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BACKCOUNTRY/WILDERNESS USE PERMIT APPLICATION

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Based on the disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(g) of the Privacy Act, the National Park Service may share information with first responders and Federal, state, and local governments to provide information needed to locate an individual or render aid in an emergency; to recover debts owed to the United States; to respond to a violation or potential violation of the law; in response to a court order and/or discovery purposes related to litigation; or other authorized routine use when the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

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2020 Grand Canyon National Park Lottery Primer

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It all starts here

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Login
User Name:

Password:

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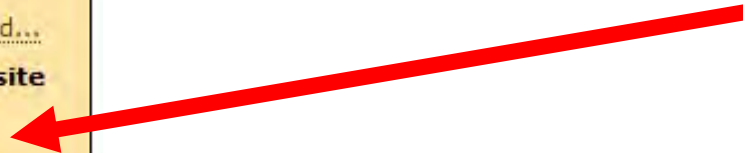
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Let's assume you have never set up a profile. Everyone wanting to play the lottery must have a profile.

Click here



Create Profile, step 1 of 2

Step 1 of 2: Choose a user name and password, enter your date of birth and legal name

The first step in creating your personal profile is to choose a unique user name and 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:

- **YOU ARE ALLOWED ONLY ONE ACCOUNT IN THIS SYSTEM! Having more than one profile in the lottery system can result in any trip won through a lottery being forfeited.** If you created a profile earlier, but forgot your user name or password, visit the [Forgot Login web page](#) or contact the Grand Canyon River Permits Office at grca_riv@nps.gov or 800-959-9164 for assistance. **Do not create a new (second) account!**
- You must be 16 YEARS OR OLDER to create a profile.

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

1. User name

Your user name must:

- start with a letter
- contain only letters and numbers
- be between 4-20 characters in length
- be unique, meaning that your user name cannot already be in our system

* User Name:

(Help: [Hints on choosing a good user name](#))

2. Password

Your password must:

- be between 12-128 characters in length
- contain at least 1 uppercase character (A-Z)
- contain at least 1 lowercase character (a-z)
- contain at least 1 number (0-9)
- contain at least 1 special character (! # \$ % & ' () * + , - . / : ; < = > ? @ [\] ^ _ ` { | } ~)
- not have more than 2 identical characters in a row
- not contain your user name

* Password:

* Confirm password:

(Help: [Hints on choosing a password](#))

3. Date of Birth

You must be 16 years of age or older to create an account.

* Date of birth:

Month: Day: Year:

4. Full Legal Name

Enter your legal name, as shown on your passport or driver's license (no nicknames). For your middle name, enter just the first letter.

* First name:

* Middle initial: OR ☐ I have no middle initial

if your identification has a middle initial, you must list the middle initial

* Last name:

Part 1 is to set up a
username and
password and your
Date of birth and
your
Full Legal Name

Create Profile, step 2 of 2

Step 2 of 2: Enter your contact information and river history
Please fill in the following information to complete your profile.

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

User Name: Justchecking
Legal Name: This I Atest

1. Street Address (mailing address)

* Address:

* City:
* State:
* Zip/Postal Code:
* Country:

2. Telephone and Email

For international phone numbers, include your country code.

* Primary Phone:
Alternate Phone:
* Email Address:
* Re-type email address to verify:

3. River History

* Select the one option below that accurately describes your travel history on **recreational** river trips (commercial or noncommercial) on the Colorado River between Lees Ferry and Diamond Creek. Do NOT include NPS research trips, NPS administrative trips, or commercial trips on which you were working as a river guide.
(Help: Why is this information necessary?)

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

OR...

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

OR...

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

4. Consent to Receive Emails

To be notified via email about the main lottery or any follow-up lotteries, you must opt-in by checking the corresponding boxes below.

☐ **Annual Lotteries:** Please notify me by email before each annual lottery (held in February).

