

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 2011 rafting season. This Primer covers all the pages you will encounter to sign up for the Lottery.

Follow along as we go through the twenty or so different steps to apply. This includes info on how to set up a User Profile (That part is free). This primer provides a demo from an actual lottery application for a 2011 permit, including how to use the calendar. We also review the Profile section and the \$25 payment process. You can print this Primer out to use as you go online and step through the NPS process.

Good luck...remember, in a waiting list, at least you were assured a date unless you died waiting...and now, you may never win before you die.

<https://npspermits.us/grandcanyon/river/login.cfm>

It all
starts
here

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:

NEW Current & Upcoming Lotteries

- **2011 Main Lottery, February 2010**
 - Feb 1, 2010 - Feb 24, 2010 12pm MST.
 - Current # of Valid Applications: 901.

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

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- 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.
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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 shown here.](#)

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

[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!*

This is the weighted lottery home page



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Grand Canyon National Park

Colorado River Noncommercial Rafting Permits

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:

Making a Profile

- 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. ([Help: 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:

User Name

Password

Birthday

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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:

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: United States of America

3. Contact Information:

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

* Phone primary: Phone secondary:

Email:

Re-type email to verify: Format: JohnDoe@tlers.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 trips, or commercial trips on which you were working as a river guide. (This will be verified.)

(Help: Who is this information is used for)

I have been on a Grand Canyon commercial or noncommercial river trip in the last five years. My last trip occurred in the month of and the year of

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 via email in the event 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 below list exactly what you are interested in 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 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.

Name

Address/Phone/E-Mail

River History

Last 5 years?

Longer?

Never?

Notified of

Leftovers/cancellations?

Verify

Create Profile

1. Full Name: * First name: [] * Last name: []
Please enter your full legal name, as shown on your passport or driver's license.

2. Mailing Address (Street or PO Box):

* Address: []
[]

* City: []
* State: []

3. Contact Information:

Format: (202)555-1212. For intl. numbers, please be sure to add your country code at the beginning.
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([Help: Why this information is necessary?](#))

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Month: [] Year: []

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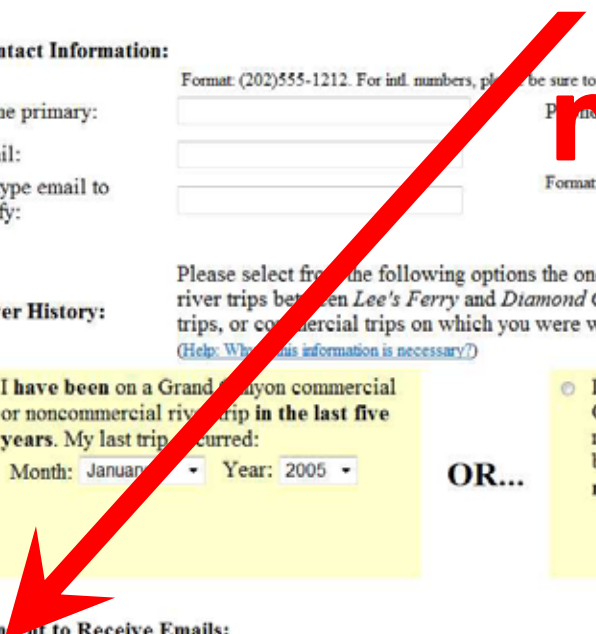
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Don't forget to click the cancellation notification box if you want to be notified about cancellation lotteries



Logout

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- 5. Await Lottery (closes on February 24, 2010)

Personal Information

Legal Name:

Your contact information will appear here

Address:

Primary Phone:

Secondary Phone:

Email:

Standard points:

What would cause me to lose my lottery chances?

There are two ways for you to lose your lottery chances (i.e. Standard points). First, your total lottery chances will be reset to one if you are _____ application that wins (i.e. if you are listed on the application either as the main applicant or as a PATL). Second, your lottery chances will be reset to one if you participate on a noncommercial trip or are a recreational passenger on a commercial river trip through any portion of the Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek section of the Colorado River through Grand Canyon.

