

Camp Fire Central NY Council announces a "Talooli Expedition" to....

## Explore the Canyons\* of Arizona & Utah

\*Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Glen Canyon & Zion National Parks

April 14-23, 2017 (April School Break)

- Raft the Colorado River
- Rappel into and hike through wild canyons
- Climb a sand dune
- Hike through the desert to find dinosaur tracks with a Navajo guide.
- Watch endangered California Condors fly over the Grand Canyon
- Give service to a National Park



### Who's Going?

We are forming a group of 24 students and adults from around CNY. Students under 14 are welcome if accompanied by a parent.

### Ride, Eat & Sleep:

We will be flying to Las Vegas and then traveling by minivans. We will spend 2 nights in log cabins at a buffalo ranch, 2 nights at Maswik Lodge at the Grand Canyon and 3 nights in hotels along the way. We will eat meals at local restaurants and some lunches will be snacks on the trail.

### Cost:

\$2400 Includes almost everything--airfare, room, breakfast & dinner, tours & tips.

### Where?

The Grand Canyon cuts through the southwestern desert and is over a mile deep, 10 miles wide and 100 miles long. On this expedition we will make a complete trip around the canyon. We will start at Zion National Park where we will go off-trail with professional guides that will teach us to "canyoneer" including rappelling off sandstone cliffs into slot-canyons. Then we will play on the 150' tall sand dunes of Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park before traveling on to beautiful Bryce Canyon National Park. Next we drive east to Glen Canyon National Recreation Area where we will spend the day floating on a raft down the Colorado River as we search for ancient Anasazi petroglyphs and endangered California Condors. On our way to the Grand Canyon we will hike in the desert, look for dinosaur tracks and explore a remote slot canyon with a Navajo guide.



### Leaders:

**Jeff Peneston**—

Camp Talooli Director of Educational Programs  
2011 NY State Teacher of the Year,  
NYS Master Teacher,  
Retired Liverpool HS\* Earth Sci. teacher

**Jan Peneston**—

Executive Director of Camp Fire Central NY  
Council, Director of Camp Talooli since 1986

*Mr. & Mrs. Peneston have led trips like these for years*

### Important!

This trip is sponsored by Camp Fire Central NY Council, a non-profit youth agency that also owns and operates Camp Talooli. Mr. & Mrs. Peneston have been trained and registered youth leaders with Camp Fire for over 30 years.

\*NOTE: This expedition is not a function of or sponsored by Liverpool Central Schools

# Explore the Canyons of Arizona & Utah

## Draft Itinerary 2017

### Friday April 14

Depart from LHS Annex parking lot  
Drive to **Sleep Inn** next to Buffalo airport.

### Saturday April 15

Flight: Buffalo to Las Vegas  
Arrive at Las Vegas  
Pick up vans and drive to Zion Mt Ranch (ZMR), Utah  
Dinner & Lodging at **ZMR**

### Sunday April 16

**Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park**  
Drive to **Zion National Park** for tour  
Dinner & Lodging at **ZMR**

### Monday April 17

**All day Canyoneering near Zion National Park**  
Drive to Ruby's Inn @ Bryce Canyon  
Dinner & Lodging at **Ruby's Inn**  
(*indoor pool/spa e3 laundry*)

### Tuesday April 18

Hike in **Bryce Canyon National Park**  
**Service Project in Bryce Canyon National Park**  
Dinner & Lodging at **Ruby's Inn**

### Wednesday April 19

Depart for **Page, Arizona**  
**All day raft trip on Colorado River in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area**  
Dinner at Mexican Restaurant in Page  
Lodging at **Day's Inn** (*laundry*)

### Thursday April 20

**Explore Antelope Canyon on the Navajo Nation**  
Depart to **Horseshoe Bend overlook** outside of Page  
Hunt for **Dinosaur Tracks with a Navajo guide** and then  
Drive to **Grand Canyon National Park**  
Dinner & Lodging at **Maswik Lodge South**

### Friday April 21

**Explore the Grand Canyon South Rim**  
Dinner & Lodging at **Maswik Lodge South**

### Saturday April 22

**All day hike below the rim of Grand Canyon**  
Dinner & Lodging at **Maswik Lodge South**

### Sunday April 23

Depart for **Hoover Dam**  
Drive to Las Vegas airport  
Return Flight: Las Vegas to Buffalo

## Who Can Join This Expedition?

Camp Fire Central NY Council is a nonprofit agency whose mission statement is "...to build caring confident youth and future leaders". For over 70 years that mission has guided the programs of the council's own Camp Talooli in Pennellville. This educational expedition is organized under that mission statement and history and is directed using best practices set forth by Camp Fire and the American Camp Association. All youth, adults and leaders on this expedition will agree to follow the behavioral standards of that organization. Camp Fire CNY is very inclusive. On previous trips, most of the participants have been high school students but about one third have been parents, grandparents and younger children.

Everyone on this trip will function as part of a team. We will travel, eat and explore together under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Peneston. We will complete a half-day service project for the national park. The experience of the team will depend on the actions of each member. All members will also be required to complete a camp health/permission to treat form. For more information about Camp Fire CNY Council check out [www.campfireusacny.org/](http://www.campfireusacny.org/)

## Pre-Trip Training?

Members are expected to attend pre-trip meetings (about every 6-weeks from September until the trip. A detailed trip handbook will be distributed and discussed and the meetings will give the team members a chance to get to know each other. At least one of the meetings will be at a local indoor rock-climbing wall so that we can become familiar with climbing and rappelling equipment.

## Booking Conditions?

A completed application and \$400/person deposit is required to register for this expedition. This money will be used to pay deposits on airfare and lodging. The remaining payments are due on 10/3 and 2/1. If you need to cancel, Camp Fire will attempt to refund as much of the payments as possible. Some portions of the fee such as payments made for airfare and housing are not refundable. The projected cost of \$2400 is based on housing members in single gender rooms of four. Married couples and families who need double or special occupancy may need to pay a supplement. Our current fee estimate is subject to revision if airline and fuel costs change expectedly.

## Payment?

A \$400 deposit will reserve your spot on the team. \$600 more is due by 10/3. Final payment is due by 2/1  
Payment will be made to Camp Fire.

## More Info:

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