

The following is a Grand Canyon Lottery Primer for do-it-yourself river runners seeking a permit to float the Colorado river in Grand Canyon during the 2010 rafting season.

This Primer starts at www.nps.gov and then has step by step directions to the Grand Canyon Home Page. You can also go there direct at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/index.htm>

From the Grand Canyon Home page, follow along as we show you how to set up a User Profile. That bit is free. We'll also provide a demo from an actual lottery application for a 2010 permit, including how to use the calendar. We also review the \$25 payment process when you register in the Lottery.

Remember, do-it-yourself paddlers and concessionaire passengers can only do one river trip a year as per NPS...even in the Dead-of-Winter. Go figure.

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Grand Canyon National Park

A powerful and inspiring landscape, the Grand Canyon overwhelms our senses through its immense size; 277 river miles (446km) long, up to 18 miles (29km) wide, and a mile (1.6km) deep.

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There are three different river trip opportunities through Grand Canyon National Park.

1 Day Commercial River Trips – Half-day and full-day whitewater and smooth water trips on the Colorado River. Some take place between Glen Canyon Dam and

Lees Ferry (northeastern end of Grand Canyon), and others launch from Quartermaster or Diamond Creek (western end of Grand Canyon).

2 to 5 Day Noncommercial River Trips – Noncommercial trips that launch from Diamond Creek and takeout at Lake Mead typically are 2 to 5 days in length. Permits for these whitewater trips are available to the public starting one year in advance and are distributed on a first-come first-served basis.

Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek River Trips – Motorized and non-

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3 to 18 Day Commercial River Trips

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Weighted Lottery

Background

In early 2006, after the completion of an extensive, multi-year public planning process, a weighted lottery system was selected for Grand Canyon National Park's noncommercial river permit system. The first weighted lottery was held in October 2006, and many follow-up lotteries have since taken place. Prior to the adoption of the weighted lottery system a waitlist was used to assign river launch dates.

The Annual Main Lottery

Each year in February a main lottery is held to assigned launch dates for river trips occurring the next year. Follow-up lotteries are then held as needed throughout the remainder of the year to reassign cancelled and/or left-over trips river trips.

Lottery Eligibility Requirements

You must be least 18 years old and not a resident of the state of Arizona. You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. You must be a noncommercial or commercial river triper. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications are accepted for one year. No one may be listed on more than one application.

Lottery Costs



Secure Weighted Lottery Website

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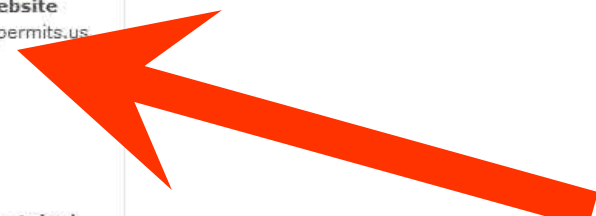


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Colorado River Noncommercial Rafting Permits Applying through the Weighted Lottery

Welcome to the Weighted Lottery! This website is designed to make applying for your Colorado river rafting permit quick and easy. Everything you need is right here! You will use this website to submit lottery applications for noncommercial Colorado River rafting permits in three easy steps:

1. Create and manage your user profile, which contains your contact information, preferred trip itinerary, and provides links to all pending applications you've submitted in a list format.
2. Create a rafting permit lottery application for a Colorado River noncommercial rafting permit.
3. Pay for and submit your application for consideration in the annual permit lottery.

In addition to submitting lottery applications, you may also use this website to:

- Add your email address so you will receive notifications of upcoming lotteries.
- Make changes to your pending lottery application at any time up to the close of the lottery.
- Monitor the status of your pending lottery application, i.e., make sure that payment for applicable fees was successfully processed, verify that participants you listed as potential alternate trip leaders (PATLs) have confirmed their co-applicant status on your application, and double-check that there are no disqualifying problems with your lottery application.
- Find out whether or not your application was successful in the lottery.
- Access your successful application to supply additional required information and pay the remaining permit fee 30 days before launch. Once fees are paid, permit information is complete, permits will be automatically issued and mailed.
- Easily revise unsuccessful applications and re-submit them for follow-up lotteries for cancelled or rejected permits for launches within the same year. Lottery applicants are required to pay the application fee only once per year; follow-up lotteries require no additional fee.
- Apply after the initial lottery to try and pick up a cancelled date.

Current & Upcoming Lotteries

2018 Main Lottery - February 2009
 Feb 1, 2009 - Feb 24, 2009 12pm MST
 Number of Valid Applications: 62

For more information on the Permit Lottery, [click here](#).

If you have a USER Profile from a previous lottery, you log in here

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Permitting process overview

The following is a quick overview of the permitting process. [A more detailed description of each step in the application and permitting process is given here.](#)

Step 1: Create a profile. All persons listed on a trip permit application must have a user account in this system.

Step 2: Login and create your application. Once you have a profile, you can login at any time before the lottery is run to create a lottery application.

Step 3: Submit your completed application. The completed application will not become active until fees are paid. All PATLs listed on your application must login to this system and acknowledge their co-applicant status before the lottery drawing date; PATLs failing to do so will be automatically removed from the application.

Step 4: Pay lottery application fee. Pay the \$25 lottery application fee through this website

Step 5: Lottery occurs on designated date. After the lottery, you will be notified of the success/failure of your lottery application by email. You can login at any time to view the status of your lottery application.

Step 6: Completing Permit processing. If successful in the lottery, you will be able to complete your permit application and submit final payments so that your permit can be issued.

Step 7: Issue the permit. Once the permit is issued, you will receive a permit application and a permit application fee.

If you have previously created a profile, please login to:

- Edit/Update your profile
- Submit/edit a river trip application
- View application status
- Confirm your participation on a trip application

Login

User Name:

Password:

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...or, if you have never visited this site before...

