

Dear Backpacking I Participants:

Welcome! We are excited about Backpacking I 2006, and hope to make your experience very informative and enjoyable. Jack, Mary and Mary-Beth will be your Backpacking Trainers. Please arrive Friday night by 6:30 p.m. at camp. We have many things to do before we start hiking on Saturday morning. We will need time Friday night to complete our prehike tasks.

On Saturday morning, we will leave Shadow Rim Camp to hike the Rim for our overnight trip. We will stay on the mountain near the Highline Trail. The hike is rated easy to moderate (about 2 miles each way), and it is very beautiful in October.

Please look closely at the attached equipment list, and determine what you have, or can borrow. You do not need to go out and buy any expensive items. There are plenty of sources for rentals, loans, and the trainers have extra personal gear. If you need an item, please contact one of the trainers. We have extra gear and would be happy to share, but we need to know what to bring. The trainers will supply the items on the equipment list that are marked with an (*).

We look forward to meeting you at camp!

Jack, Mary and Mary-Beth

Questions? Please call or email one of the trainers:

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