



2009

## Leading the Way: Grand Canyon Expedition



Come Discover Classroom Earth!

### Rafting the Grand Canyon...

is an unbelievable opportunity that many people wait a lifetime to enjoy. Building on the success of our 2008 Grand Canyon Leading the Way Expedition, we are working with our partners, Grand Canyon Youth and the National Park Service, to develop the **most comprehensive educational experience**. Join us on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure as we explore science, culture, leadership and service within the canyon walls.

A nationally recognized program with Erik Weihenmayer, as featured on ABC Nightline, the Travel Channel and CBS Sunday Morning.

Embark on an extraordinary journey with an unlikely team of students.



**Lead:** → STEP OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE AND LEARN TO USE ADVERSITY AS AN ADVANTAGE

**Learn:** → EXPLORE NEW CULTURES, ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AND STEP UP TO BECOME A RESPONSIBLE GLOBAL CITIZEN.

**Live:** → EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF TRAVEL AND DISCOVER THE POWER THAT YOU HAVE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.



### Pre-Trip Preparation:

The Leading the Way Program is about much more than just an expedition. It is about creating globally responsible citizens who appreciate the diversity of the world and strive to make a positive difference. As a part of the preparation blind, visually-impaired and sighted students will:

- Engage in fundraising activities with the support of Global Explorers staff to help support the costs of your program
- Participate in monthly conference calls beginning in January where you cover our preparatory curriculum concepts of science, culture, leadership and service.
- Attend a retreat with Erik Weihenmayer, the only blind person to summit Mt. Everest, and Global Explorers staff to learn important technical and leadership skills
- Help spread the word throughout your community, in the press and beyond about the goals of our expedition.

### Program Essentials

#### PARTICIPANTS

High school and college students who are sighted, visually-impaired or blind

#### HOW TO APPLY

Apply online, call 877-627-1425 email [leadingtheway@globalexplorers.org](mailto:leadingtheway@globalexplorers.org) to request an application

#### PRICE

\$1,800-\$2,500 We fundraise with you!  
\*Final price will be set by November

### Timeline

#### November 15

Registration deadline

#### Spring 2009

Weekend retreat with Erik Weihenmayer in Colorado  
4 conference calls with Global Explorers Staff

#### Summer 2009

Grand Canyon Expedition  
\*Exact dates to be determined by November '08

#### Fall 2009

Conduct follow-up service leadership projects





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### The Expedition:

- Raft on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon
- Learn about conservation issues and ecology
- Hike along beautiful slot canyons accessible only from the river
- Conduct a community service project on the rim of the Canyon
- Learn about Native American cultures, traditions and history
- Work together as a team of blind, visually-impaired and sighted students



### Service Leadership Project:

This trip will inspire you – we guarantee it! We ask you to take that inspiration back home and make a positive difference in your community. You'll design your own project with our support upon returning from your expedition.



### A National Social Awareness Campaign:

Not only an amazing experience for the participants themselves, each Leading the Way expedition is paired with a social awareness and media campaign which we use to educate a much broader constituency. These campaigns provide a message of hope and inspiration while helping to break down barriers, misconceptions and prejudices that the public has about people with disabilities.



### Payment Details:

\$200 nonrefundable deposits will be due on December 15, 2008. 50% of the program fees will be due on February 15, 2009 and the remainder will be due 60 days prior to travel. Participants will be billed directly for their final payments. While GEx does everything possible to ensure appropriate arrangements and schedules in support of our trips, we have yet to find a way to control weather, common carriers, hotel operators, etc. Thus, our itineraries are always subject to change based on local conditions. Should circumstances beyond our control result in additional expenses (e.g. flight delays resulting in additional lodging or food expenses, fuel surcharges), travelers will be responsible for those costs. Withdrawal 60 days or less prior to date of departure results in 100% loss of program fees. Late payments beyond 30 days are charged an 18% service fee and can result in the loss of participant's reservation. Billing for international airfare will follow a separate payment schedule based on availability of flights, best fares and airline policies. Our staff will contact travelers with details.

### Expedition Highlights

\* Subject to Change

#### 7-8 DAYS RAFTING THE GRAND

We'll raft the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. Days will be spent on the water, exploring slot canyons and enjoying sand beaches. You'll study the conservation issues and the ecosystems of the Grand along the way.

#### 7-8 DAYS SERVICE & CULTURE

On the rim of the canyon, you'll learn about Native American culture and history. You'll conduct community service and begin planning for your leadership project upon your return home.



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