...please create a new profile for yourself. All persons applying for, or participating in Colorado river rafting trips, must have a profile in this system!

Forgot your password? Click here

If you forget your username of password, you fill this form out



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Forgot Username

If you have forgotten your user name, please enter your email address you used for that user name here and we will email your user name to you at that address.

Email Address:

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If you have forgotten your password, please enter your user name here and we will email a new password to you at that address.

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Colorado River Noncommercial Rafting Permits Applying through the Weighted Lottery

Welcome to the Weighted Lottery! This website is designed to make applying for your Colorado river rafting permit quick and easy. Everything you need is right here! You will use this website to submit lottery applications for noncommercial Colorado River rafting permits in these easy steps:

1. Create and manage your user profile, which contains your contact information, crucial permits, trip history, and provides links to all pending applications you've submitted or are listed on.
2. Create a lottery permit application for private (noncommercial) river trips.
3. Pay for and submit your application for consideration in the annual permit lottery.

In addition to submitting lottery applications, you may also use this website to:

- Add your e-mail address so you can receive notifications concerning lottery events.
- Make changes to your pending lottery application any time up to the date of the lottery.
- Monitor the status of your pending lottery application, i.e., make sure that payment for applicable fees was successfully processed, verify that participants you listed as potential alternate trip leaders (PATLs) have confirmed their co-applicant status on your application, and double-check that there are no qualifying problems with your lottery application.
- Find out whether or not your application was successful in the lottery.
- Access your successful application to supply additional required information and pay the remainder of the permit fees 90 days before launch. When fees are paid and permit information is complete, permits will be automatically issued and mailed.
- Easily re-submit successful applications and re-submit for follow-up trips if cancelled. (Note: repeat applications within the same year. Lottery applicants are required to pay the application fee and permit fee. Repeat entries require no additional fee.
- Apply for the initial lottery, try and rip up your application date.

Current & Upcoming Lotteries

2010 March Lottery: February 09 - 12, 2010
 o February 2009: February 20, 2012 12:00 PM MST
 o Current # of Valid Applications: 62.

For more information on the Permit Lottery, [click here](#).

If you haven't done so already, you need to create a User Profile. Click down here... You can do this anytime. There is no charge to get profiled.

FAQ

Permitting process overview

The following is a summary of the permitting process. For a detailed description, search for the application and permitting process in our website.

Step 1: Create a profile. All persons listed on a trip permit application must have a user account in this system.

Step 2: Login and create your application. Once you have a profile, you can login at any time before the lottery is run to create a lottery application.

Step 3: Submit your completed application. Once your application is complete, you must be able to pay the fees are paid. All PATLs listed on your application must log into this system and verify their co-applicant status before the lottery drawing. PATLs will be notified to do so by email and removed from the application.

Step 4: Pay lottery application fee. Pay the \$25 lottery application fee through this website.

Step 5: Lottery occurs on designated date. After the lottery, you will be notified of the successful bid of your lottery application by email. You can login at any time to view the status of your lottery application.

Step 6: Completing Permit processing. If successful in the lottery, you will be able to complete your permit application and submit final payments so that your permit can be issued.

Step 7: Issue a permit. If the above steps are completed, a permit will be issued.

If you have previously created a profile, please login to:

- Edit/Update your profile
- Submit a new trip application
- View application status
- Confirm your participation on an application

Login

User Name:


Password:

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Create Profile (Step 1 of 2)

Step 1 of 2: Choose a user name and password.

The first step in creating your personal profile is to choose a unique user name and secret password for yourself. You will use your user name and your password every time you log into this site, so be sure to pick something that you won't easily forget!

Important notes:

- User names must be unique, meaning that your chosen name may already be "taken" by another user. In this case, just choose a different name. We have created some hints on choosing a good user name to get you started.
- Each individual may have only one user name and password in this system. If you created a profile earlier, but forgot your user name, [contact NPS staff for assistance](#). Do not attempt to create a new (second) account!
- Only individuals 16 years and older may create profiles.

*** Required fields**

1. User name: Please choose a user name. ([Help: Hints on choosing a good user name](#))

* User Name:

2. Password: Please choose a password for your account. Passwords must be at least six characters in length. ([Hints on choosing a password](#))

* Password:

* Retype password:

3. Date of Birth: Please enter your date of birth (Note: You must be 16 years of age or older to create an account).

* Date of birth: Month: Day: Year:

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User Name

Password

Date of Birth

Birth

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Create Profile (Step 2 of 2)

Step 2 of 2: Enter your personal and contact information

Please fill in the following personal and contact information to complete your profile.

* Required fields

User Name: testgrandcanyon

1. Full Name: Please enter your full legal name as shown on your passport or driver's license.

* First name: * Last name:

2. Mailing Address (Street or PO Box):

* Address:

* City:

* State: * Zip Code:

3. Contact Information:

Format: (202)555-1212. For intl. numbers, please be sure to add your country code at the front.

* Phone primary: Phone secondary:

Email:

Re-type email to verify: Format: JohnDoe@here.com

4. River History: Please select from the following options the one that accurately describes your travel history on recreational river trips between Lee's Ferry and Diamond Creek. Do not include park research trips, park administrative or commercial trips on which you were working for the National Park Service. (This will be verified).

[\(Help: Why is this necessary?\)](#)

I have been on a Grand Canyon commercial or noncommercial river trip in the last five years.

My last trip occurred:
Month: Year:

OR...

I have been on a Grand Canyon commercial or noncommercial river trip, but my last trip occurred more than five years ago.

OR...

I have never been on a Grand Canyon commercial or noncommercial river trip.

5. Consent to Receive Emails:

By checking this box, you consent to be notified by email that there is a leftover or cancelled trip which you may be able to apply for in a follow-up lottery. You must fill in an email address above for this to apply. Please indicate through the user interface that you understand you are receiving by email.

