

# CHCA Intersession 2024

May 20-30, 2024

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Course Name: <b>Hike the American Southwest</b>	
Instructor(s): <b>Mr. Vanderkolk and Mrs. Parcell</b>	
Course Type: <b>Domestic US Overnight</b>	Service Hours: <b>0</b>
Maximum enrollment: <b>27</b>	Minimum enrollment: <b>21</b>
Length of trip (if applicable): <b>8 days</b>	<b>7 nights</b>
<b>Cost: \$3395</b>	

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**Overview:**

Pack your hiking boots and let's head west to experience the beautiful American Southwest. This Intersession experience will allow students to hike the north and south rim of the Grand Canyon, take in the sunrise in Bryce Canyon and take a Jeep tour through Zion National Park.

**Course Goals:**

Visit three National Parks in the American Southwest:

- Grand Canyon National Park
- Zion National Park
- Bryce Canyon National Park

Take in the beauty of these parks in both sight-seeing excursions and hiking different population trails in the parks.

**Writing Component:**

Students will keep a map/journal of our expedition. This map will include hiking trails, important stops within the national parks, and other sightseeing excursions.

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**Description:**

1. Saturday May 18: Depart Cincinnati (via CVG) and fly to Las Vegas International Airport. We will spend this first day at Grand Canyon National Park, at the Yavapai Lodge.
2. Sunday May 19: Hike Bright Angel Trail, take a tour of the South Rim and visit Hermit's Rest.
3. Monday May 20: Spend the day at the North Rim and explore the Grand Canyon via a mule ride.
4. Tuesday May 21: Explore Zion National Park both with a Jeep Tour and a tour of the national park.
5. Wednesday May 22: Hike different trails through Zion. These trails can include Pa'rus Trail (the actual hike will depend on weather). Enjoy an easy afternoon of swimming and hanging out at the lodge.
6. Thursday May 23: Head to Bryce Canyon National Park and walk the Rim Trail to multiple scenic views on the trail
7. Friday May 24: Hike the Queen's Garden/ Navajo Trail in the morning and enjoy a round of laser tag in the afternoon before heading home.  
Depart Las Vegas International Airport for a red-eyed flight home (possibility of a lay-over)
8. Saturday May 25: Arrive back at CVG at an estimated time of 10:45am

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**This course is well suited to:**

Students who are ready and willing to explore the national park through leisure tours, moderate hiking trails, and adventurous mule rides.

**Cost:**

\$ 3395.00 includes transportation, admissions and park fees, most meals. Students will need money for meals on travel days and a few meals during

**Additional costs:**

motorcoach trips between national parks, snacks and souvenirs.

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**Other Information:**

Waivers for some excursions will be required. Families will be supplied with these waivers and forms before we depart our trip.

Tour vendor does not offer trip cancellation insurance, families should consider private trip cancellation insurance on their own.

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