



Dear Grand Canyon Enthusiast,

Please join us for our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Members' Gathering, to be held on April 30, May 1 and 2, 2010. This members-only event will bring you a "behind-the-scenes" look at some of the canyon's treasures. You'll have an opportunity to enjoy interpretive walks and presentations, and attend our optional luncheon at beautiful Shoshone Point. In addition, please note that Saturday, May 1, is also NPS' *Celebrate Wildlife Day*. We've allotted time blocks all day Saturday in order that you have the opportunity to participate. Please refer to the NPS website for more details on their CWD program (<http://www.nps.gov/grca/naturescience/wildlife-day.htm>).

Friday, April 30, is scheduled as our volunteer day. Once again, the park's vegetation crew has invited GCA members to participate in this rewarding activity. Also on Friday, you will have the opportunity to meet your fellow members at the Member Mingle! Please refer to the accompanying materials for more information.

Our Members' Gathering event has grown each year so there is increased demand with limited accommodations. To add to this challenge, we made the decision to move the Gathering to the spring this year. This has resulted in fewer choices for in-park accommodations and a shorter lead-time for planning. We hope this change will not lessen your interest in attending. But, wait! There's good news attached to this... For the first time ever, we have been able to secure discounted accommodation rates for our members!

All programs will require advance registration and tickets for entry. Members' Gathering is a members-only (and guest) event with a \$30.00/person registration fee, and a charge of \$25.00/person for the optional luncheon at Shoshone Point on Saturday. Registration for the Members' Gathering closes on March 31<sup>st</sup> and refunds will not be given after that date.

Please use the "Registration Form" to select the programs in which you wish to participate. Due to space limitations, please select your first and second choice for each time slot. Some programs are repeated, in order that you can build a schedule that fits your interests. Based on member feedback, we've switched things up this year and utilized Sunday morning to provide you with yet another opportunity to attend a program of interest. Please return the registration form with your payment either by mail or by fax. Our fax number is (928) 638-2484.

After we have processed your event registration, you will receive a confirmation letter in the mail including the verification of the programs for which you are registered. Also included will be Information on where to pick up your registration packet and program tickets once you arrive at Grand Canyon. **Bear in mind that all program registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis, so please return your registration form as soon as possible to secure your selections.**

To recap, if you would like to attend the Members' Gathering, please send your registration form as soon as possible. Please submit your payment with your registration form. Send to Grand Canyon Association, P.O. Box 399, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023 or fax to (928) 638-2484. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number or email below.

We hope to see you in April!

Sincerely,

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