6. Verification: Please review the information you've entered above, then click the checkbox to certify the following statement.

* I certify that the above information is true and correct. I understand that providing false information on this form or on my personal profile or on trip reservations may lead to disqualification from permit lotteries and/or cancellation of permits awarded.

Create Profile

Name

Address/Phone/E-Mail

River History

Last 5 years?

Longer?

Never?

Notified of

Leftovers/cancellations?

Verify

Create Profile



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* City:

* State:

* Zip Code

United States of America

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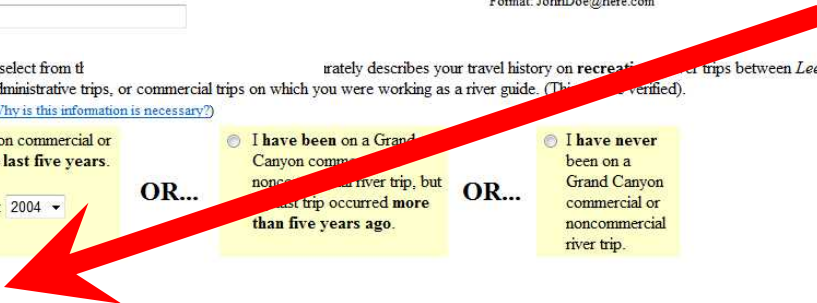
6. Verification: Please review the information you've entered above, then click the checkbox to certify the following statement.

* I certify that the above information is true and correct. I understand that supplying false, misleading, or incorrect information in my personal profile or on trip applications may lead to disqualification from permit lotteries and/or cancellation of permits awarded.

Create Profile

Cancel

Don't forget to click the cancellation notification box





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Applying through the Weighted Lottery

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Step 7: Issue the permit: When the above steps are complete, a permit will be issued.

Current & Upcoming Lotteries

- **2010 Main Lottery, February 2009**
 - Feb 1, 2009 - Feb 24, 2009 12pm MST.
 - Current # of Valid Applications: 62.

For more information on the Permit Lottery, [click here.](#)

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User Name:

Password:

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...or, if you have never visited this site before...

...please create a new profile for yourself. *All persons applying for, or participating in Colorado river rafting trips, must have a profile in this system!*

Now that you have created a profile with a username and password, sign in here



You then have to Re-Enter your Date of Birth



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Verify Date of Birth

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Questions and Answers:

Q: What if I fail to enter my birthdate correctly?

A: Your entry must match the birthdate you created with your profile. Three consecutive failed attempts will result in your account being locked for 24 hours.

Q: Why is this step necessary?

A: This section has been added to provide an additional level of protection for your account and to eliminate the need for your date of birth information to be displayed on your main profile page.

Q: I think my birthdate is listed incorrectly in my profile, and I need my account unlocked. How can I get this fixed?

A: Please fax to the River Permit Office at 928-638-7844 a signed request to have your birthdate changed and include all the following: your legal name, date of birth, email, and current contact phone numbers. Your request will be responded to during normal business hours. If this is urgent and cannot wait due to a lottery or other deadline, please send an email with your username asking for your account to be unlocked. We will respond as soon as we can.

Q: Why is date of birth even required on this site?

A: Grand Canyon National Park's river permit system includes three important rules to ensure fairness: 1) an individual can have only one profile in the lottery system, 2) an individual can go on a maximum of one recreational river trip per calendar year, and 3) an individual will get less than 5 chances in the lottery if they have been on the river within the last 4 years. Date of birth information is key in helping identify and distinguish individuals while ensuring the above two rules are met.

Date of birth:

Month:

Day:

Year:

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Once logged in and double checking your birth date, you'll get to your Personal Profile

The screenshot shows a web interface for the National Park Service. At the top, there is a header with the National Park Service logo and the text "National Park Service Grand Canyon National Park Colorado River Noncommercial Rafting Permits Personal Profile for: Thomas Martin (Ouramericanheritage)". A "Logout" button is located in the top right corner. Below the header is a progress bar with five steps: 1. Congratulations, your application has won a launch date! (highlighted in green), 2. Pay Trip Deposit (before June 20, 2007), 3. List Participants & Equipment, 4. Pay Person Fees, and 5. Print Permit.

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains "Personal Information" and "Payments". The right column contains "Most Recent Grand Canyon River Trip:", "Previous Lottery Applications:", "Current Applications:", and "Lotteries:".

Personal Information:

- Legal Name: Thomas Martin
- Address: PO Box 30821, Flagstaff Arizona, 86003, United States of America
- Primary Phone: (928)556-0742
- Secondary Phone:
- Email: tommartin@nrfw.org
- Standard points: 2
- Notify me of *leftover or cancelled trips*: Yes (with an "Edit Contact Information" button)

Payments:

- Credit available for future lotteries: \$0 (from waitlist and lottery overpayments) (with a "View Payment History" button)

Most Recent Grand Canyon River Trip:

I was last on a river trip in May, 2007. ([update](#))

Previous Lottery Applications:

Current Applications:

Thomas Martin's Grand Canyon River Trip, 2008; Led by: Thomas Martin (with a "View Application for 2008 Main Lottery" button)


Status: Congratulations, you have won a Standard sized launch on January 22, 2008

Lotteries:

- Past Lottery: 2009 Follow-up Lottery, 1-30-09**
 - When: Applications are no longer being accepted for the 2009 Follow-up Lottery, 1-30-09. This lottery opened on January 27, 2009 and closed on January 30, 2009.
- Open Lottery: 2010 Main Lottery, February 2009**
 - When: This lottery opened on February 01, 2009 and closes on February 24, 2009. (with a "Create Application For Lottery" button)


At the bottom, there are links for "Helpful Links", "Contact Us", and "Frequently Asked Questions". A footer contains "Disclaimer", "Accessibility", "Privacy Policy", "FOIA", "Notices", and "USA.gov". The page was last updated on Tuesday, August 19, 2008.

