

GLOBAL EDUCATION ALLIES

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Summer 2022
Educator Excursion

Grand Staircase-Escalante

CULTURALLY AND ECOLOGICALLY
RESPONSIVE CLASSROOMS

EDUCATOR EXCURSION TO SOUTHERN UTAH

We are thrilled at the prospect of offering a (social-distancing, outdoor-focused) program for teachers in Southern Utah in June of 2022.

This program will take place in the red rock country of the Southwestern US. The area is close to several protected (and disputed) lands and some historical Native American sites. The objective of the program is to promote culturally and ecologically responsive classrooms. We will do this through participating in workshops, group discussions and listening to lectures by educators, artists, scientists and representatives of the Diné (Navajo).

Included are also some famous hikes in the area, a visit to the Anasazi State Museum, the Capitol Reef Field Station, and a lesson from an outdoor survival school. Guests will overnight in Torrey, a

village nestled in between Capitol Reef National Park and Grand Staircase - Escalante, as well as the Capitol Reef Field Station. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Anasazi State Museum
- Calf Creek Falls and other memorable places
- Native American art workshop
- Capitol Reef Field Station
- Outdoor survival hike and lesson
- Hell's Backbone Grill (as featured in the Oprah Magazine)

WHO

All interested educators and administrators are encouraged to apply. Non-educator guests will be considered based on availability.

Enjoy the beautiful Grand Staircase - Escalante National Monument and **explore** the ideas behind culturally and ecologically responsive classrooms through workshops, lectures, and informal discussions around the campfire. **Discover** the history of the Southwest and **relax** in the tranquil landscape through yoga, easy hikes, and good food.



WHEN

June 20-25

WHERE

Grand Staircase - Escalante National Monument and surrounding areas

PRICE

\$1395

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

Two nights of accommodations in a hotel in Torrey and three nights of accommodations at the Capitol Reef National Park Field Station, activities, and most meals

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

Travel to Salt Lake City, upgrades to different rooms, possible additional activities, travel insurance, and travel to and from the airport. Please note: only shared accommodations are possible at the Field Station. Transportation to Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is available upon request.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Priority Consideration: February 1st

Final deadline (if spaces are available): March 1st

Zoom interviews will be held in February and March and all selection decisions will be made by March 15, 2022. A non-refundable program deposit of \$300 will be due upon acceptance. Program balance must be paid in full by May 30, 2022.

REFUNDS AND COVID SAFETY

Please read [HERE](#) about our refund policies, extensive Covid strategies, and how GEA intends to make travel as safe, fair, and comfortable as possible.

PRESENTERS:



Brenda Beyal

Director of Native American Curriculum Initiative at CITES



Dr. Ben Abbott

BYU Ecosystems Ecology Professor and climate change researcher



Dr. Jose Enrique

Founder and CEO of Latinos in Action and recipient of the White House Bright Spot for Hispanic Education



Noemi Hernandez

District art specialist and Governor's Leadership in the Arts Award 2017

PROGRAM LEADERS

Dr. Lora Anderson Cook, a longtime advocate of global education and exchange programs, is the director of Global Education Allies. Dr. Cook has directed dozens of international education programs for thousands of participants on several continents.

Brenda Beyal is a member of the Navajo Nation and a long time elementary school teacher. She is the recipient of the No Child Left Behind 2006 American Star of Teaching award and Director of the Native American curriculum initiative at CITES.

Noemi Hernandez is an artist, dancer, educator and district arts coordinator. Noemi grew up in Mexico City where she developed a lifelong love for art and celebrations. She is also the recipient of the Governor's Leadership in the Arts Award in 2017.

Michelle Green is a 4th grade teacher in Southern Utah. She has her Master's in Educational Leadership and Policy and has traveled with GEA to Finland/Lapland, East Africa, China, and Puerto Rico.

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