Cancellations: I want to hear about follow-up lotteries with launch dates in the following months:

<input type="checkbox"/> January	<input type="checkbox"/> April	<input type="checkbox"/> July	<input type="checkbox"/> October
<input type="checkbox"/> February	<input type="checkbox"/> May	<input type="checkbox"/> August	<input type="checkbox"/> November
<input type="checkbox"/> March	<input type="checkbox"/> June	<input type="checkbox"/> September	<input type="checkbox"/> December

5. Verification

Please review the information you've entered above, then select the checkbox below 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.

Part 2 of creating a profile wants your street address telephone/email river running history and consent to get emails (DO THIS so you get notified about follow up lotteries!!)

Good job! Now you have a Profile...
...and are ready to choose lottery dates.

Grand Canyon National Park

Noncommercial River Permits - Weighted Lottery

Verify Date of Birth

Q: What if I fail to enter my date of birth correctly?

A: Your entry must match the date of birth you created with your profile. Three consecutive failed attempts will result in your account being locked. Once your account is locked only the Grand Canyon River Permits Office can unlock it.

Q: Why is this step necessary?

A: This section provides an additional level of protection for your account.

Q: My date of birth is listed incorrectly in my profile, I need it changed and my account unlocked. How do I do this?

A: Please fax the River Permit Office (928-638-7844) a request to have your date of birth changed and include all of the following: your legal name, date of birth, mailing address, email, and phone number(s). Your request will be responded to during normal business hours. DO NOT SEND US AN EMAIL WITH YOUR DATE OF BIRTH.

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 five chances in the lottery if they have been on the river within the last four years. Date of birth information is key in helping us identify and distinguish individuals while ensuring the above two rules are met.

Date of Birth:

Month: Day: Year:

SUBMIT

CANCEL

Not so fast... you must verify your DOB again



Personal Profile for:

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Legal Name:

Address:

United States of America

Primary Phone:

Alternate Phone:

Email Address (primary):

Email Address (alternate):

Notify me (by email) of leftover or cancelled trips: Yes

[Edit Personal Information](#)[Send Test Email to my Email Address](#)

MOST RECENT GRAND CANYON RIVER TRIP

I was last on a river trip in . (this date must be correct)[Edit Last Date on River](#)

POINTS

Standard Points: 1

What would cause me to lose my lottery chances (points)?

There are two ways for you to lose your lottery chances (points). First, your points will be reset to one if you are listed on a lottery application that wins (i.e. if you are on an application as either the trip leader or a confirmed PATL), even if your trip is later cancelled. Second, your points 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 National Park.

PAYMENTS

Launch year 2020 lottery application cost PAID, thank you

(How often do I pay the lottery application cost?)

[View Payment History](#)

LOTTERIES

- **Open Lottery: 2021 Main Lottery, February 2020** (current valid applications = 3,680)

This lottery opened on February 01, 2020 and closes on February 25, 2020 at 12pm (noon) MST.

[Create Lottery Application for 2021 \(next year\) Launch Dates](#)

- **Past Lottery: 2020 Follow-up Lottery, 1-9-2020**

Applications are no longer being accepted. This lottery opened on January 07, 2020 and closed on January 09, 2020 at 12pm (noon) MST.

PREVIOUS LOTTERY APPLICATIONS

[View Lottery Application](#)[View Lottery Application](#)

2018 Main Lottery, 2-1-2017

Launch Year: 2018; Trip Leader:

Status: Lottery has been run, unfortunately you did not win a launch date. You can still compete in all 2018 follow-up lotteries.[view all previous lottery applications](#)

CURRENT RIVER PERMIT APPLICATIONS

[River Permit Application](#)

PREVIOUS RIVER PERMIT APPLICATIONS

[River Permit Application](#)

Launch Date: Jan/22/2008 (standard size trip)

Status: Lottery winner. River permit issued. River trip completed.[view all previous river permit applications](#)

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- [River and Weighted Lottery Frequently Asked Questions](#) (pdf file, 200kb)
- [Noncommercial River Trip Regulations](#) (pdf file, 970kb)
- [The Action Guide to Reservation, Colorado River](#) (pdf file, 1.8mb)
- [Grand Canyon River Courtesy Brochure](#) (pdf file, 290kb)
- [River Trip Orientation Video](#) (opens in new window)

Launch calendars, river camps site list, lottery statistics, and additional river trip support documents are available at <https://www.nps.gov/gr/planyourvisit/noncommercial-riv-docs.htm> (opens in new window).