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 was last on a river trip in . . . [\(update\)](#)

Previous Lottery Applications:

Current Applications:

Lotteries:

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[Create Application For Lottery](#)

You will need to update your river travel here yearly





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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:

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

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

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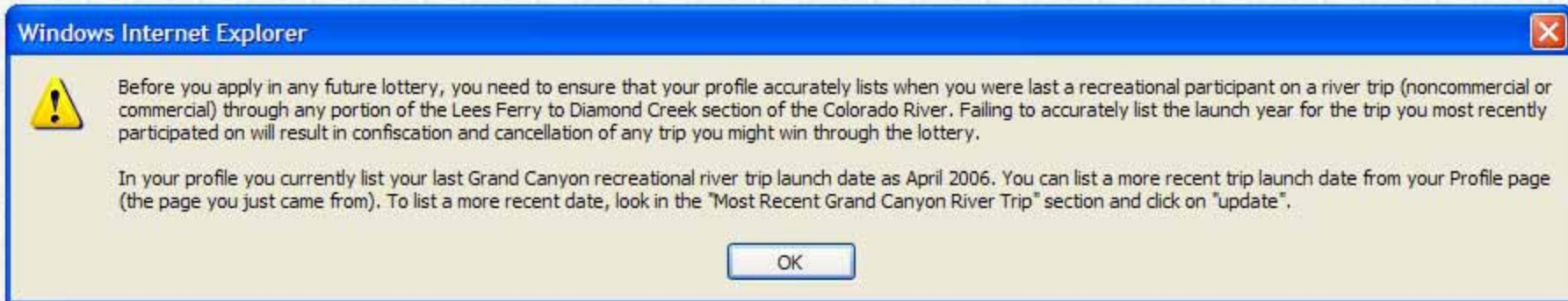
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Here is where you are given extra points in the lottery for staying away from the river, NOT for losing the lottery in the past.

Grand Canyon National Park

Lees Ferry Noncommercial Rafting Permits Application



This box will pop up, asking you to update when you last floated the Canyon. Remember, preference is given to those who stay away.

The next series of pages is from the 2010 Lottery for 2011. 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.

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

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FAQ

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User Name:

Password:

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

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Create New User Profile



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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?

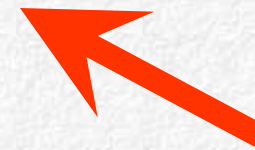
A: Grand Canyon National Park's river permit system includes three important rules to ensure fairness: 1) an individual can have only one profile in the lottery system, 2) an individual can go on a maximum of one recreational river trip per calendar year, and 3) an individual will get less than 5 chances 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:



You will be asked for your date of birth

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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 (update)

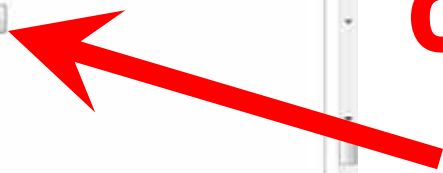
Lottery Applications:

Current Applications:

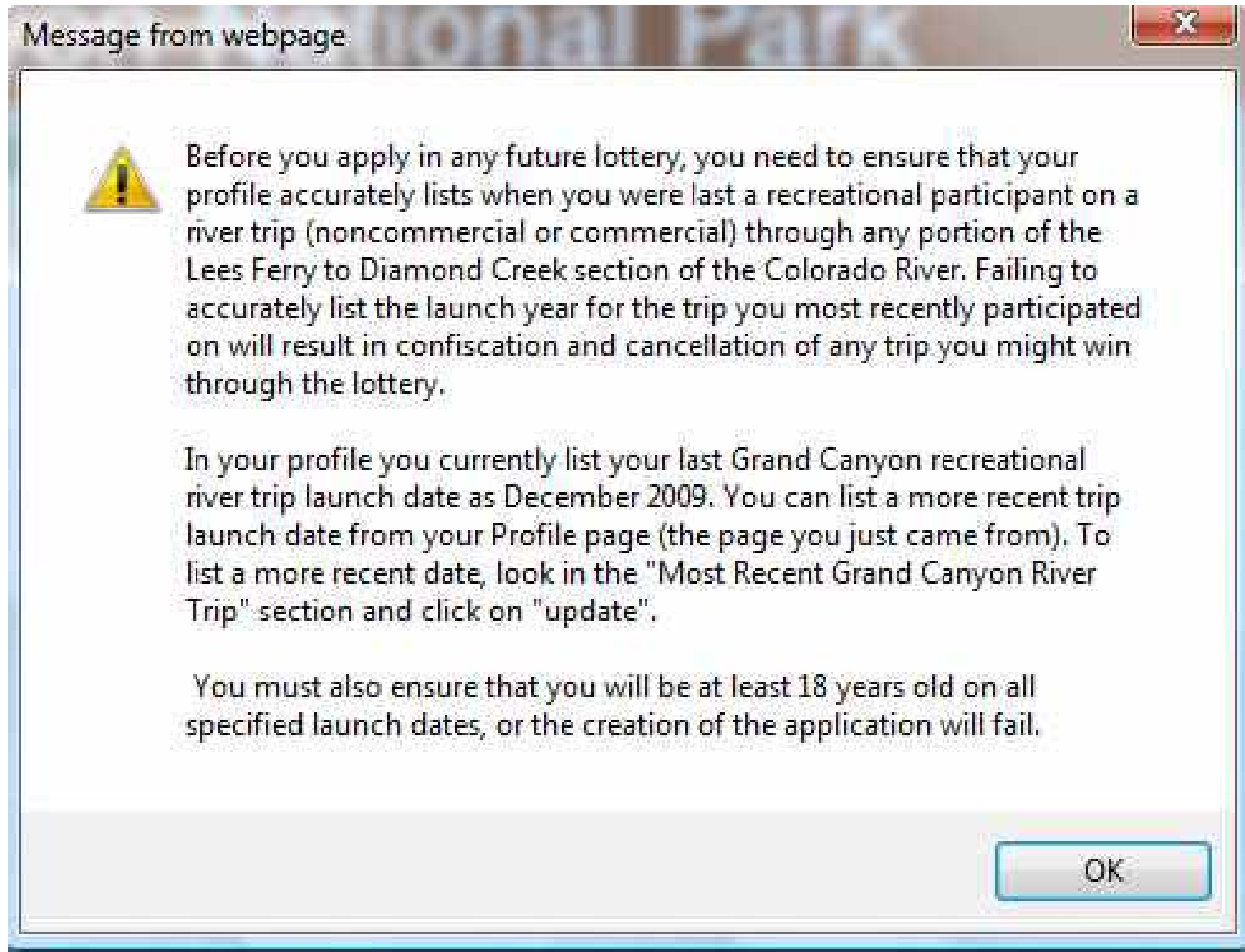
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Once signed in, you apply to the lottery by clicking here



This pop-up will appear for you to click on to prove you are not gaming the system...click
“OK”



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Grand Canyon National Park
 Colorado River Noncommercial Rafting Permits
 River Permit Application

1. Lottery Opens
 2. Create Application
 3. Pay Application
 4. Message PATL
 5. Adult Lottery

821 Trip Calendar Instructions: A vital part of your application is specifying the launch dates you are applying for. Our trip calendar tool allows you to do this quickly and accurately by allowing you to drag dates into the unreserved calendar, which are considered as launch dates for launch dates that are available for that date only once selected by you.

You may specify at most two launch dates up to five additional launch dates may be specified as well. Click on the calendar tool next to the launch date you wish to specify to select the calendar tool. You will see something similar to the example on the right. Then complete the following steps:

- Select trip size. Click on "number of" or "total" at the top of the calendar page to indicate trip size. A "total" trip allows between 1 and 10 participants, while a "number of" trip allows between 1 and 10 participants. When you make this selection, the highlighted dates and number of launches for each date will change in the calendar.
- Select trip month. Use the "+" and "-" symbols in the date grid box to select the desired month. As you click the "+" and "-" symbols, the month shown in the very top of the calendar page will change accordingly.
- Select trip date. You will notice that some dates are highlighted, while other dates are not. You will also notice a small number in the lower right of each date box.
 - Change dates and launches within the unreserved calendar. Selecting one of these dates may give you the option to either launch a noncommercial or non-commercial trip.
 - Follow dates are dates within the reserved calendar. A trip launching on one of these dates may not be reserved.
 - The small number in the lower right of each date box indicates the number of launches scheduled for that date. Dates which are not highlighted have no trip launches for the selected trip size and may not be selected.
- Click on a date to select that date for your launch. The calendar tool will show you 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 tool again and select a different date.