You must check that your last river trip is listed here. If not, you gotta update that date!

 National Park Service
Grand Canyon National Park
Colorado River Noncommercial Rafting Permits
Personal Profile for: **Thomas Martin (Ouramericanheritage)** Logout

1. Congratulations, your application has won a launch date! 2. Pay Trip Deposit (before June 20, 2007) **3. List Participants & Equipment** 4. Pay Person Fees 5. Print Permit

Personal Information
Legal Name: Thomas Martin
Address: PO Box 30821
Flagstaff Arizona, 86003
United States of America
Primary Phone: (928)556-0742
Secondary Phone:
Email: tommartin@nrfw.org
Standard points: 2
Notify me of leftover or cancelled trips: Yes

Payments
Credit available for future lotteries:  \$0 (from waitlist and lottery overpayments)

Most Recent Grand Canyon River Trip:
I was last on a river trip in May, 2007. [\(update\)](#)

Previous Lottery Applications:

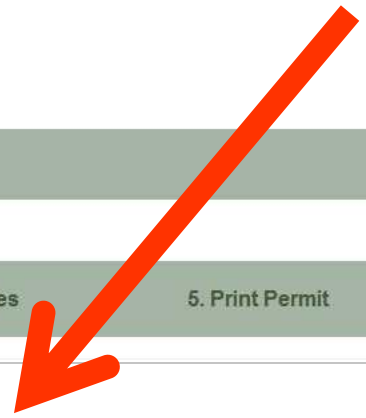
Current Applications:

Thomas Martin's Grand Canyon River Trip, 2008; Led by: Thomas Martin

Status: Congratulations, you have won a Standard sized launch on January 22, 2008

Lotteries:

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The Last-Trip update page looks like this and you have to update this yourself

National Park Service
Grand Canyon National Park
Colorado River Noncommercial Rafting Permits
Update Last Trip

Logout

Please use the form below to indicate the last time you were on a river trip on the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park. This information is crucial to your permit application as it determines the number of standard chances your application will receive in the weighted lottery.

River History:
Please select from the following options the one that accurately describes your travel history of recreational river trips between *Lee's Ferry* and *Diamond Creek*. Do not include park research trips, park administrative trips, or commercial trips on which you were working as a river guide. (This will be verified).
[\(Help: Why is this information necessary?\)](#)

* I have been on a Grand Canyon commercial or noncommercial river trip in the last five years.
My last trip occurred:
Month: January Year: 2008

If you win through a lottery, and if the information provided is false and provides your application with more chances, your permit will be revoked and all fees you paid to the NPS will be forfeit.

Update Last Trip Cancel

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Grand Canyon National Park

Colorado River Noncommercial Rafting Permits

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[\(Help: Why is this information necessary?\)](#)

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My last trip occurred:

Month: Year:

If you win through a lottery, and if the information provided is false and provides your application with more chances, your permit will be revoked and all fees you paid to the NPS will be forfeit.

Update Last Trip

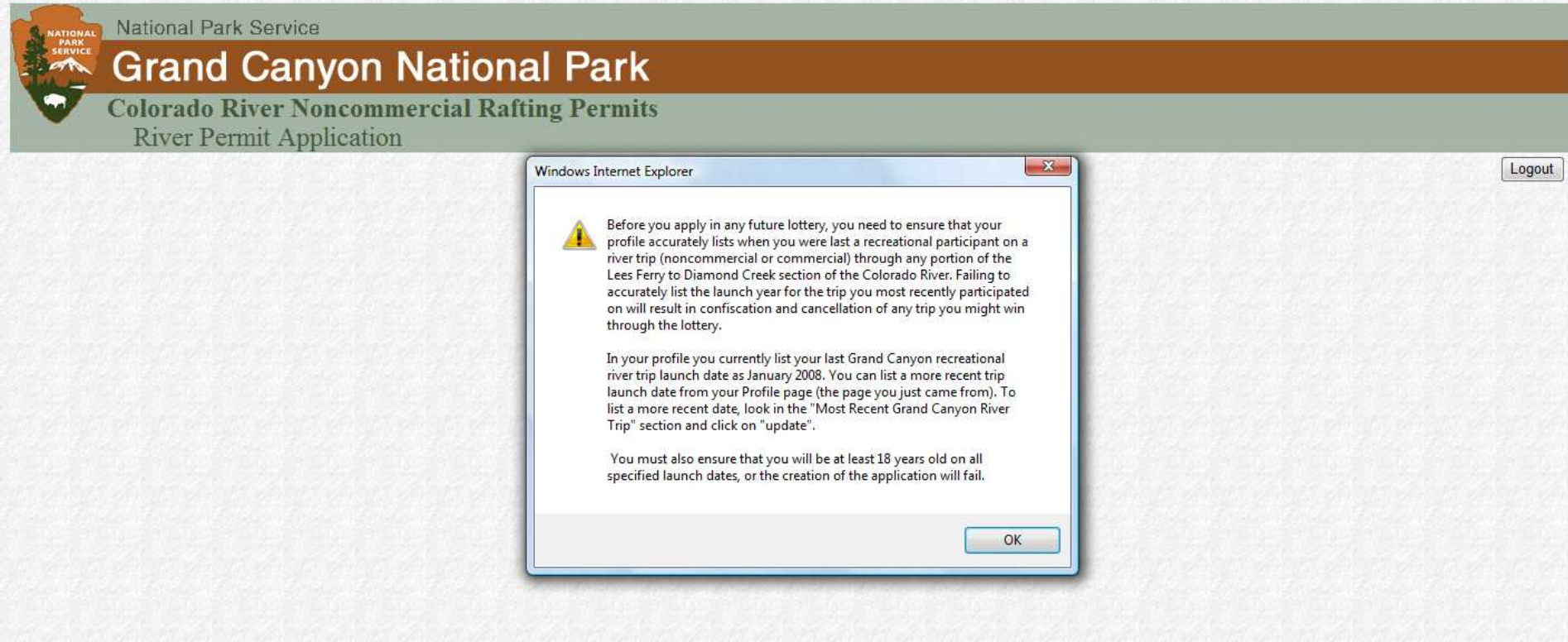
Cancel

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Here is where you are given extra points in the lottery for staying away from the river, NOT for losing the lottery in the past.

