



November 2014

Dear NCGS Community,

The National Coalition of Girls' Schools is delighted to offer our member schools the opportunity to participate in a leadership trip to the Grand Canyon in the summer of 2015 in association with our strategic partner, [Grand Classroom](#). The retreat is designed to bring together groups of high school-aged student leaders – and their faculty advisers – from NCGS schools across North America to share ideas and hone their leadership skills in one of the most inspiring destinations on earth.

Participants will take advantage of all the outdoors has to offer and will learn through hands-on experience with facilitators and expert guides. In addition to the important character-building aspects of student travel, the girls will engage in a range of team building activities and collaborative work. There will also be many opportunities for self-reflection and goal-setting, both personally and as a leadership team.

As you well know, one of the biggest challenges in girls' education is helping young women find their voice. The overarching goal of the retreat is to instill confidence and provide girls with tools and skills that they can bring back to campus to share with their peers and to lead more effectively and empathically.

We are partnering with the professional travel company Grand Classroom, which has many years of experience leading successful trips for NCGS member schools, to plan every aspect of the retreat. They will provide marketing materials and handle all of the planning, registration, and money collecting for the retreat. **For every five participants, one adult chaperone – preferably the student government or leadership adviser – from your school will travel for free.**

The trip price is all-inclusive. It includes three meals a day, hotel accommodations, round trip transportation, all entry fees, leadership activities, professional guides, and medical insurance.

To register, please contact John Raymond at johnraymond@grandclassroom.com or call (800) 839-6424

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan K. Murphy".

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NCGS Leadership Retreat in the Grand Canyon

NCGS, in collaboration with Grand Classroom, is delighted to offer our member schools this exciting opportunity for students and their faculty advisers to:

- Meet students from other NCGS schools, share ideas, and hone their leadership skills
- Participate in a range of hands-on experiences with facilitators and expert guides
- Engage in team-building activities and collaborative work
- Set goals, both individually and as a leadership team
- Gain confidence and discover tools that will help them be more effective, empathic leaders
- Share all that they learned with their peers back on campus



Location: Grand Canyon and Zion Trip

Dates: 6/27/2015 - 7/1/2015

All-Inclusive Price: \$2,479

Deposit Deadline: 1/16/2015

Register: www.grandclassroom.com, click "Find My Trip / Register" and search for "NCGS Leadership Retreat"

Sample Itinerary

Day One

- Retreat welcome
- Red Rock National Conservation Area
- Ice breaker name game
- Valley of Fire State Park
- Evening meeting: Building Self-Esteem

Day Two

- Zion National Park
- Hike the Narrows
- Team activity: Unequal resources
- Checkerboard Mesa
- Evening meeting: Effective Communication

Day Three

- Horseshoe Bend
- Float trip on the Colorado River
- Team activity: Bridge building
- Wupatki and Sunset Crater National Monuments
- Evening meeting: Goal Setting

Day Four

- Grand Canyon National Park
- Canyon View Information Plaza
- Hike the South Kaibab Trail
- Team activity: Trust walk
- Desert View Watchtower
- Evening meeting: Team Unity thru rock climbing at indoor gym

Day Five

- Slide Rock State Park
- Sedona
- Hike the vortex
- Reflection and sharing time/bracelet exchange
- Farewell dinner
- Fountains of Bellagio
- Depart for home