

Dickinson

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Utah Spring Break Adventure

Spend your spring break in warm and sunny Utah! We'll spend the week exploring the incredible features of the desert by bike and boot. This trip is all inclusive – airfare, transportation, equipment, camping and food are all covered.

Tentative Schedule

- Day 1 (3/11): Depart from Campus, fly to Salt Lake City, travel to Moab
- Day 2 (3/12): Arches National Park tour, hike
- Day 3 (3/13): Moab mountain biking
- Day 4 (3/14): Moab mountain biking
- Day 5 (3/15): Canyonlands National Park Backpacking*
- Day 6 (3/16): Canyonlands National Park Backpacking*
- Day 7 (3/17): Canyonlands National Park Backpacking*
- Day 8 (3/18): Drive to Salt Lake City, flight to Baltimore and return to campus

Activities Overview

Arches National Park – we will spend our first full day in the southwest exploring famous Arches National Park. We'll take in the popular sights including Delicate Arch, Fiery Furnace and Parade of Elephants. We'll then take a hike in Devil's Garden.

Mountain Biking – Moab is renowned worldwide for its incredible mountain biking trails. The unique slick rock of the area is classic to the trail system. We'll start with a lesson to get you comfortable on the bike and over the course of 2 days spend time on diverse trails consisting of fast and flowy hard-pack, steep slick rock and technical rock gardens. Tentative trail systems that we may explore include Klondike Bluffs, Moab Brands and Klonzo. After two days biking on these trails, you'll know why Moab is a world-class mountain bike destination!

Canyonlands Backpacking – We'll culminate the adventure with a 2-3 night backpacking trip in the Needles district of Canyonlands National Park. Hike among red rock spires, in and out of canyons and washes and sleep under the tranquil desert night skies. Wilderness and adventure abounds! *The Canyonlands permitting system is a lottery that opens 4 months prior to the trip – while we are hopeful that we will be able to obtain permits, in the event that we do not, we will plan a backpacking trip for a nearby location on a different public land.

Fee

\$850/person

\$200 non-refundable deposit due to the Lower SLCE office within 24 hours of registering on OrgSync

Remaining balance due 2/1/17.

The fee includes all transportation, food (except in instances outlined below), mountain bike rentals, equipment (except for personal clothing & boots) & camping fees. We suggest that participants have about \$50 for meals not provided and some additional money for incidentals.

Transportation

The fee includes airfare from BWI to Salt Lake City and ground transportation (van) throughout Utah. It also includes a shuttle from campus to the airport and back.

Equipment

All group equipment and mountain bike rentals will be provided. We also have backpacks, sleeping bags, sleeping pads and headlamps available to borrow from the Gear Box (you'll need to pay the annual \$10 fee). Clothing, hiking boots and a few other small items will need to be provided by the participant. Be sure to purchase boots soon and break them in prior to the trip if you do not already have a pair. Boots will need to cover the ankle.

Food

All food from dinner on 3/11 through breakfast on 3/18 will be provided. While we are traveling to and from the airport, it will be the participant's responsibility to purchase food (breakfast & lunch on 3/11, lunch and dinner on 3/18). We will eat a variety of foods that are mostly non-perishable, though on occasion, we may have fresh options. Typical dinners include pasta, burritos, mac and cheese, burgers/veggie burgers and taco salad. We can accommodate a wide variety of dietary needs – we'll just need advance notice to do so.

Information & Pre-Trip Meetings

If you would like more information about the trip prior to registering, please email rhodesc@dickinson.edu. We will be happy to answer questions or set up a time to chat.

Mandatory pre-trip meetings will be held prior to the trip. We will use a poll to determine the best date for all participants a week or two prior to the meeting. The first meeting will be held in early December and the second will be held a week before departing. More meetings may be scheduled as needed.