Oh Golly! More security...do the commercial passengers have to do this?



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the National Park Service website for Grand Canyon National Park. The page title is "Colorado River Noncommercial Rafting Permits" and the sub-header is "River Permit Application". A "Logout" button is visible in the top right corner. A warning dialog box is overlaid on the page, containing the following text:

Warning: Before you apply in any future lottery, you need to ensure that your profile accurately lists when you were last a recreational participant on a river trip (noncommercial or commercial) through any portion of the Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek section of the Colorado River. Failing to accurately list the launch year for the trip you most recently participated on will result in confiscation and cancellation of any trip you might win through the lottery.

In your profile you currently list your last Grand Canyon recreational river trip launch date as January 2008. You can list a more recent trip launch date from your Profile page (the page you just came from). To list a more recent date, look in the "Most Recent Grand Canyon River Trip" section and click on "update".

You must also ensure that you will be at least 18 years old on all specified launch dates, or the creation of the application will fail.

OK

The next series of pages is from the 2009 Lottery for 2010. These Lottery pages are only available when an actual Lottery Registration period is in progress. You must have already set up a User Profile to be able to get to these pages.



National Park Service

Grand Canyon National Park

Colorado River Noncommercial Rafting Permits Applying through the Weighted Lottery

Welcome to the Weighted Lottery! This website is designed to make applying for your Colorado river rafting permit quick and easy. Everything you need is right here! You will use this website to submit lottery applications for noncommercial Colorado River rafting permits in three easy steps:

1. Create and manage your user profile, which maintains your contact information, accrued points, trip history, and profiles links to all permit applications you've submitted or are in progress.
2. Create a rafting permit lottery application for private noncommercial river trips.
3. Pay for and submit your application for consideration in the annual permit lottery.

In addition to submitting lottery applications, you may also use this website to:

- Find out what email address you will receive notification of upcoming lotteries.
- Make changes to your pending lottery application at any time up to the day of the lottery.
- Monitor the status of your pending lottery application, i.e., make sure that payment for applicable fees was successfully processed, verify that participants you listed as potential alternate trip leaders (PATLs) have confirmed their co-applicant status on your application, and double-check that there are no disqualifying problems with your lottery application.
- Find out whether or not your application was successful in the lottery.
- Access your successful application to apply additional required information and pay the remaining permit fees 90 days before launch. When fees are paid and permit information is complete, permits will be automatically issued and mailed.
- Easily re-apply to successful applications if you submit them for follow-up lotteries or cancelled lottery permits or licenses within the same year. Lottery applications are re-issued upon the application fee only once per year; follow-up lotteries require no additional fee.
- Apply after the initial lottery to try and pick up a cancelled date.



Current & Upcoming Lotteries

• 2010 Main Lottery, February 2009

• Feb 1, 2009 - Feb 24, 2009 11:59 am MST

• Current # of Valid Applications: 2,000

For more information on the Permit Lottery, [click here.](#)

To apply for Lottery dates, sign in with your User Name and Password you defined from setting up your User Profile

Permitting process overview

The following is a quick overview of the permitting process. [A more detailed description of each step in the application and permitting process is given here.](#)

- Step 1: Create a profile.** All persons listed on a trip permit application must have a user account in this system.
- Step 2: Login and create your application.** Once you have a profile, you can login at any time before the lottery is run to create a lottery application.
- Step 3: Submit your completed application.** The completed application will not become active until fees are paid. All PATLs listed on your application must login to this system and acknowledge their co-applicant status before the lottery drawing date; PATLs failing to do so will be automatically removed from the application.
- Step 4: Pay lottery application fee.** Pay the \$25 lottery application fee through this website.
- Step 5: Lottery occurs on designated date.** After the lottery, you will be notified of the success/failure of your lottery application by email. You can login at any time to view the status of your lottery application.
- Step 6: Completing Permit processing.** If successful in the lottery, you will be able to complete your permit application and submit final payments so that your permit can be issued.
- Step 7: Issue the permit:** When the above steps are complete, a permit will be issued.

If you have previously created a profile, please login to:

- Edit/update your profile
- Submit/edit a river trip application
- View application status
- Edit your information on a trip application

Login

User Name:

Password:

[Forgot my user name and/or password...](#)

...or, if you have never visited this site before...

...please create a new profile for yourself. All persons applying for, or participating in Colorado river rafting trips, must have a profile in this system!

