

5 OR 6-DAY PROGRAM



UTAH: RIVER RAFTING & CANYON ADVENTURE

Discover the American West, develop real leadership skills, and leave a lasting impact on some of the world's most remarkable landscapes.



OVERVIEW

Experience the myths and modern-day realities of the American West while discovering how Utah's unique ecosystems have shaped its world-famous landscapes. From Arches National Park to the Colorado River, you'll spend much of the program outdoors exploring the Utah wilderness, engaging in environmental stewardship, and learning about public land management. This program helps you develop personal leadership skills by facing real challenges in the outdoors.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Raft the Colorado River while building teamwork, communication, and real leadership skills
- Give back through hands-on conservation projects supporting the Department of Natural Resources
- Explore Arches National Park and discover the geology, ecology, and archaeology of the American West



ITINERARY

The actual schedule of activities may vary. The information provided here reflects the typical experiences planned; however, activities and excursions are subject to change due to factors such as weather conditions, community partner availability, and other unforeseen circumstances. Adjustments may also be made to best meet the needs and interests of the student group.

<p>DAY 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive in Grand Junction, the gateway to Moab and the Colorado River, and meet staff. • Travel together to the lodge-style Home Base for the land portion of the program (2 nights) and get settled. • Participate in a program orientation and preview the adventures Utah has in store.
<p>DAY 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore iconic landmarks and hidden gems as you hike through Arches National Park, a world-renowned geological playground. • Return to camp to prep gear, review safety, and get ready for tomorrow's river launch. • End the day with a reflective activity, setting intentions for the river adventure ahead.
<p>DAY 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch the Colorado River rafting expedition, navigating canyon country through calm water and whitewater rapids. • Work as a team and learn more about ecology, geology and archaeology, leadership, and communication along the way! • Camp along the river, cooking together and enjoying evenings under the stars.

<p>DAY 4</p>	<p>Pack up camp and continue rafting down the Colorado River after breakfast with river views.</p> <p>Learn about the area’s natural history and hydrology while strengthening connections with your rafting team.</p> <p>Give back through a hands-on river clean-up, supporting the Department of Natural Resources and protecting a heavily visited river corridor.</p> <p><i>If on a five-day program, we’ll exit the river and return to our land-based Home Base for the evening.</i></p>
<p>DAY 5 (IF A 6-DAY PROGRAM)</p>	<p>Continue rafting with growing confidence and skill, soaking in canyon country.</p> <p>Take part in a tamarisk removal service project, supporting native plants and restoring the river’s riparian ecosystem.</p> <p>Exit the river today and return to the land-based Home Base to pack up, reflect on your progress, and prepare for departure the following day.</p>
<p>DAY 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Say goodbye to the wilderness you’ve called home for the past few days. • Enjoy a final breakfast or lunch, depending on flight times. • Travel together to Grand Junction Airport, where TEPA staff will assist with check-in and departure home.



TEPA HOME BASE

Home Base starts as a shared lodge-style accommodation at a campsite, with community bathrooms and campground amenities. While on the river, Home Base is a roving campsite. Students will camp in provided tents, sleeping bags, and sleeping pads. There will be a full “river kitchen” and communal shade/rain structures.

FOOD

Meals are designed to be balanced, nutritious, and made with fresh, seasonal ingredients. Students will take an active role in cooking many of their meals as part of their camping experience, building practical skills and shared responsibility while enjoying food they helped create. With advance notice, we can accommodate most dietary restrictions and preferences.

CLIMATE

Utah's varied climate makes it a year-round destination: warm and dry in summer for hiking and rafting, brilliant with fall foliage in September and October, snow-dusted and serene in winter, and mild in spring.

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