



Canyon Country Discovery Center
Educational Adventure Overnight
Planning Packet



Hands-on Discovery through
ADVENTURE, EDUCATION & STEWARDSHIP

Overnight Educational Adventure Trips



IMMERSE YOUR SCHOOL OR YOUTH GROUP IN LEARNING

Are you looking to extend your group's stay at the Canyon Country Discovery Center? Our Overnight Educational Adventure Trips are a great way to **provide your school or youth group with extended experiences in adventure, education and stewardship**. At the CCDC, we believe youth learn and retain information taught in classrooms by also experiencing it in real life. **By bringing your group to the CCDC for an extended stay, you help ensure your individuals will gain valuable, life-long skills in teamwork, responsibility and accountability, bringing your group closer together in the classroom and out.** This will be an experience your group won't soon forget!

Our Overnight Educational Adventure programs focus on **team-building, ecology, geology, archeology & human history and astronomy** which utilize **the Discovery Center, the Abajo Mountains, Cedar Mesa and the San Juan River as our classroom**. Based on your group size, group age, length of stay and adventure style, we can customize your stay with us to give you the best experience possible. To get an idea of what your program may look like, check out our pages on **Program Information** as well as our **FAQs**. Please be advised that the price per student is subject to change due to group needs and customization as well as participant numbers.

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San Juan River Program

Four Nights



This option includes 2 overnights on the San Juan River plus day hikes to Ancient Puebloan dwellings.

Includes:

- Meals from dinner Day 1 to breakfast Day 5; Tent camping at the Discovery Center base camp and on the river; Permit fees
- Instructional/Guide Services
- Paddling/Swimming 27 river miles of the San Juan River over 3 days (Sand Island to Mexican Hat)
- Lessons and hiking to petroglyphs and Ancient Puebloan dwellings
- Programming on geology, ecology, public lands, river morphology and more
- Astronomy night program with our 16" telescope
- Team-building facilitation

Day 1: Arrive at Discovery Center 3pm, Welcome, Dinner, Night Hike

Day 2: Breakfast, River Trip with Lunch at Lower Butler Wash Panel, Dinner, Hike to River House, Team Building

Day 3: Breakfast, Hike San Juan Hill, River Trip with Lunch, Class I and II Rapids, Dinner, Geology Lessons, Astronomy

Day 4: Breakfast, Public Lands Activity, River, Fossil Stop, Lunch at Take-Out, Visit Goosenecks State Park and Bluff Fort, Dinner at Center, Bouldering, Discovery Center, Astronomy

Day 5: Breakfast, Depart 10am

Where:

**Canyon Country
Discovery Center and
San Juan River**

When:

**Spring, Summer and
Fall**

Time:

**3pm Day 1 through
10am Day 5**

Group Size:

**10 minimum, 20
maximum**

Age Group:

Middle and High School

**Starting at: \$565 per
Student****

Canyon Country Land Program

Two Nights



Where:
Canyon Country
Discovery Center, Abajo
Mountains, Cedar Mesa

When:
Spring, Summer and
Fall

Time:
3pm Day 1 through 4pm
Day 3

Group Size:
10 minimum, 55
maximum*

Age Group:
Upper Elementary-High
School

**Starting at: \$250 per
Student****

*For Group sizes >13
Students, the group will
be split into groups no
larger than 13 for hikes.
Group sizes >25 will
rotate between 1 land
day and 1 river day.

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**This land-based educational adventure is
full of hiking and human history with field
expeditions to Cedar Mesa!**

Includes:

- Meals from dinner Day 1 to lunch Day 3; Tent camping at the Discovery Center base camp; Permit fees
- Instructional/Guide Services
- Hike Prairie Dog Knoll in the Abajos for views of Canyonlands National Park and geology lessons
- Swimming at Monticello Lake
- Hike to House on Fire and/or Ballroom Ruin on Cedar Mesa with lessons on human history and archeology
- Visit Sand Island Petroglyph Panels
- Programming on biome comparisons from Riparian, Juniper/ Piñon Forests and Sub-Alpine Zones
- Astronomy night program with our 16" telescope
- Team-building facilitation

Day 1: Arrive 3pm, Welcome, Discovery Center, Dinner, Team Building, Night Hike

Day 2: Breakfast, Hike in Abajos with Lunch, Team Building, Swimming, Dinner, Astronomy

Day 3: Breakfast, Hike Cedar Mesa with Lunch, Sand Island Petroglyph Panels, Depart 4pm

San Juan River & Canyon Country Land Program

Two Nights



This program option offers a fun land and river educational adventure; great for a brief introduction to remote Southeast Utah!