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Once signed in,
you can apply to
the lotteries by
clicking here



National Park Service

Grand Canyon National Park

Colorado River Noncommercial Rafting Permits

Personal Profile for: **Thomas Martin** (Ouramericanheritage)

Logout

1. Congratulations, your application has won a launch date!

2. Pay Trip Deposit (before June 20, 2007)

3. List Participants & Equipment

4. Pay Per Person Fees

5. Print Permit

Personal Information

Legal Name: Thomas Martin

Address: PO Box :
United States of America

Primary Phone:
Secondary Phone:

Email: tommartin@nrfw.org

Standard points: 2

Notify me of leftover or cancelled trips: Yes

[Edit Contact Information](#)

Payments

Credit available for future lotteries: [?](#) \$0 (from waitlist and lottery overpayments)

[View Payment History](#)

Most Recent Grand Canyon River Trip:

I will last on a river trip in May 2007. [Update](#)

Previous Lottery Applications:

Current Applications:

Thomas Martin's Grand Canyon River Trip, 2008; Led by: Thomas Martin [View Application for 2008 Main Lottery](#)

Status: Congratulations, you have won a Standard sized launch on January 22, 2008

Lotteries:

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[Create Application For Lottery](#)

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Logout

- 1. Lottery Opens
(on October 06, 2008)
- 2. Create Application**
& List PATLs (optional)
- 3. Pay Application Fee
- 4. Manage PATL Participation
- 5. Await Lottery
(closes on October 07, 2008)

Trip Calendar Instructions: A vital part of your trip application is specifying the launch dates you are applying for. Our trip calendar tool allows you to do this quickly and accurately by showing you if the date falls into the motorized season, what size (standard or small) trip may be launched on that date, and how many launches are available on that date with your selected trip size.

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1. Select trip size: Click on "standard" or "small" at the top of the calendar pane to indicate trip size. A "small" trip allows between 1 and 8 participants, while a "standard" trip allows between 9 and 16 participants. When you make this selection, the highlighted dates and number of launches for each date will change in the calendar.
2. Select trip month: Use the < and > symbols in the dark grey bar to select the desired month. As you click the < and > symbols, the month shown at the very top of the calendar pane will change accordingly.
3. Select a trip date. You will notice that some dates are while other dates are . You will also notice a small number in the lower right of each date box:
 - o Orange dates are launches within the motorized season. Selecting one of these dates now gives you the option to either have a motorized or non-motorized trip.
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4. Click on a date to select that date for your launch. The calendar tool will close and the selected date will be listed on your application as a launch date.

If you click on the wrong date or change your mind, simply click on the calendar icon again and select a different date.



River Permit Application

Please fill out the following form to apply for a river permit through the weighted lottery.

Mandatory fields

NPS River Trip Application Form
 2010 Main Lottery, February 2009

Trip Name: Thomas Martin's Grand Canyon River Trip

Trip Dates:
Please enter the Date(s) of your trip in order of preference.

First Date: Unspecified

Second Date: Unspecified

Third Date: Unspecified

Fourth Date: Unspecified

Fifth Date: Unspecified

Trip Participants

Participant	Standard Points	Extra Points
Thomas Martin (Trip Leader)	1	0

Chances for this Application: 1 + 0 = 1

(Enter person's user name)

Warning: This lottery application period is the last opportunity you have to list a Potential Alternate Trip Leader (PATL) for your trip. By listing at least one PATL, you will be ensuring that your trip has a way to continue even if something comes up and you can't make it. Historically around 20% to 40% of all noncommercial river trip permittees end up not being able to go on these trips as originally planned.

Before they can be listed, your PATL must first have a profile on the system. To add them to your application, enter their username in the PATL box above. Your PATL must then log back in under their username and confirm their co-applicant status on your trip. [Why is this necessary?](#) For a detailed description of how the weighted lottery works and how listing a PATL will affect your chances, see [Why is it called a "weighted lottery"? How does it work?](#)

So...where's
the
calendar?

Logout

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Mandatory fields

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2010 Main Lottery, February 2009

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Trip Dates:
 Please enter the Date(s) of your trip in order of preference.

*** First Date:** Unspecified

Second Date: Unspecified

Third Date: Unspecified

Fourth Date: Unspecified

Fifth Date: Unspecified

Trip Participants

Participant	Standard Points	Extra Points
Thomas Martin (Trip Leader)	1	0

Chances for this Application: 1 + 0 = 1

(Enter person's user name)

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Click on this little box to see the first launch calendar

There it is! You can click-on and drag the calendar around with your mouse

River Permit Application

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* Mandatory fields



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2010 Main Lottery, February 2009

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Second Date: Unspecified.

Third Date: Unspecified.

Fourth Date: Unspecified.

Fifth Date: Unspecified.

June, 2010						
Trip Size: Standard Small						
Today						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 1	31 0	1 0	2 0	3 1	4 0	5 0
6 0	7 0	8 0	9 0	10 0	11 1	12 0
13 1	14 0	15 1	16 0	17 1	18 0	19 1
20 0	21 0	22 0	23 1	24 0	25 0	26 0
27 1	28 0	29 1	30 0	1 0	2 0	3 0
4 0	5 0	6 0	7 1	8 0	9 0	10 0
Select date						

Trip Participants

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Add PATL

(Enter person's user name)

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This is a close up of the default calendar (yes, it's from 08, but this section didn't change)

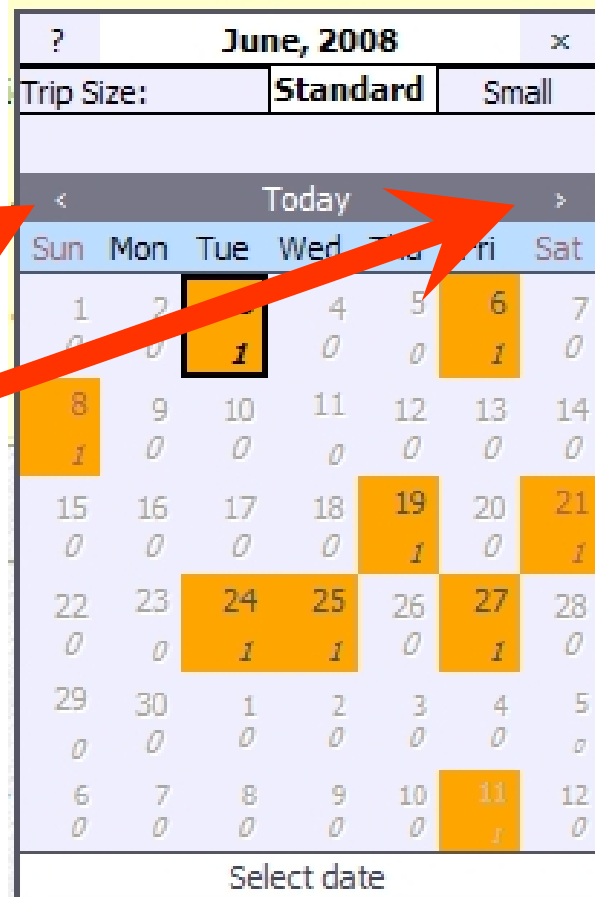
- You will need to figure out if you want to apply for a Standard (16 person or less) or Small (8 person or less) trip and click on Standard or Small. The available dates will change depending on trip size

