



Association for Women Geoscientists

Grand Canyon Field Trip

June 4-10, 2012



Rocks, water, sun and time...see the Grand Canyon from a different perspective. AWG is co-sponsoring a geology raft trip on the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon, June 4-10, 2012. Trip leader Kata McCarville has participated in about a dozen similar trips, and organized and led several, including AWG trips in 2005 and 1997. Participants for this trip will include AWG members and friends, and Upper Iowa University students and alumni, providing a convivial and dynamic group for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. This trip is most suitable for participants age 12 and up.

We will travel by large motorized rubber boats, and camp each night on river beaches. While there are significant rapids, there are also stretches of calm water as the river leads us on our journey "below the rim" through fabulous geology, interesting archeology, fascinating historical perspectives, and phenomenal scenery. The cost per person is \$2625, and a deposit of \$500 will hold your spot. Our outfitter provides boats, licensed and experienced boatmen, excellent food, life jackets, and camping gear in a waterproof duffel bag. While in camp, the participants have enough time to sit and relax, bathe, read, fish, socialize, hike, explore, and swim.

Plans are afoot to organize short tours of the area before or after the raft trip, and participants will be asked about their interest in these options. The trip fee does not include transportation to and from our launch point at Lees Ferry, below Glen Canyon Dam, but does include helicopter lift-out from Whitmore Wash and a fixed-wing airplane ride back to the starting point.

Please contact Kata McCarville, mccarvillek@uiu.edu, 563-425-5233, for more information or to register for the trip. The mailing address is Kata McCarville, Upper Iowa University, P.O. Box 1857, Fayette IA 52142. Full payment will be required by March 1, 2012.

Katherine ("Kata") McCarville, Ph.D. is Associate Professor of Geosciences at Upper Iowa University, where she coordinates the undergraduate degree program in Environmental Science. Kata's first raft trip through the Grand Canyon was in 1981, and she can't seem to get enough.