This is Launch calendar info



River Permit Application

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

NPS River Trip Application Form
 2011 Main Lottery, February 2010

Trip Name: Thomas Austin's Grand Canyon River Trip

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

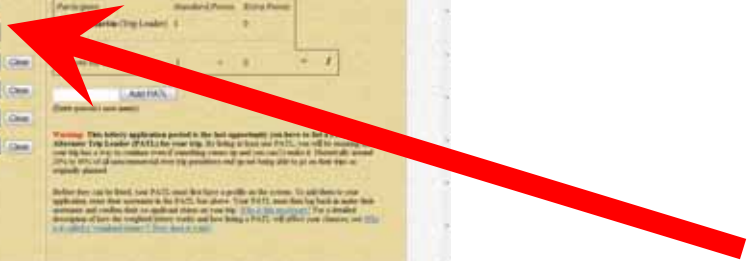
Trip Participants:
 Participants: Standard Permit: State Permit: Trip Leader (PATL):

First Date: Unspecified
 Second Date: Unspecified
 Third Date: Unspecified
 Fourth Date: Unspecified
 Fifth Date: Unspecified

Save Application

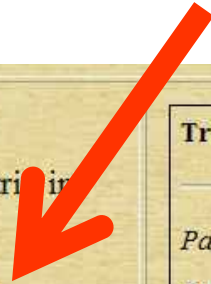
822 Trip Length Restrictions: Trip length restrictions apply to the following date periods and affect the number of days between Launch Dates and Standard Dates.

- 10 days (11 nights) May through August
- 10 days (11 nights) Sept 1-31
- 20 days (21 nights) Sept 18 - Oct 31
- 10 days (11 nights) Nov 1 - Oct 31
- 10 days (11 nights) Mar 1 - April 30



Click here to go to launch calendar

The calendar will appear once you click here



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.

June, 2011

Trip Size: Standard Small

Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 0	30 0	31 0	1 0	2 0	3 0	4 0
5 0	6 0	7 0	8 0	9 1	10 0	11 1
12 0	13 0	14 0	15 1	16 0	17 1	18 0
19 1	20 0	21 1	22 0	23 0	24 0	25 1
26 0	27 0	28 0	29 1	30 0	1 0	2 0
3 0	4 0	5 0	6 0	7 0	8 0	9 0

Select date

Trip Participants

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

Application: 1 + 0 = 1

Add PATL

(enter name)

lottery application period is the last opportunity you have to list a Potential Leader (PATL) for your trip. By listing at least one PATL, you will be ensuring that you can continue even if something comes up and you can't make it. Historically around 10% of noncommercial river trip permittees end up not being able to go on their trips as

listed, your PATL must first have a profile on the system. To add them to your trip, you must 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 explanation of the weighted lottery works and how listing a PATL will affect your chances, see [Why is the weighted lottery? How does it work?](#)

Save Application

Cancel

This is a close up of the default calendar

- 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

June, 2011						
Trip Size:		Standard	Small			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	0	0	0	1	0	1
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
0	0	0	1	0	1	0
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1	0	1	0	0	0	1
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
0	0	0	1	0	0	0
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Select date

This is a close-up of the default calendar

Click the little < or >
to change the calendar
month of 2011

June, 2011						
Trip Size:		Standard		Small		
Today						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 0	30 0	31 0	1 0	2 0	3 0	4 0
5 0	6 0	7 0	8 0	9 1	10 0	11 1
12 0	13 0	14 0	15 1	16 0	17 1	18 0
19 1	20 0	21 1	22 0	23 0	24 0	25 1
26 0	27 0	28 0	29 1	30 0	1 0	2 0
3 0	4 0	5 0	6 0	7 0	8 0	9 1
Select date						

? July, 2011 x						
Trip Size:		Standard		Small		
Today						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 0	27 0	28 0	29 1	30 0	1 0	2 0
3 0	4 0	5 0	6 0	7 1	8 0	9 1
10 0	11 0	12 0	13 1	14 0	15 1	16 0
17 0	18 0	19 1	20 0	21 1	22 0	23 1
24 0	25 0	26 0	27 1	28 0	29 1	30 0
31 0	1 0	2 0	3 0	4 0	5 0	6 1

Select date

**Click
on
the
date
you
want**

? January, 2011 x						
Trip Size:		Standard		Small		
Today						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 0	27 0	28 0	29 0	30 0	31 0	1 1
2 1	3 1	4 1	5 1	6 1	7 1	8 1
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30 1	31 1	1 0	2 0	3 0	4 0	5 0

Select date

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

River Permit Application

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* Mandatory fields



NPS River Trip Application Form

2011 Main Lottery, February 2010

* Trip Name:

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
(Leader) 1	0	

Chances for this Application: 1 + 0 = 1

REMEMBER, the First Date you pick should be the one you really want! You can select up to 5 dates.