June, 2008						
Trip Size:		Standard	Small			
Today						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1		3	4	5	6	7
	0	1	0	0	1	0
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
0	0	0	0	1	0	1
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
0	0	1	1	0	1	0
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Select date						

This is a close-up of the default calendar

- (We used the 2008 calendar cause this < > info didn't change)

Click the little < or >
to change the calendar
month of 2010



The image shows a screenshot of a calendar interface for June 2008. At the top, there is a title bar with a question mark on the left, the text "June, 2008" in the center, and a close button (X) on the right. Below the title bar, there is a "Trip Size:" section with two options: "Standard" (selected) and "Small". Below that is a navigation bar with a left arrow, the text "Today", and a right arrow. The main calendar grid shows the days of the month from Sunday to Saturday. The date June 1st is highlighted with a yellow background and a black border. Two red arrows point from the text on the left to the left and right navigation arrows in the calendar interface.

June, 2008						
Trip Size:		Standard	Small			
<		Today			>	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	1	0	0	1	0
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
0	0	0	0	1	0	1
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
0	0	1	1	0	1	0
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Select date						

July, 2008						
Trip Size:		Standard	Small			
Today						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
0	0	0	0	0	1	0
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
0	0	0	0	0	1	1
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0	0	0	0	0	0	1
27	28	29	30	31		
0	0	0	0	1		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	0	0	0	0	1	0

Click
on
the
date
you
want

January, 2008						
Trip Size:		Standard	Small			
Today						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	1	0	1	0	1
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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1	1	1	1	1	1	1
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	1	1	1	0	0	0
	4	5	6	7	8	9
	1	1	1	1	0	0

Look at all the standard
winter dates compared to
standard summer dates...

REMEMBER, the First Date

you pick should be the one

you really want! You can select up to 5 dates.

Here I'm working on my fourth date

NPS River Trip Application Form 2010 Main Lottery, February 2009

* Trip Name: Thomas Martin's Grand Canyon River Trip

Trip Dates:

Please enter the Date(s) of your trip in order of preference.

* First Date: May 18, 2010
Trip Size: Small

Second Date: May 20, 2010
Trip Size: Small

Third Date: May 26, 2010
Trip Size: Small

Fourth Date: Unspecified.

Fifth Date: Unspecified.

July, 2010						
Trip Size:		Standard	Small			
<	Today					>
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Select date

Trip Participants

Participant	Standard Points	Extra Points
Thomas Martin (Trip Leader)	1	0

Chance for this Application: 1

Add PATL

(Enter person's user name)

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Chances are Last Trip in 5 years +
Waiting List points (if you have any, 1 per
every year waited). I get one point...wish
me luck...



NPS River Trip Application Form

2010 Main Lottery, February 2009

* Trip Name: Thomas Martin's Grand Canyon River Trip

Trip Dates:

Please enter the Date(s) of your trip in order of preference.

* First Date: May 18, 2010
Trip Size: Small



Second Date: May 20, 2010
Trip Size: Small



Clear

Third Date: May 26, 2010
Trip Size: Small



Clear

Fourth Date: May 19, 2010
Trip Size: Standard



Clear

Fifth Date: May 28, 2010
Trip Size: Small



Clear

Trip Participants

Participant	Standard Points	Extra Points
Thomas Martin (Trip Leader)	1	0

Chances for this Application: 1 + 0 = 1

Add PATL

(Enter person's user name)

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Save Application

Cancel

to the regular preference points. To illustrate this, consider the following scenario: Mike is creating a new permit application and plans to list Sue, John, and Betty as PATLs.

- Mike was on a commercial trip down the Colorado three years ago, so he has three preference points.

It's a "wait"ed lottery favoring permit holders who have not been in the last 5 years or more.

Q:

Why do you need to know the date of my last year commercial or private trip down the Colorado in order to create my profile?

A:

In order to give everyone a fair chance to experience a raft trip down the Colorado, individuals are limited to one trip (commercial or private) down the Colorado per year. Moreover, we weight the odds of winning the lottery, giving more chances to those who have not been down the river recently. Note that we do check the accuracy of "last date down the Colorado" for all applicants listed on a permit application against our historical commercial and private records before issuing each permit; false statements of "last trip" date will result in cancellation of the permit.

This prevents the permit holder from having up to date river experience. This does not apply to concessions river passengers. Don't ask us why, ask the NPS!

Without a Potential Alternate Trip Leader, the trip will not go without the permit holder! If you are the permit holder and you can't go, neither does your trip without a PATL.

