Spring Break 2016

Backpacking, Camping & Hiking
Zion National Park

Vanderbilt Outdoor Rec. Program

Cost: $550 plus airfare to Las Vegas

Cost includes: Van transportation from LAS, hotel on both ends of the trip, camping fees and entrance fees, backcountry permits, food while camping, group equipment.

Additional Costs: Airfare, individual equipment, travel food, souvenirs, etc.

REGISTRATION: Sign up on-line by midnight on Wed. Nov. 18.

Then pay the $200 registration fee within 2 business days at the VRWC.
Pre-Trip Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 6:00 pm in the ORC.

Pre-Zion Hike and Meeting Day: Saturday, Jan. 30 or Feb. 13, 2016
7:30 am to 4:00 pm, includes lunch!

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:
For your convenience, the following payments can be made or you can just pay in full!

REGISTRATION: $200
Fri. Dec. 4: $200
Fri. Jan. 15: $150

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TRIP OVERVIEW:

This year, we will try something new for spring break. We will meet at the Las Vegas airport and then drive up to Zion National Park for a week of backpacking and hiking. Zion is an incredible park with impressive sandstone mountains, canyons, and towers. It also features a dry, southwest desert, kind of like that which is in the Grand Canyon. Due to the high elevations and chance of snow, we will not be going to certain parts of the park. However, we have planned two backpack trips: an overnight in the southwest part of the park and a 3-4 day trip in the southeast part of the park. Both trails will lead to beautiful and spectacular sights! Weather permitting; we hope to hike up the famous Angels Landing trail in between the two trips. Total hiking for the week will be around 56 miles, but we will not have our backpack on for all of this.

Designed for the experienced backpacker, we will allow enthusiastic beginners on this trip. Everyone who goes must be in good physical shape by the time we leave.

Participants are expected to attend one of two all day sessions on a Saturday in 2016. This will involve a Pre-Zion Training Hike and a meeting following the hike. Expected duration: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. For your flight to LAS, arrive no later than 2:30 pm on 3/5 and leave no earlier than 8:30 am on 3/13.
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Trip Itinerary  (tentative, as of 11-2-15)

Sat. March 5   2:00 pm  Meet Linda at Las Vegas Airport Baggage Claim
   (or if on same flight, then hang at airport or go with to get van, etc.)
   Drive to St. George, UT and hotel. Eat Dinner out.

Sun. 3/ 6   7:00 am  Leave Hotel and drive to Zion N.P.
   Begin Backpacking Trip on the Chinle Trail
   Hike 8.1 miles. Camp near Coal pits Wash Spring.

Mon. 3/7   Hike out 8.1 miles (either backtrack or hike down Coal Pits Wash 7.3 miles)
   Camp at Main Campground

Tues. 3/8   Hike up Angel’s Landing, 5 miles RT (weather permitting)
   Camp at Main Campground

Wed. 3/9   Begin 2nd Backpacking Trip on the East Rim Trail. Hike 27 miles in 4 days.
   Hike 5.7 miles to Stave Spring. Set up Camp for 3 nights.

Thurs. 3/10  Day hike to Cable Mountain and back. 5.8 miles RT.

Fri. 3/11  Day hike to Observation Peak Loop. 9.8 mile RT.

Sat. 3/12  Break camp and Backpack out via East Rim Trail (5.7 miles)
   or if we have two vans, to Weeping Rock (5.0 miles). Run shuttle.
   Drive to Las Vegas Hotel. Eat Dinner out along the way.

Sun. 3/13   7 am.  Drive to the Airport. Fly back to Nashville.
More photos from Zion . . .
Interested? Sign up by midnight on **Wed. Nov. 18**.

Space is limited to the first 10 who sign up!

**Questions?**

**Call Linda Rosenkranz**

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**OR**

**E-mail to**

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**Trip Coordinators:**

Linda R. and Ann Mills

Note: trip photos are from a trip in May. It will not be quite this warm in March!