OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

COLORADO RIVER CANOEING, CHOCOLATE MOUNTAINS
February 19-21, 2016

TRIP DESCRIPTION: This 35-mile canoe trip will travel down the Colorado River through the Chocolate Mountains in the south-most section of the Colorado River. This down-river expedition offers a relaxing trip through desert wetlands as well as a fun introduction to river travel.

Our first day on the river will take us through Cibola National Wildlife Refuge. This refuge provides shelter for over 200 species of birds, including Canadian geese, great blue herons, white pelicans, sandpipers and snowy egrets. The second day on the river, we will be surrounded by multi-hued sandstone cliffs and pinnacles. We will also be able to view Picacho Peak, a 1,193 foot landmark that towers over the surrounding terrain.

Canoeing offers high participation since only two people travel in each canoe. Paddling instruction will be given on the first morning. Relax by taking picnic lunches on warm beaches and swimming in the refreshing Colorado River. During our two-day paddle we will carry all of our camping equipment in the canoes and use wilderness campsites along the river. Spectacular sunsets and stars are a highlight of our backcountry campsites. All specialized canoeing equipment will be provided.

No previous canoeing experience necessary.

Exertion level: Low/ Moderate.

TRIP COST: Student: $195  Non-Student: $235
PRE-TRIP MEETING: February 17, 6pm  SIGN-UP DEADLINE: February 17
REGISTER ONLINE AT: rec.arizona.edu/outdooradventures
EQUIPMENT LIST:
- Tennis Shoes for paddling. These will get wet!
- Camp Shoes
- 2 Pair Wool/Synthetic Socks
- Wool/Polypropylene Long Underwear
- Shorts
- Swimsuit and Towel
- Long Pants
- Short Sleeved Shirt
- Long Sleeved Shirt for Sun Protection
- Wool/Fleece Sweater or Jacket
- Rain Jacket and Pants
- Sunglasses w/ keeper strap
- Sun Hat
- Wool/Fleece Hat
- Toiletry Items (Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Etc.)
- Spare Batteries for Headlamp
- Money for Meals En Route
- Sunscreen
- Lip Balm
- Camera (optional)
  * Small Flashlight or Headlamp
  * 3 Water Bottles - 1 Quart Each
  * Sleeping Bag rated to 30° F
  * Foam Pad

*May be borrowed from Outdoor Adventures at no additional cost.

ITINERARY:

Friday
2:00PM, Arrive at Outdoor Adventures.
7:00PM Arrive at Walter’s Camp Put-in.

Saturday
Early Breakfast, followed by an introduction to canoeing
9:00AM Begin paddle downstream
4:00PM Arrive at Picacho Recreation Area campsite

Sunday
9:00AM Put in on river, begin paddling.
2:00PM Take out at Fisher’s Landing.
3:00PM Departure for Tucson. One meal stop en route.
9:00PM Approximate arrival at Outdoor Adventures. Unload and clean gear. Fill out trip evaluations.

PROVIDED BY OUTDOOR ADVENTURES:
- Transportation (15-Passenger Van)
- Meals (Friday dinner through Sunday lunch)
- Entrance and camping fees
- Fully outfitted canoes and accessories
- Cooking and camping equipment
- Leadership and instruction

*Trip cost does not include personal clothing and equipment or meals en route.*

THE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES PROGRAM is designed to get members of the university community involved with the natural world through adventurous, human-powered activities. These activities include hiking, backpacking, mountaineering, canoeing, whitewater rafting, rock climbing, bicycling, cross-country skiing and caving. Each trip offers opportunities for activity skill development, personal development, social interaction, and safe and enjoyable recreation. Environmental awareness is emphasized throughout each trip.