



MOUNTAIN SHEEP NEWSLETTER

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IT'S TIME TO CATCH THE *SILVER BIRD!*

NILES RIVERFRONT: We had a good pre-trip meeting at Riverfront Park. Everyone seems fired up and I appreciated your attendance. Special thanks to Al Potter for the special *Mountain Sheep* pin that he presented to everyone.

DEPARTURE REMINDER: It is very important that everyone going on the shuttle bus to the airport be at SMC – Niles campus parking lot this Saturday morning by 5:15AM [our veterans will be there at 5:00AM]. The bus will be available for loading at 5:00AM and we are leaving for the airport at 5:30AM sharp. We can't afford the risk of waiting for late comers [you will have to drive to O'Hare airport and pay to park]. Please set two alarm clocks (one electric and one windup or battery). It is also a good idea to have a friend call to make sure that you are up. Hopefully we will not run into any traffic or construction problems on the way to O'Hare. [online [MAP](#)]

TRAVEL DRESS: When you dress for the coolness on the plane dress in layers with the warmth of the afternoon hike at Sedona in mind. Your rain jacket can be quite warm and will be in your back pack. We will have limited opportunity for everyone to dig through luggage to change clothes. You will need a bottle of water, hiking shoes, your camera and a hat but you will not need your poles. In general luggage will not be accessible until our hotel in Flagstaff.

REVISED ITINERARY: A slightly revised itinerary is attached [and available online dated 9-24-09].

HIKE ROSTER: After much deliberation and studying the training hike and test hike logs, I have posted the hike roster for this trip [see attached or online]. The adverse weather forecast for next Monday at Phantom Ranch is sunny and hot with a high of 98°. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Fire Up For The Grand Canyon!