

International Baptist College and Seminary

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IBCS GRAND CANYON HIKE – GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

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You are considering hiking the Grand Canyon with International Baptist College and Seminary. To hike it is to experience it, to learn much, and to etch lifelong memories. If you would like to join the college group, it is important that you make reservations right away; space is limited.

COST: \$125, but...**Just \$75** for pastors as well as prospective students and their parents or sponsors. (Groups of six or more that include a sponsor may be eligible for a group discount.) **Just \$25** for IBCS staff and students. [\$25 additional fee for participants in any category who wish to hike all the way to the Colorado River.]

COST INCLUDES: Five hearty meals, transportation to and from the IBCS campus in Chandler, AZ, campground fees, park entrance and usage fees, the opportunity to learn from IBCS faculty and staff, uplifting fellowship, a spiritual challenge, and the experience of a lifetime!

AGE GROUP: High school juniors through adults.

TIME SCHEDULE: Leave campus for the South Rim at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday after early classes and chapel.
Leave the South Kaibab trailhead at approximately 4:00 a.m. Thursday.
Begin ascent up the trail at approximately 10:30 a.m.
Leisurely breakfast on Friday, with a visit to Desert View on return route.
Return to campus around 4:30 p.m. Friday.

EQUIPMENT: Hikers are responsible for their own tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, food and water for the trail, and money for lunch while traveling back from the Canyon. IBCS will provide lunch on the trip there and the meals served on the Rim. Hikers should also bring quarters (at least \$2.50) to pay for the showers after the hike.

RESPONSIBILITY: Each hiker assumes full responsibility for his or her safety throughout the trip. This is a serious hike and ought not to be attempted by anyone not in good physical condition. Preparation is a must.

IBCS has led over 400 folks on over 40 previous descents into the Canyon, but hiking in the Canyon is not like a stroll in the park. This is not an outing to make a display of physical strength or a time to show off physically. This can be an exceptional spiritual, physical, social, and educational experience ([Grand Canyon "Advice for Hikers" Page](#)).

For many years, the display of trilobite and horse-hoof prints in the same Kaibab Limestone viewed at Cedar Ridge rest area presented a 100-million-year problem to the evolutionist. Bible deniers claim the Colorado River carved this vast canyon. They do not speak of the sharp edges shortly above the present water level, nor do they mention the thousands of feet of soil that was removed above the top of the rim. God is good to have provided this magnificent landmark as a powerful testimony of His catastrophic dealing with His creatures. The Canyon ought to remind us of God's omnipotence, His judgment for sin revealed at the time of Noah's Flood, and His grace that preserved the human race through that catastrophic event so that we can know and worship Him.

A hike in the Grand Canyon will challenge your resolve, strengthen your faith, facilitate spiritual fellowship, and deepen your appreciation of the justice and mercy of God. Although God destroyed the earth of Noah's day with a worldwide flood, we know that "the Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9).