Trip Participants		
Participant	Standard Points	Extra Points
Thomas Martin (Trip Leader)	1	0
Chances for this Application: + 0 = 1		

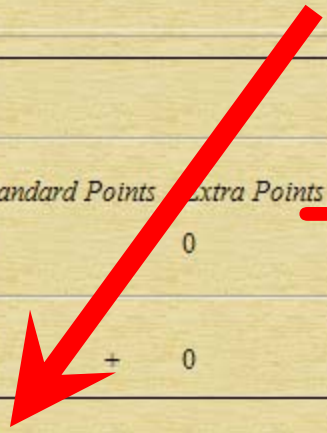
(Enter person's user name)

Warning: This lottery application period is the last opportunity you have to list a Potential Alternate Trip Leader (PATL) for your trip. By listing at least one PATL, you will be ensuring that your trip has a way to continue even if something comes up and you can't make it. Historically around 20% to 40% of all noncommercial river trip permittees end up not being able to go on their trips as originally planned.

Before they can be listed, your PATL must first have a profile on the system. To add them to your application, enter their username in the PATL box above. You must then click on under their username and confirm their co-applicant status on your trip. [Why is this necessary?](#) For a detailed description of how the weighted lottery works and how listing a PATL will affect your chances, see [Why is it called a "weighted lottery"? How does it work?](#)

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Ok, got my dates chosen...now I gotta pay



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Logout

Congratulations!

You have successfully created a lottery application. The next step is to pay the \$25.00 application fee through Pay.gov by clicking on the button below.

If you would prefer to pay later, you may do so anytime before the lottery closes by viewing your application through this site, and clicking on the "Pay Now" button.

In addition you may add and remove PATLs ([why PATLs are important](#)) and change your preferred launch dates at any time prior to the close of the lottery simply by logging into this site and viewing your new lottery application.

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Pay Now through Pay.gov

Thank you, you are just a few short steps away from completing this payment using the Pay.gov service. For more information regarding the Pay.gov service, please [click here](#).

A balance of \$25.00 is due. Please click the "Pay Now through Pay.gov" button below to pay.

Pay Now through Pay.gov

(Note: the security code for AMEX cards may be on the front, not back of the card)

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Next step: Click here to pay
Most costly river lottery in the USA
Don't ask us why it cost so much,
ask the NPS!

System Message

- The system has populated the Payment Date with the next available payment date.

Online Payment

[Return to your originating application](#)

Step 1: Enter Payment Information

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This item is payable by [Bank Account Debit \(ACH\)](#) or [Plastic Card \(ex: VISA, Mastercard, American Express, Diners Club, Discover\)](#)

Option 1: Pay Via Bank Account (ACH) [About ACH Debit](#)

Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk *

Account Holder Name: *

Payment Amount: *

Account Type: *

Routing Number: *

Account Number: *

Confirm Account Number:

Check Number:

Routing Number Account Number Check Number

⑆ 0 26 94 6 78 3 ⑆ 9 24 3 76 7 3 9 0 ⑆ 1 2 3 4 ⑆

Payment Date: 02/03/2009

Select the "Continue with ACH Payment" button to continue to the next step in the ACH Debit Payment Process.

Note: Please avoid navigating the site using your browser's Back Button - this may lead to incomplete data being transmitted and pages being loaded incorrectly. Please use the links provided whenever possible.

Option 2: Pay Via Plastic Card (PC) (ex: VISA, Mastercard, American Express, Diners Club, Discover)

Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk *

Account Holder Name: *

Payment Amount: \$25.00 *

Billing Address: *





Billing Address 2:

City:

State / Province:

Zip / Postal Code:

Country:

Card Type: *    

Card Number: * (Card number value should not contain spaces or dashes)

Security Code: * [Help finding your security code](#)

Expiration Date: / *

Select the "Continue with Plastic Card Payment" button to continue to the next step in the Plastic Card Payment Process.

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Folks who tried a direct bank account payment last year had a lot of hassles. Paying with Credit Card is recommended...

Payment Summary [Edit this information](#)

Address Information

Account Holder Name: Thomas Carter
Name: Martin
Billing Address: PO Box 30821
Billing Address 2:
City: Flagstaff
State / Province: AZ
Zip / Postal Code: 86003-0821
Country: USA

Account Information

Card Type: [REDACTED]
Card Number: [REDACTED]
Expiration Date: 1 [REDACTED]

Payment Information

Payment Amount: \$25.00
Transaction Date 02/01/2009 14:01
and Time: EST

E-mail address
Submit payment

Email Confirmation Receipt

To have a confirmation sent to you upon completion of this transaction, provide an email address and confirmation below.

Email Address:

Confirm Email Address:

CC:

Separate multiple email addresses with a comma

Authorization and Disclosure

Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk *

I authorize a charge to my card account for the above amount in accordance with my card issuer agreement. *

Press the "Submit Payment" Button only once. Pressing the button more than once could result in multiple transactions.

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You have successfully created a lottery application! We have found that you had already paid the application fee for the 2010 calendar year, or had enough credit to cover the application fee.

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PHEW!

Need Help?

- Call the River Runners For Wilderness Lottery Hell-P Line at (928) 856-9065
- This phone line will be operated while the 2010 lottery is open for applications 2-1 to 2-24, 2009, on a first call, first served basis. We have day jobs, and are all volunteer, so will get back to you when we can.
- You can also try Grand Canyon National Park, River Permits Office Phone (8am-Noon MST, Mon-Fri.): 800-959-9164 or 928-638-7843

2008 Lottery Stats

- **Main Lottery**
May 31, 2007
- **2,304**
applications for
194 dates
- **1 in 12**
chance to win

- **There were**
unclaimed winter
dates in Jan and
Dec in the main
lottery
- **There were 18**
follow-up lotteries
- **Winter dates went**
unclaimed all year

How to know when there will be a cancellation lottery?

- Join the Rafting Grand Canyon Yahooogroup. Send a blank e-mail to Rafting_Grand_Canyon-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- The NPS will have a three week window to apply to the Main 2010 Lottery, others can be a few days only
- The actual Lottery is run the day after the application period closes
- This primer is for the Feb 2009 lottery, for the 2010 river running year. GOOD LUCK!

