



CAIRN STONE TEAMS NEWSLETTER



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FINAL UPDATE BEFORE OUR GRAND CANYON ADVENTURE

ZION OPTIONAL HIKE REQUESTS: I have heard from the following hikers and will make reservations for their hike requests Thursday:

East Rim Hike (& Observation Point option): Rob R., Marlin S., Barbara W., Bill W., Kris W., Dave Y., Angie Y., Paul B., Jay C., David F., Karen B., Whitney P., Ron G.

West Rim Hike (& Angels Landing option): Justin F., Lee R., Rob R., Marlin S., Barbara W., Al W., Bob W., Chuck B., Paul B., Jay C., Lori C., Lisa N., Thom J.

AIRLINE SEATING: I submitted our airline names in pairs but unfortunately they cannot always seat you beside each other. However, we can switch seats within our group. Otherwise enjoy getting to know one of your teammates better. Our non-stop flight is just 3 ½ hours to Phoenix. I have attached the seating assignments from United for your review.

ADVANCED CHECK IN: You have the option to check in online 24 hours before departure. Just go to United.com. Our flight is UA725 and record locator KZZDV4 and J5ZZGK. If you have trouble the support phone number is 800-389-5582. We can also check in at the airport Saturday morning.

ADVENTURE TRAVEL CHECK LIST: I have attached a copy of our Adventure Travel Checklist to assist you with final packing. Please review it carefully. Or use this link to the [Travel Tips](#) page on the web site. And review the latest [TSA](#) guidelines.

SATURDAY HIKE: We will have a 3 to 5 mile hike in Sedona on Saturday prior to our arrival at the hotel. I suggest that you follow the guidelines in the Travel Checklist to either wear or pack your hiking gear in your carry on backpack. You will have access to your checked luggage at the airport but not again until we arrive at the hotel. You do not need your trekking pole for this hike but if you want to use it get it out of your luggage at the airport before we load the bus.

WEATHER AT GRAND CANYON: The weather forecast is looking pretty good for our trip. It will be warm on the Colorado River (96°) and we will keep an eye on it. You can check it out, just Google search for NPS Grand Canyon weather and then click on South Rim, Phantom Ranch (for the weather at the River) and North Rim.

POCKET ITINERARY: Thom has devised a neat Pocket Itinerary that is attached for you to print and fold for your pocket. [Note: This is simply a condensed version of the Final Itinerary and should accurately reflect our schedule. However, if there is a conflict use the Final full version.]

SATURDAY MORNING: See you Saturday morning 5:30AM sharp at the SMC Niles campus parking lot. Set two alarms and have a teammate call you. Please park in the last row farthest from the buildings.

CHUCK: I visited him in the hospital Monday. He is recovering well from heart surgery and is fired up for his below the rim hike in 2012!

DIRECTIONS: SMC Niles campus is located at the intersection of US12 and M60. See map for driving directions [\[MAPS\]](#)

“FIRE UP FOR THE BEST OF THE WEST!”