This is your main data page. Click here to choose dates...

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Confirm last river trip for

According to your profile, your last recreational river trip was [REDACTED].

Your profile must accurately list your last recreational river trip (noncommercial or commercial) through any portion of the Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek section of the Colorado River. Your last river trip date determines the number of points your application receives in the weighted lottery. Launch dates won with inaccurate points will be revoked and fees paid to the National Park Service for that launch date will be forfeited.

Is the date listed above for your last recreational river trip correct?

YES, take me to the lottery application page

NO, I need to edit my last river trip date



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Not so fast. Just checking on your last river trip...

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River Lottery Application for

Available Launch Dates for the 2021 Main Lottery, February 2020
This lottery is for calendar year 2021 (NEXT YEAR) launch dates.

Standard Launches, 1-16 participants : 387 dates

- January 2021: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
- February 2021: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28
- March 2021: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
- April 2021: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29
- May 2021: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
- June 2021: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30
- July 2021: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
- August 2021: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
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- October 2021: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
- November 2021: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
- December 2021: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

Small Launches, 1-8 participants : 75 dates

- April 2021: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30
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Let's look at these details first...

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Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

Trip Name
* Trip Name:

Trip Dates
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Lottery Application Points (Chances)
Broken flow points are calculated.

Participant	Confirmation Status	Standard Points	Bonus Points
(Trip Leader)	Confirmed	1	0
Application Points (CONFIRMED ONLY)		1	0
Application Points (CONFIRMED and PENDING)		1	0

Total Application Points = 1
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Check these details out. 80% of lottery applicants do not use a PATL as doing so decreases your chances to win. This is a poison pill pitting chances to win against chances to make it to the put-in with a winning ticket.

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Grand Canyon National Park

Noncommercial River Permits - Weighted Lottery

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River Lottery Application for

Available Launch Dates for the 2021 Main Lottery, February 2020

This lottery is for calendar year 2021 (NEXT YEAR) launch dates.

Standard Launches: 1-16 participants / 387 dates

Small Launches: 1-8 participants / 75 dates

January 2021: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

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OK, here is where you can choose 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 dates in the lottery. About 50% of “winners” get their 3rd, 4th or 5th choice so choose wisely...

This is the lottery Calendar... click here

Trip Dates

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Third Date: **Standard Dates** **Small Dates**

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This screen pops up when you click on Standard Dates. You move it along here...

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Standard Dates

Small Dates

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Fourth Date: Monday, June 21, 2021 - standard size trip ✖

Fifth Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 - standard size trip ✖

If your permit holder dies a month before your trip launches and no family members are on the trip, your trip will not be able to launch. Your \$ will not be refunded. If you have a family member on the trip, they can take the trip over...

Potential Alternate Trip Leader(s)

A Potential Alternate Trip Leader (PATL) must have a profile in this system before they can be listed on your lottery application. To add a PATL, enter their **user name** below (NOT the PATL's legal name). The PATL must then log in under their profile and confirm their PATL status on your trip before the lottery closes. Your application can list as many PATLs as you want.

PATL's user name from their river profile:

add PATL

Warning: This lottery application is the only opportunity you have to list a PATL for this 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. See Noncommercial River Trip Regulations for clarification.

... but only if the following applies.

(https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/upload/River_and_Weighted_Lottery_FAQs.pdf)

Can I add a PATL after the lottery closes and I win my launch date?

