Spring Break 2020

Backpacking, Camping & Hiking
Zion National Park

Vanderbilt Outdoor Rec. Program

Cost: $570 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 (& pay in full) by midnight on Fri. Nov. 15.
Pre-Trip Meeting:  Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 5:30 pm in the ORC.

Pre-Zion Hike Training Day:  Saturday, Jan. 25 or Feb. 8, 2020
7:30 am to 4:00 pm, includes lunch!

Payment Plan:  If you do not want to pay all $570 at once, you can meet with Linda and pay $200 to register. Then you can pay the rest at least 30 days prior to the trip.
TRIP OVERVIEW:
This year, we are going back to ZION 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 northwest 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 42 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 2020. This will involve a Pre-Zion Training Hike and a meeting following the hike. Preferred date: Sat. 1/25. Alternate date: Sat. 2/8. Expected duration: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. For your flight to LAS, arrive no later than 2:00 pm on 2/29 and leave no earlier than 9:00 am on 3/8.
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Trip Itinerary  (tentative, as of 11-12-19)

Sat. Feb. 29  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. 3/1    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. 3/2   Hike out 3.3 miles.  Have lunch, go for a short hike.
Camp at Main Campground

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

Wed. 3/4  Begin 2nd Backpacking Trip on the East Rim Trail.  Hike 15 miles in 3 days.
Hike 5.1 miles to Hop Valley Campsite.

Thurs. 3/5 Hike 2.5 miles to LaVerkin Creek Campsite and camp for 2 nights.

Fri. 3/6    Day hike to Bear Trap Canyon.  6.4 mile RT.

Sat. 3/7    Break camp and Backpack out via Hop Valley (7.4 miles)
or if we have two vans, to Lee Pass TH (6.8 miles).  Run shuttle.
Drive to Las Vegas Hotel.  Eat Dinner out along the way.

Sun. 3/8    7 am.  Drive to the Airport.  Fly back to Nashville.
More photos from Zion . . .
Interested? Sign up by midnight on Fri. Nov. 15.
Space is limited to the first 10 who sign up!

Questions?
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