Includes:

- Meals from dinner Day 1 to lunch Day 3; Tent camping at the Discovery Center base camp; Permit fees
- Instructional/Guide Services
- Paddling/Swimming 6 river miles of the San Juan River
- Hike Prairie Dog Knoll in the Abajos for views of Canyonlands National Park and geology lessons
- Programming on biome comparisons from Riparian, Juniper/Piñon Forests and Sub-Alpine Zones
- Astronomy night program with our 16" telescope
- Team-building facilitation

Day 1: Arrive 3pm, Welcome, Discovery Center, Dinner, Astronomy

Day 2: Breakfast, River Trip with Lunch, Dinner, Night Hike

Day 3: Breakfast, Hike in Abajos with Lunch, Depart 4pm

Where:

Canyon Country
Discovery Center, San
Juan River, Abajo
Mountains

When:

Spring, Summer and Fall

Time:

3pm Day 1 through 4pm
Day 3

Group Size:

10 minimum, 45
maximum*

Age Group:

Upper Elementary-High
School

Starting at: \$295 per
Student**

*For Groups over 20
Students, the River
Portion will be divided
into 2 groups over the
2nd and 3rd day. The
mountain portion will
also be split into groups
no larger than 13.

Packing List And Gear Rental



Packing for an adventure is a balancing act: too much gear and you risk losing items and weighing down your pack, too little gear and you could be cold or wet with no other gear to change in to.

CCDC recommends bringing the clothes you have which are the most versatile, durable items that can help you regulate body temperatures in varying weather conditions. Synthetic or wool clothing can keep you warm when you get wet; whereas cotton and down materials do not.

Please keep in mind CCDC is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal items that are brought on the trip.

Clothing for All Trips

- 2-3 T-shirts (at least 1 with quick dry material)
- 1 long-sleeved light-weight shirt for sun protection
- 1-2 pairs hiking pants
- 1-2 pairs of shorts
- 1 Wool or Fleece Jacket
- Hat with secure straps
- Sunglasses
- Rain jacket and pants (hood recommended)
- 4-5 pairs of underwear and socks
- Broken-in lightweight hiking boots
- 1 cozy outfit for camp (long underwear/leggings/warm socks)
- Warm, packable hat
- Bandana

River Specific Items

- River shoes/sandals with secure straps
- Swimsuit/Trunks

Camping Items

- Water Bottle (at least 1 liter)
- Small backpack or waste pack for day trips
- Sunscreen
- Chapstick
- Flashlight/Headlamp
- Insect Repellent
- Small Towel/Washcloth
- Biodegradable Body Soap, if possible
- Toothbrush/paste
- Deodorant
- Other necessary toiletries
- Personal medications
- Plastic grocery bags for dirty clothes
- Ziplocks or "stuff sacks" for clothing and loose items
- Three season tent with rainfly (please share)
- Three season, packable sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad

Equipment (Available for Rent):

- Three season tent (4 person) (\$15)
- Three season, packable sleeping bag (\$10)
- Sleeping pad (\$10)

Frequently Asked Questions



I want to take my group on a 4 night river trip, but we have more students than the maximum amount; is there anything I can do?

Unfortunately, if you have more than the maximum participant number, your students will not be able to go on the river during the same week due to permitting constraints. However, schools have the option to bring their larger groups over multiple weeks.

I'm interested in an overnight program, but my school needs to leave right after lunch on the last day!

Are you having trouble making your school schedule fit ours? That's okay! Our programs are designed to be somewhat flexible on timing. Let us know your dilemmas in advance and we can come up with a solution that still provides your group with an awesome experience.

My class is studying a certain topic, is there any way the CCDC can supplement our studies?

Our education coordinators are trained in NGSS and state standards. Talk to us in advance, and we will do our best to incorporate your studies into our programming. The schedules are also designed to be flexible if you would like to facilitate your own lesson during your trip.

I've chosen a program that will be great for my group! What do I do now?

Don't wait to book with us! We recommend schools reach out with preferred dates 6 months in advance, and no later than 2 months in advance. Please follow the instructions carefully on the following page to help facilitate a smooth scheduling process.

If you don't find the answer to a question you have, please contact us: info@ccdsccovery.org and mention "ad/ed overnight" in the subject.

BOOK WITH US TODAY!

PLEASE CONTACT US AT:

435-587-2156 -or-
info@ccdsccovery.org
("ad/ed overnight" in the subject)

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Your full name and position
- Your school or group name
- Number of participants and chaperones
- Which program you are interested in
- Preferred dates
- Any pertinent concerns or questions about the program

Our staff will contact you to confirm your Educational Adventure Program. Once confirmed, CCDC will require a deposit, waivers and medical forms. A parent packet will be supplied to help prepare your students for an adventure they won't soon forget!

**Prices, Availability and Terms & Conditions are subject to Change



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