

Southwest Chapter River Ranger Rendezvous

Green River State Park, Green River, Utah

Aug. 18, 19 & 20, 2009

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Directions to Green River State Park:

From Salt Lake City, Utah to Green River State Park, approximately 3 hours: Take I-15 south towards Las Vegas/ Cheyenne. Take exit #258, Highway 6 to Price (~ 79 miles). Take exit # 160 to the I-70 east towards Green River. Take the first Green River exit #164 and head past the gas stations and into town. Green River State Park is one block down from the City Park.

From Denver, Colorado to Green River State Park, approximately 5.5 hours: Take I-70 toward Grand Junction. Cross into Utah and continue along the I-70 past the Moab exit and on to the first Green River exit #160. On the left will be a UHP office, a store and city hall.

Meeting location: John Wesley Powell Museum

Fee: \$100/members; \$135 non-members (also gets membership)

Food: Delicious meals will be prepared for you by a local outfitter beginning with breakfast on Aug. 18th and ending with breakfast on Aug. 20th. If you have any special food needs, please note this on your registration form.

T-shirt: Each participant will receive a beautiful River Management Society T-shirt.

Ropes contest and door prizes: Fabulous prizes will be given away throughout the River Ranger Rendezvous as well as a grand prize given away during the river rescue exercises.

Night before: Arrive, on-your-own for food/drink; meet and greet...



Day One:

7:00 Breakfast

8:00 Welcome from Green River State Park Manager Eugene Swalberg
And Shelley Smith, District Manager from Moab District BLM
House keeping – River Ranger Planning Team

8:30-10:30 River Ranger Report

Each ranger or attendee will be give 5 minutes to introduce themselves and report on successes, challenges, and issues specific to “their” river. Some ideas include: changing environmental ethics of new boaters; attitudes about running rivers; dangers; challenges for rangers, etc...

10:45-11:30 “Kids Outdoors” and “Leave No Trace” discussion led by Patti Klein, National Stewardship and Take It Outside Coordinator

We will have a discussion on how to engage kids during group presentations and group contacts.

11:30-Noon: Wild and Scenic River Suitability Studies, Randy Welsh, Congressionally Designated Areas Program (Wilderness, Wild and Scenic River, Caves), Intermountain Region, USFS and Bunny Sterin, Utah BLM National Landscape Conservation System (Wilderness, Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Trails, National Monuments and Conservation Areas).

Randy and Bunny will discuss the current status of the wild and scenic river studies in Utah from the USFS and BLM perspectives.

Noon-12:45 Lunch

12:45- 2:30 Get moving

Low Ropes Course challenge/knot tying, Z-drags, etc.

A very experienced river ranger will lead this exercise to review skills for river rescue.

2:30-5:00 Archeology: Jerry Spangler

Jerry Spangler is the Director and principal archaeologist for the Colorado Plateau Archaeological Alliance, a non-profit corporation. The purpose of the Colorado Plateau Archaeological Alliance is to foster the conservation, preservation and protection of archaeological, historic and natural resources of the greater Colorado Plateau and Great Basin through scientific research, public outreach and advocacy on behalf of those resources.

Jerry's presentation will focus on the importance of managing rivers as a cultural landscape. Discussion will include the need for proper inventory and systematic monitoring of cultural sites. Identification of visitor impacts and suggested management practices will also be discussed.

6:00 Dinner - Museum

Guest Speaker: Nic Korte

Nic Korte has been hiking in the Grand Canyon for over 25 years. After being severely injured in a fall in the Canyon, his rescue reflects the excellent training and behavior of the back country rangers. He will talk about his observations and support of river and back country management as it related to his accident.



Day Two: "River Day"

7:00 Breakfast

8:00 – 5:00 Green River Daily Float Trip

Tom Gnojek, River Manger from Price BLM will discuss the river management issues on this section of the Green.

7:00 **Bar-b-que**



Day Three:

6:30- 7:30 Breakfast

8:00- 10:00 Boat (rubber/synthetics) and equipment repair; what works in the field; "nuts and bolts", "war stories." Bring your own "gadget."

Herms Hoops

Hermes Hoops is a fixture of the Yampa and Green River basins, with a wealth of practical knowledge of the canyons, their issues, and of the people and companies that operate in these areas. His years of activity on the river have also provided him a wealth of practical information on boat mechanics, equipment failure and repair, fabrics and adhesives, and care and abuse of boats.

10:00 – 10:30 Journaling

We will have a discussion on the values of good record keeping (journaling)

11:00-12:00 Noxious Weeds: Dan Bean

Dan Bean is the authority on the Tamarisk Beetle. He works for Colorado Department of Agriculture out of the Palisade Insectory, near Grand Junction Colorado. It is his years of research, travel, collection and eventual release of the beetle that is beginning to see results of eradication of the Tamarisk along the rivers of the Southwest. He will talk about the beetle, what we can expect to see, on-going work, short/long term results, dangers of natural control, and what will be considered a "success" in eradication.

12:00 Noon Close out and adjourn

For information about the area, check out the following web sites:

Green River State Park: http://www.utah.com/stateparks/green_river.htm

John Wesley Powell Museum: <http://johnwesleypowell.com/>

General Information about the Green River http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green_River,_Utah

Or call: Bunny Sterin at 801-539-4053