(Enter person's user name)

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Reminders:

All trips launching from September 10th through March 31st must be non-motorized.

Trips launching from April 1st through September 16th may be motorized or non-motorized. Please see the trip length restrictions below.

Trip Length Restrictions:

Non-motorized, non-commercial trips launching within the following time periods are allowed this number of days between Lees Ferry and Diamond Creek:

- 16 days (15 nights) May through August
- 18 days (17 nights) Sept 1-15
- 21 days (20 nights) Sept 16 - Oct 31
- 25 days (24 nights) Nov 1 - Feb 29
- 21 days (20 nights) Mar 1 - April 30



NPS River Trip Application Form

2008 Main Lottery

Chances are Last Trip in 5 years + Waiting List points (if you have any, 1 per every year waited).

* Trip Name:

Trip Dates:

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

* First Date:
Trip Size: Standard

Second Date: Unspecified.

Third Date: Unspecified.

Fourth Date: Unspecified.

Fifth Date: Unspecified.

Trip Participants			
Participant	Standard Points	Extra Points	
1	1	0	
Chances for this Application: 1 + 0 = 1			



(Enter person's user name)

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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!

River Permit Application

Use the following form to apply for a river permit through the weighted lottery.

River Trip Application Form

Main Lottery, February 2010

Date(s) of your trip in
advance.

Unspecified.

Unspecified.

Unspecified.

Unspecified.

Unspecified.

Unspecified.

Unspecified.

From September 16th through March 31st must be non-motorized.

From April 1st through September 16th may be motorized or non-motorized. Please see the trip length restrictions below.

Actions:
Commercial trips launching within the following time periods are allowed this number of days between Lees Ferry and Diamond Creek:

(Left) May through August

Trip Participants		
Participant	Standard Points	Extra Points
..... (Trip Leader)	1	0
Chances for this Application:		+ 0 - 1

(Enter person's user name)

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Before they can be listed, your PATL must first have a profile on the system. To add them to the application, enter their username in the PATL box above. Your PATL must then log back in to the system with 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?](#)

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.

River Permit Application

g form to apply for a river permit through the weighted lottery.

Trip Application Form

ery, February 2010

f your trip in



Clear



Clear



Clear



Clear

Trip Participants

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

Chances for this Application: 1 + 0 - 1

Add PATL

(Enter person's user name)

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Cancel

10th through March 31st must be non-motorized.

September 10th may be motorized or non-motorized. Please see the trip length restrictions below.

Trips launching within the following time periods are allowed this number of days between Lees Ferry and Diamond Creek:

through August

-15

6 - Oct 31

- Feb 29

- April 30

Launching in the motorized season (April 1 through September 15th) are allowed a maximum of 12 days (11 nights) between Lees Ferry and

in lottery chances?

**Potential
Alternate Trip
Leader**
**-must have a
User Profile**
**-can not apply
for another
application**
**-must agree to
be a PATL**

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

2011 Main Lottery, February 2010

* Trip Name:

Trip Dates:

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

* First Date: June 19, 2011
Trip Size: Small



Second Date: June 25, 2011
Trip Size: Small



Clear

Third Date: July 09, 2011
Trip Size: Small



Clear

Fourth Date: July 23, 2011
Trip Size: Small



Clear

Fifth Date: August 06, 2011
Trip Size: Small



Clear

Trip Participants

Participant	Standard Points	Extra Points
(Trip Leader)	1	0

Warning: This lottery application is your last opportunity you have to list a Trip Leader. Altering a Trip Leader on your trip. By listing at least one Trip Leader, you are ensuring that you will have a Trip Leader even if something comes up that might make it difficult to find a Trip Leader. Non-commercial river trip permittees are not being allowed on their trips as planned.

