459-0854

Duane Lidman cell (602) 722-1989

Charles Preisler cell (480) 427-9503

Friday, March 8th, 2024

5:00 pm Meet at Church
5:30 pm Leave from church, FF stop
10:00 pm Arrive at South Rim

Saturday, March 9th, 2024

6:00 am Arise, breakfast, or sleep in
7:00 am Hike to Bright Angel CG
3:30 pm Arrive
4:30 pm Explore Phantom Ranch area
5:30 pm Think about cooking dinner
5:30 pm Dinner
8:00 pm Too early? let's not kid ourselves - Bed

Sunday, March 10th, 2024

7:00 am Arise, breakfast & pack up
9:30 am Up the trail
11:00 am Lunch on Trail
1:45 pm Arrive at south rim, get ice cream
2:30 pm Drive Home. FF stop
7:00 pm Arrive at Church

PERMISSION SLIP AND RELEASE FORM

My son/ward _____ has my permission to participate in the backpacking trip in the Grand Canyon National Park with Boy Scout Troop 379 on March 8th, 9th, 10th, 2024. I understand that there are risks involved with car travel, hiking, and camping outdoors. I have reviewed the activities for this outing and believe him capable and properly prepared. I accept the judgment of the adult leaders.

As a scout I promise to act in a safe manner, live by the troop rules for the outdoors and follow the Scout Motto and Law. I promise to keep my seat belt on at all times while the vehicle is moving.

PARENT SIGNATURE

SCOUT SIGNATURE

Parents or guardians can be reached this weekend at the following phone numbers.

Home: _____

Cell: _____