



MOUNTAIN SHEEP NEWSLETTER

TO: Grand Canyon VI Team & Training Partners 2009

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Date: Saturday, May 30, 2009

TIME: 8:15 am Tour participants will leave the hotel for the bus trip to Devil's Lake.

8:40 am Meet at the Devil's Lake State Park – Detailed itinerary will be sent later.

DIRECTIONS: For those meeting us at Devil's Lake directions will be in the detailed itinerary.

MANDATORY QUALIFIER: This test hike is mandatory for all participants who want the opportunity to advance to the final *test hike* at Manistee. Your cooperation with the high standards set for this program is greatly appreciated.

GROUP TRIP: Just as past years, a group trip has been organized at a very fair price. The *Test Hike* is mandatory for anyone considering going on one of the below rim hikes. However, the group tour is not mandatory and participants may choose to travel to Devil's Lake on their own. Devil's Lake is a super destination in itself and I expect some non-Grand Canyon people to attend.

COURSE: The course is a very worthy test hike site. It is beautiful, challenging, and it will give participants a good feel for where they are in their training for a *below the rim* hike. Maps complete with narrative will be distributed at an on site pre-hike orientation. The hike distances are listed below:

	<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>ETA</u>	<u>CHK PTS</u>	<u>YOUR HIKING GOAL</u>
-	19.0 miles	7 - 8 ½ hrs	4	RIM TO RIM & NARROWS RIVER HIKE
-	16.0 miles	5 ½ – 7 hrs	3	PLATEAU POINT HIKE
-	8.1 miles	N/A	0	ABOVE THE RIM HIKES
-	6.7 miles	N/A	0	ABOVE THE RIM HIKES
-	2.1 miles	N/A	0	ABOVE THE RIM HIKES



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CHECK POINTS: There will be four (4) check points on the 19.0mile hike and there will be three (3) checkpoints on the 16.0 mile hike. Hikers will log in at each check point and will be given a colored daypack tag for each station. All hikers' physical condition will be monitored at each checkpoint. There will be no tags for the above rim hikers. We will have one bus and one van on site. As they fill, we will transport hikers back to the hotel. Everyone should be off the course by 6:00 pm. There will be a reception at the hotel following the hike honoring everyone's achievements.

EQUIPMENT: Equipment needed for the test hike includes a well packed daypack, hiking shoes, performance shirts and pants, rain jackets and trekking poles, if you need the support. The trekking poles should have rubber tips. Cell phones are also a good idea. Grand Canyon veterans will do a daypack inspection and award the first daypack tag prior to the hike.

CELL PHONE LIST: I will give you a master cell phone list of all check point inspectors and participants. This is for safety reasons. However, reception can be hit or miss. The good news is that this is not the Grand Canyon as far as remote wilderness is concerned. The park is surrounded by county roads and you shouldn't perish in the back country if you become lost or injured.

AWARDS: Attractive multi-colored certificates will be awarded to all hikers. The distance achieved will be depicted on the award. All trip participants will also be awarded a custom t-shirt.

RECEPTION: Our hotel has an oversized Jacuzzi and a large indoor swimming pool. This will allow for an excellent recovery. A lounge and courtyard are adjacent and complimentary "re-hydration" will be provided. This weekend will be great for building team spirit!

WEB SITE LINKS:

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