The PATL requirement is that PATLs must be listed on the winning lottery application before the lottery closes and the launch date is won. The only exception to this rule is for direct family members of the original trip leader who have not been on the river in the same calendar year and are at least 18 years old at launch. “Direct family members” is defined here as legal spouses, children, parents, and siblings as well as legal spouses of these children, parents, and siblings. Permittees may request these direct family members be added as PATLs by the River Permits Office after a trip has been won and at least 1 week prior to trip launching provided:

1. The family member was not listed as a trip leader or confirmed PATL on any other application within the same lottery.
2. The family member’s lottery points would have been equal to or greater than the main applicant and all confirmed PATLs listed on the lottery application.

So... if your family members (18 years and older) are on the river trip you will automatically have PATL coverage... UNLESS they played the lottery...

The Lottery is weighted. If one does not participate in a river trip for five years, a lottery applicant receives 5 lottery points (MAX! 6 or more year stay-away folks only get 5 lottery points). It is designed to favor requests from those who have been unsuccessful. This is not an absolute mandate but “is designed to favor requests from those who have been unsuccessful.”

“The Weighted Lottery System is designed to meet the following objectives: 1) offer opportunities for new noncommercial users to succeed in obtaining a permit, 2) favor requests from those who have been unsuccessful in previous years, 3) minimize application process complexity, 4) preserve the group character of noncommercial trips (those who want to travel together), and 5) encourage people to apply for launches only in years when they are really interested in going.” Emphasis added, cite 2006 CRMP p 14

Lottery Application Points (Chances)

Explain how points are calculated.

Participant	Confirmation Status	Standard Points	Bonus Points
(Trip Leader)	Confirmed	1	0
Application Points (CONFIRMED ONLY)		1	0
Application Points (CONFIRMED and PENDING)		1	0

Total Application Points = 1

"Pending" PATLs do not contribute points to this application's total chances in the lottery. Only "Confirmed" PATLs contribute points.

By submitting a noncommercial river lottery application, you are consenting to the use of your information as described in the Purpose and Uses section of the Privacy Act Statement below.

NOTE!! If your PATL has MORE points than you, your application has the least points. If your PATL has LESS points than you, your application has the least points.

Of course, there may be multiple persons (the trip leader and PATLs) listed on a lottery application. So how do we calculate the total weighting points for a lottery application as a whole? Simple: if no person listed on the lottery application has "bonus points" (see below), then the total weighting points for a lottery application is *the minimum of all standard points held by the leader and all confirmed PATLs*. So if the leader of a trip has five points, and there are two confirmed PATLs with three and four points respectively, the trip application will enter the lottery with three standard points, i.e., with three "tickets in the pot".

(CITE https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/upload/River_and_Weighted_Lottery_FAQs.pdf)

Some additional details about lottery fees, trip length and the use of motorized watercraft... and if you are on a winning application BUT DON'T GO, your points reset to 1.

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SAVE APPLICATION

CANCEL

Lottery application cost for 2021 launch year has not been paid. You will be given the opportunity to pay after you save this application.

How often do I pay the lottery application cost?

The lottery application payment is made once for each LAUNCH year for which a trip leader applies. After you have paid the application cost for a launch year, you can apply in all later lotteries for that launch year for no additional charge. The application cost is paid after a lottery application is submitted and can only be paid when a lottery is open. For example, you decide to apply in a lottery with launch dates in 2020, you submit a lottery application and pay, you are now eligible to apply in all later lotteries with launch dates in 2020 for no additional charge. If you then decide to apply in a lottery with launch dates in 2021, you would submit a lottery application and pay, you are now eligible to apply in all later lotteries with launch dates in 2021 for no additional charge.

Trip Type: All trips launching from September 16th through March 31st must be non-motorized. Trips launching from April 1st through September 15th may be motorized or non-motorized.