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

Save Application

Reminders:

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Once your dates are all selected, click here



National Park Service

Grand Canyon National Park

Colorado River Noncommercial Rafting Permits New Application

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.

Pay Now through Pay.gov

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 PAFs (which PAFs 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.

[Continue to your new application](#)

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Time to pay-up
Most costly river lottery in the USA \$25
Don't ask us why it cost so much, ask the NPS!



National Park Service

Grand Canyon National Park

Colorado River Noncommercial Rafting Permits

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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Another step...click here

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 1 | 2

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: \$25.00

Account Type:

Routing Number:

Account Number:

Confirm Account Number:

Check Number:

Routing Number: 026946763
Account Number: 9243767390
Check Number: 1234

Payment Date: 05/07/2007

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: United States

Card Type:

Card Number:

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.

Scroll down to Pay with Credit Card.

Payment Summary [Edit this information](#)

Address Information

Account Holder Name: Thomas Carter Martin

Billing Address: [Redacted]

Billing Address 2:

City: Flagstaff

State / Province: AZ

Zip / Postal Code: 86003

Country: USA

Account Information

Card Type: [Redacted]

Card Number: [Redacted]

Expiration Date: 07/2008

Payment Information

Payment Amount: \$25.00

Transaction Date 05/04/2007 20:40 and Time: EDT

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

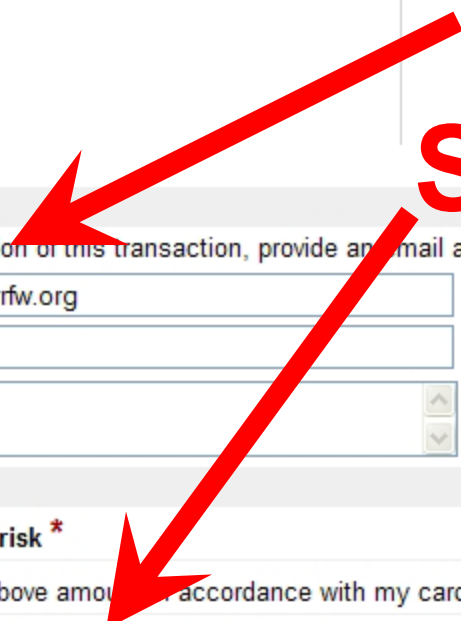
Authorization and Disclosure

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.

E-mail address
Submit payment



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.

Your request could not be completed:

- The email address entered does not match the confirmation.

Online Payment

Step 2: Authorize Payment

[Return to your originating application](#)

1 | 2

Payment Summary [Edit this information](#)

Address Information

Account Holder Name: Thomas Carter
Name: Martin

Billing Address:

Billing Address 2:

City: Flagstaff

State / Province: AZ

Zip / Postal Code: 86003

Country: USA

Account Information

Card Type:

Card Number:

Expiration Date:

Payment Information

Payment Amount: \$25.00

Transaction Date 05/04/2007 20:41
and Time: EDT

Oh...I forgot to confirm this e-mail address

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

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1. Lottery Opens
(on May 01, 2007)

2. Create Application
& List PATLs (optional)

3. Pay Application Fee

4. Manage PATLs



NPS River Trip Application Form

2008 Main Lottery

Trip Name: Thomas Martin's Grand Canyon River Trip

Trip Leader: Thomas Martin

Trip status: Application Submitted. Awaiting Lottery

✓ Permit application fee paid. Thank you.

PHEW!

Preferred Date 1: 2008
Trip Size: Standard

Preferred Date 2: Unspecified.

Preferred Date 3: Unspecified.

Preferred Date 4: Unspecified.

Preferred Date 5: Unspecified.

Trip Participants

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Confirmation Status</i>	<i>Standard Points</i>	<i>Extra Points</i>
Thomas Martin (Leader)	Accepted	1	0

Chances for this Application: 1 + 0 = 1

Done Viewing

Update/Edit

How to know when there will be a lottery?

- Sign up for the RRFW Riverwires. Send an e-mail address to riverwire@rrfw.org and just say “add to Riverwire”
- The NPS will have a 24 day window to apply to the Lottery
- The actual Lottery is run the day after the application period closes
- This primer is for the February 2010 lottery, for the 2011 river running year

