

Natural Resources Learning: Parks, Recreation and Tourism

1263-001

Canyoneering I

2.0 credit hours or non-credit

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LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will finish this course with the ability to demonstrate competency in fundamental canyoneering skills based on the American Canyoneering Association Core Skills Checklist excluding the Water Activities. This will be accomplished through discussions, demonstrations, and practical hands on learning. Additionally, students will demonstrate an increased understanding of issues related to administration of public lands, such as those used in our field trip.

SCHEDULE

Class meetings,

Tuesday, May 28th, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Room HPR N 226

Tuesday, June 4th, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Room HPR N 226

Field session

All day Friday to Sunday June 7th - Sept 9th, 2024

FIELD SESSION MEETING LOCATION

We will meet in Hanksville, Utah at Stan's Burger Shack at 11:00 am on Friday, June 7th, 2024 – allow at least 4 hours for travel time. **Please do not Speed!**

PROBABLE INVOLVEMENT

This is a highly focused course, requiring full attention during the class meeting, and concentrated activities during the field sessions. 48 hours of course time, plus 3 –9 hours of self-directed outside activities will be necessary for success in the class. Moderate physical activity is required. In addition to the special fee, students may incur other costs, which may include groceries, transportation, and or rental or purchase of clothing or equipment.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDIT

Grading is on a credit/no credit basis. All four components listed below must be completed in a satisfactory manner. Credit counts toward graduation, but does not yield a letter grade. Per University policy, all students must attend 80% of class period and 100% of the field trip.

Participation and Attendance = ¼ Skill Set Checklist = 1/4 Rescue Assignment= 1/4 Rescue Discussion = 1/4

STUDENT ASSIGNMENTS

Participation:

Active participation is required for credit.

Ways to lose credit due to lack of participation include:

Dangerous actions

Bringing alcohol or other prohibited substances as outlined in this syllabus and per University's Policies

Fail to follow instructions from instructors

Not playing an active role in the class sessions

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS PRIOR TO FIELD SESSION

Find and Study a Canyoneering Accident / Rescue and create a one page double spaced document of your research. Assignment is due before the field trip. Summarize the rescue:

What went wrong?

Increase Awareness – identify what you would do the same and differently.

Practice knots we learned in class

FIELD SESSION ASSIGNMENT

Come prepared to attend and participate in workshops and descend canyons.

Using the information you used in your classroom assignment give a report to the rest of the class around the campfire.

You will have 3-5 minutes to present your finding and conclusion.

POLICIES

UNIVERSITY SAFETY STATEMENT:

The University of Utah values the safety of all campus community members. To report suspicious activity or to request a courtesy escort, call campus police at 801-585-COPS (801-585-2677). You will receive important emergency alerts and safety messages regarding campus safety via text message. For more information regarding safety and to view available training resources, including helpful videos, visit safeu.utah.edu.

Firearms, fireworks, alcohol, controlled substances, electronic entertainment devices, pets, non-enrolled persons are not allowed. Neither are unsafe or environmentally damaging behaviors. Students must attend the all class meetings, and must begin and end the field session with class. Violation of these policies requires instructors to dismiss a student from the course without credit or refund. *Exceptions will not be made.*

PRESENCE OF HAZARDS

Each student must sign a form: *Assumption of Risk, Informed Consent and Waiver of Liability and Indemnification Agreement*

Read it carefully before signing each section. Students have responsibility for their own welfare and safety on this course.

RESCUE INSURANCE

While risks are mitigated by both students and instructors as much as possible, outdoor experiences have inherent risk of injury. U-EXPLORE courses often operate in places that are more remote than campus, and as such, an injury or illness during class may result in an evacuation, or more complex rescue. Though many times government SAR (Search and Rescue) services are free, many times rescues and evacs in Utah are carried out by private companies that can charge tens of thousands of dollars. We strongly recommend purchasing, and understanding, rescue insurance that is active while on your U-EXPLORE field experience to cover you cost-wise in the event of an emergency.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Students may DROP without penalty if within two school days following the first class meeting, regardless of other University drop deadlines. Drops are not possible after that date. Following the drop deadline, students may WITHDRAW up until the day on which the field trip starts. Withdrawal will not, however, yield a refund of Tuition and Special Fee.

STUDENTS with DISABILITIES

Reasonable accommodations will be made for students with physical, cognitive, systemic, learning psychiatric disabilities. The unique demands of the field trip may require enrolling in alternate courses. Please notify your instructor of pertinent disabilities at the first class session. Disabilities must be listed on the “Participant Agreement, Release, and Acknowledgement of Risk” form. Courses in the NRL Program maintain an environment of non-discrimination, and support the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

ESSENTIAL PAPERWORK

Your instructors MUST receive these before departing for field sessions.

Assumption of Risk, Informed Consent and Waiver of Liability and Indemnification Agreement

If your name does not appear on the roll, you must furnish proof of registration before the field session begins.

POTENTIAL FOR SYLLABUS ERROR

Although your instructors have made efforts to make this syllabus accurate, errors may be present. Additionally, certain events may require changes to the syllabus.

Personal Equipment and Items Needed

Primitive Camping (car camping) stuff for sleeping and meals / drinking and bathrooming.

Bring 3 Gallons of Water per person

Note: There will be no fires for cooking.

A portable toilet system (groover) will be set up for all solid waste deposits while at camp. “Wag Bags” (portable one time toilets) will be available for students if “nature calls” while in the slot canyons.

Non-Technical Canyoneering Equipment You Need To Provide

Small backpack (ability to carry 2-3 liters of water, headlamp, snacks, jacket and harness), water containers (2-3 liters), headlamp, warm hat, jacket, snacks, gloves (protect hands while rappelling)

Technical Canyoneering Equipment That Will Be Provided For You

Helmet, harness, descending device, 3 locking carabiners, Cordage

Itinerary

Friday

11:00 am	Meet in Hanksville, UT at Stan’s Burger Shack – Eat Lunch
11:45 am	Check in – plan of the day
12:00 pm	Begin driving to Campsite
12:35 pm	Begin setting up camp
1:00 pm	Distribute student gear and SAFETY TALK
1:30 pm	Break up into groups for canyons
2:00 pm	Carpool to canyon and begin approach hike (45 minutes)
8:00 pm	Return to camp and eat dinner around the camp fire
10:00 pm	Retire to bed

Saturday

8:00 am	Check in geared up and ready to go – plan of the day
8:30 am	Skills Workshops
11:45 am	Clean up skills area
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Carpool to canyon and begin approach hike (45 minutes)
5:00 pm	Return to camp – Hand in student gear
6:00 pm	Dinner around the camp fire
8:00 pm	Student Rescue Discussions
10:00 pm	Retire to bed

Sunday

6:00 am	Approximate time for Sunrise Ceremony
9:00 am	Class concludes