Trip Length Restrictions:

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

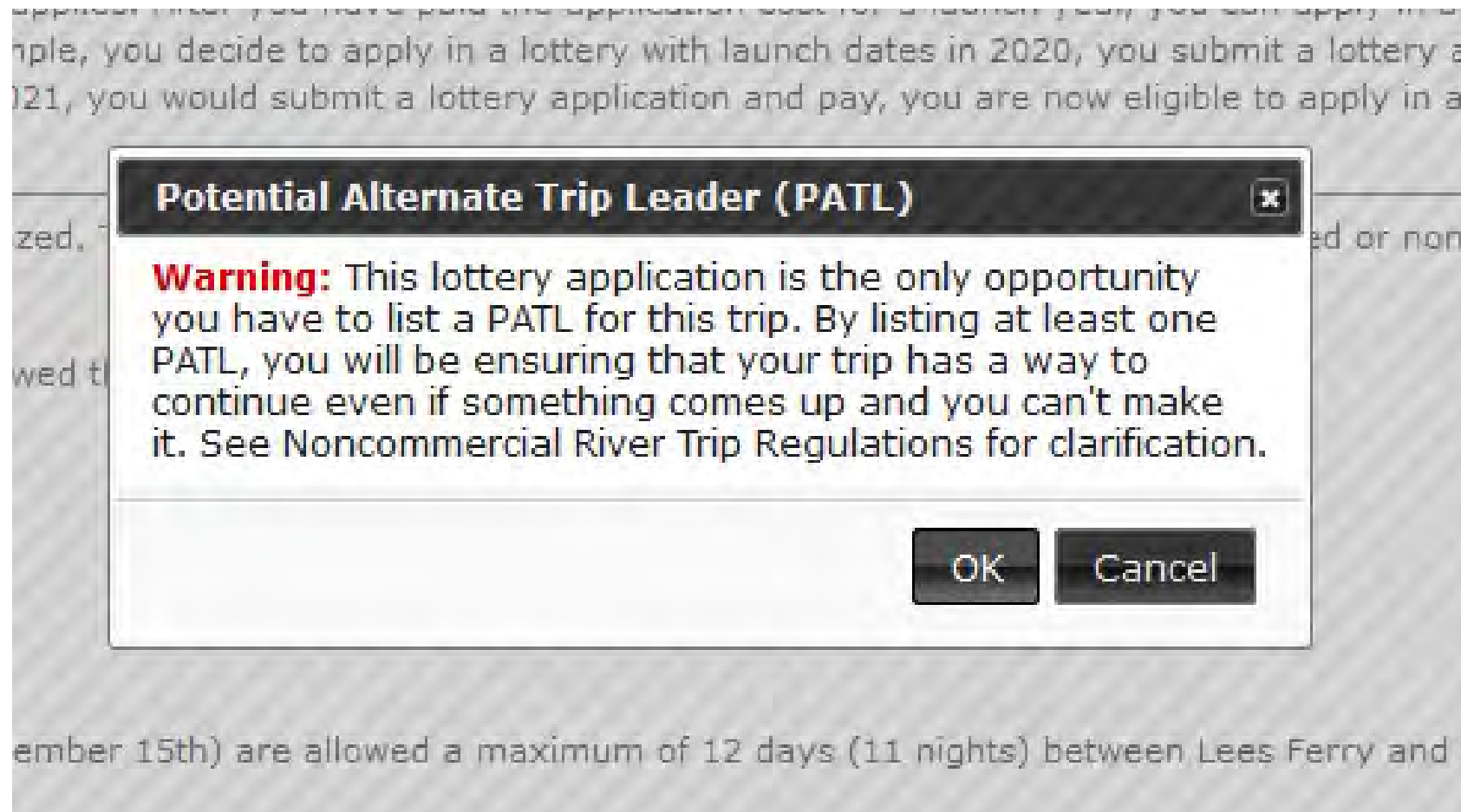
- 16 days (15 nights) May through Aug
- 18 days (17 nights) Sep 1-15
- 21 days (20 nights) Sep 16 - Oct 31
- 25 days (24 nights) Nov 1 - Feb 29
- 21 days (20 nights) Mar 1 - Apr 30

Motorized, noncommercial trips launching in the motorized season (April 1 through September 15th) are allowed a maximum of 12 days (11 nights) between Lees Ferry and Diamond Creek.

What would cause me to lose my lottery chances (points)?

