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Grand Canyon National Park Accepting Lottery Applications for Noncommercial Colorado River Permits

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – The National Park Service is now accepting applications for noncommercial river trip permits to raft the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park. Applications will be accepted online through noon on May 28, 2007. Anyone who is interested may apply through the weighted lottery. A total of 213 permits will be awarded for 12 to 25 day river trips on the Colorado River through Grand Canyon. To access the website, start from the park's main webpage at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/> and select "River Permits" then "Weighted Lottery".

Individuals who are 18 years or older may apply. All 213 trips are for specific launch dates within calendar year 2008. Noncommercial river trips must be self-guided, and technical whitewater experience is mandatory on each trip. Individuals may participate on a maximum of one river trip per year (commercial or non-commercial).

People interested in guided river trips should not apply through the lottery but instead request space on a commercial trip. A list of commercial companies offering guided trips can be found by visiting <http://www.nps.gov/grca/> then selecting "river permits" then "3 to 18 day commercial trips".

For more information about the 2008 weighted lottery, please visit the Grand Canyon National Park website at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/> or contact the river permits office at 1-800-959-9164 or 928-638-7884.

This is the second year for the weighted lottery. It was selected as the park's noncommercial river permit system in early 2006 after the completion of a multi-year planning process. The first weighted lottery took place in October 2006, awarding many permits for calendar year 2007. A waitlist had been used prior to the adoption of the weighted lottery system.

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