

Hello Fellow Travelers

We are excited about our upcoming Compass/Russ Miller Rim and Raft trip June 21-June 24, 2018. The trip is still a few weeks out, but we wanted to get you some much needed information.

1. You'll be flying (or driving) into Phoenix. Please fly into Phoenix Sky Harbor airport. This is where our hotel shuttle will pick you up. If you fly into Phoenix-Mesa Gateway airport there is NO shuttle and you'll have to make other arrangements to get to the hotel.
2. Please try to arrive before 5PM. Dinner at the hotel is between 5:30PM and 7PM. If you cannot make the hotel dinner, you'll have to make other arrangements for dinner.
3. We will have a brief orientation meeting at **7:15PM** in one of the hotel's Conference rooms. Russ will talk briefly, hand out information and nametags and have a meet and greet time.
4. Our hotel in Phoenix is the Drury Inn and Suites, Phoenix Airport location. The address is 3333 University Dr. Phoenix, AZ 85034. The phone number to call for the shuttle is 602-437-8400. Let them know you are with the Creation Ministries Grand Canyon trip, and what terminal you flew into. They will come and pick you up in their van that says Drury Inn on it.
5. Check in time at the hotel is 3PM and check out time is 11AM. But we've never had a problem if you need to check in earlier or check out a bit later. Our hotel in Page, AZ is the new Sleep Inn and Suites.
6. Our trips are very casual. The weather can be kind of ify so bring layers of clothing. There is plenty of room on the bus for snacks, books, backpacks, cameras, jackets, etc. Your larger luggage will go below the bus. Also recommended is a cheap rain poncho, sun hat and sun screen. Some folks bring an umbrella to shade from the sun. Please wear comfy walking shoes. On the river raft day, we suggest you wear a very old t-shirt and shorts or longer pants. You will not get wet except for an occasional splash. Phoenix and Page, AZ will be warm so you can bring swim suits for the pools at the hotels.
7. We try to be accommodating with food choices, but if you have food allergies we suggest you bring the food you need. We do have gluten free options on the lunch menus and most everything else you will choose for yourself. A refillable water bottle is good, as they have fill up stations at the Canyon and the water is very good!
8. Please review the lunch menus and make your choices and return that to us. If we do not hear from you, turkey sandwiches will be the default lunch choice.
9. The Rim hike does not go down into the Canyon, but goes along the rim. It is a handicap accessible hike. We encourage everyone to take the hike as there is lots of information given. We take the 2.5-mile hike very slowly (about 1.5 to 2 hours).
10. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. The best way to get in contact with us is via email. 311jem@gmail.com is Joanna Miller's email address and please feel free to email with any questions.