There are two ways for you to lose your lottery chances (points). First, your points will be reset to one if you are listed on a lottery application that wins (i.e. if you are listed on the application either as the trip leader or as a confirmed PATL), even if your trip is later cancelled. Second, your points 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.

This Warning Pops Up... SEE PATL discussion above...



Grand Canyon National Park

Noncommercial River Permits - Weighted Lottery

Current River Trip Lottery Application

CURRENT LOTTERY APPLICATION

WARNING: Lottery application cost **NOT PAID**.

Lottery Name: 2021 Main Lottery, February 2020 **this lottery is for calendar year 2021 (NEXT YEAR) launch dates**

lottery opened: February 01, 2020

lottery closes: February 25, 2020 at 12pm MST

Trip Leader:

Trip Name: Grand Canyon River Trip

Launch Date Choices: (to change your choices, select the "EDIT application" button below)

Date Choice	Launch Date	Trip Type
First Choice	Thu, Jun 17, 2021	standard size, motorized season
Second Choice	Fri, Jun 18, 2021	standard size, motorized season
Third Choice	Sun, Jun 20, 2021	standard size, motorized season
Fourth Choice	Mon, Jun 21, 2021	standard size, motorized season
Fifth Choice	Tue, Jun 22, 2021	standard size, motorized season

Application Points (Chances): (explain how points are calculated)

Participant	Confirmation Status	Standard Points	Bonus Points
(Leader)	Confirmed	1	0
Application Points (CONFIRMED ONLY)		1	0

Total Application Points = 1 (1 standard points + 0 bonus points)

This lottery application is the only opportunity you have to add Potential Alternate Trip Leaders (PATLs) to this trip. See Noncommercial River Trip Regulations for clarification.

Application Status: Application submitted. Awaiting lottery.

You may change your lottery application at any time before the lottery closes.

EDIT application

DELETE application

Lottery Application Cost: **NOT PAID (amount due \$25)** payment is made once for each LAUNCH year for which a trip leader applies

PAY NOW through pay.gov

Completed
Application
Looks Like This...

DONE VIEWING (return to profile page)

Grand Canyon Noncommercial River Permits - Pay Now - Mozill...

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Pay Now Through pay.gov

IMPORTANT: Lottery application costs and river permit costs are nonrefundable.

Thank you, you are just a few short steps away from completing this payment using the Pay.gov service.

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

IMPORTANT: when you are on the pay.gov payment page, scroll down the page to pay by credit card; pay.gov lists the debit card payment option at the top.

[Pay Now through Pay.gov](#)

Pay.gov is a web-based application allowing you to fill out and submit forms online as well as make online payments to government agencies by credit or debit card.

Pay Now!

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

[Continue with Plastic Card Payment](#) [Cancel](#)

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.

Payment confirmed. Last year, Grand Canyon took in $7,276 \times \$25 = \$181,900$ in the February 2019 Main Lottery application fees alone.

PAYMENTS

Launch year 2020 lottery application cost PAID, thank you

Launch year 2021 lottery application cost PAID, thank you

(How often do I pay the lottery application cost?)

[View Payment History](#)

In 2019, 6,443 do-it-yourself river runners paid Grand Canyon National Park \$100 each to raft Grand Canyon. That's \$644,300. Combine that with the Main Lottery application fees and the DIY river runner funds generated in 2019 exceeded \$826,200.

So what happens when a permit system is set up to maximize revenue?

“Part of the wording of the National Park Service Organic Act, after preservation of course, is enjoyment. This is no longer enjoyable. This is a nightmare.”

Someguy, 2020

After paying almost a million dollars in river running fees last year to Grand Canyon National Park, *We the People* deserve a simpler and better lottery. A simple change is to allow anyone to apply to the lottery AND be listed as a Potential Alternate Trip Leader (PATL) on one other application. This would guarantee PATL use while allowing everyone to play the lottery. It is a win-Win.

If you agree, please sent a hand written note saying so to:

Superintendent

Grand Canyon National Park

PO Box 129, Grand Canyon, AZ, 86023

and cc you congressional representatives as well.