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Desert Winds Late Fall

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We trust this finds each of you doing well and enjoying the fall weather, as we are here in Moab! The 2006 fall field season has wrapped up and we are busy filling in the 2007 calendar with school/youth groups, custom trips and EdVentures (see below).

During the last few months CFI has experienced several developments, one of which is our [new online giving](#) option. As Karla has been busy with CFI's end of the year fund drive it is the perfect opportunity for you to checkout our new online giving ... helping us to reduce excess waste, save time and money! The **end of the year fund drive** is one of the primary **underwriters** for CFI's **youth/school programs**.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Desert Winds and I look forward to seeing you in 2007!

Stay Warm,

Windy K. Kelley

Development Associate

Canyonlands Field Institute was pleased to host the Orion Society's Colorado River Convergence last month. The picturesque Professor Valley Field Camp housed nearly three dozen individuals who presented, discussed and shared subjects such as:

- Anticipating the skeptic: communicating your mission beyond the choir ([Alison Hawthorne Deming](#), moderator)
- Hybridizing for success: the cross collaboration imperative ([Gary Paul Nabhan](#), moderator)
- Shaping the horizon: a dialogue on the course of grassroots activism in the Southwest ([Erik Hoffner](#), moderator)
- Tribute to the life and writings of desert writer [Ellen Meloy](#)



The following is a reflection submitted by a convergence participant:

"Likely, it is rare that a "conference" or even "gathering" would render its participants so rejuvenated and rested ... I felt enlivened and have returned to my tasks with more spring in the step and kindredness for a family of likeminded people ..."



CFI was pleased and honored to share this opportunity with an inspiring group of grassroots activists and supporters. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the Professor Valley Field Camp, making it available to not only Canyonlands Field Institute, but to the many others who come to experience the serene landscape. Thank you.

PVFC Photo Courtesy of [Simmons B. Buntin](#)

Are you busy "**shopping**" for **holiday presents, family vacations, personal retreats** and/or a gift for a **special youth**? CFI is excited to announce our Spring and Summer **2007 [EdVentures](#) for adults, families and youth.**

CFI EdVentures 2007:

1. Rainbow Bridge & Navajo Mountain Adult Hike w/Pack Stock Support, \$\$\$\$ /person, April 17 (eve.) - 22
2. Green River Labyrinth Canyon Adult Canoe Trip, \$750/person, May 12 -18
3. Upper Canyon, San Juan River Family: Rafting/Inflatable Kayaking/Hiking, \$510/adult & \$390/youth, June 4 (eve.) - 7
4. Colorado River Family Trip: Rafting/Inflatable Kayaking/Hiking, \$510/adult & \$390/youth, June 14 (eve.) - 17
5. River "Rat" Camp for Teens (Aged 13 -18), \$\$\$, August 5 - 11

****Please note that all CFI EdVentures require a \$250 deposit, paid 30-days prior to the trip.**

Visit our [website](#) for full program details and to learn the latest on the EdVentures that we are planning ... including the 2007 Range Creek tour dates! Your participation in CFI's Edventures provides underwriting for our school/youth programs. [Member's](#) of Canyonlands Field Institute receive a **discount** on program fees!

CFI is also hosting two medical trainings by NOLS- [Wilderness Medicine Institute](#):

1. Recertification Course for: WFR & WAFA, \$250/person, **February 22 - 24**
2. Wilderness Advanced First Aid 40-Hour Course, \$375/person, **February 26 - March 2**

Don't forget to check-out our [Westwater ADULT Whitewater Rescue Course, \\$375/person, April 6 - 8, 2007](#). All CFI **guide trainings require a \$125 deposit** which must be paid 30-days prior to the course.

It was a **delight to be on the Colorado Plateau this fall!** In particular in the Moab area, where we personally witnessed *Mother Earth cleansing her soul* and allowing us to *experience first hand the creation of the beauty that abounds us.*

The month of **October brought record rainfall** to southeast Utah. The results included *boisterous flash floods, expansive erosion and road washouts*, all of which **visibly demonstrated the natural processes** that have **created the beauty we often find ourselves pondering.**

3-Quick Facts:

- Flash flooding occurs when the soil becomes completely saturated and is unable to absorb more precipitation
- Just 6 inches of rapidly moving flood water can knock a person down
- Did you know that natural bridges are formed by water, while natural arches are primarily formed by wind.

****Learn more about natural bridges at the [Rainbow Bridge National Monument](#) website and/or join [CFI](#) on our [Spring 2007 hike supported with pack-stock to the natural phenomenon.](#)**

What a "drenching" and memorable experience that Professor Valley Field Camp participants had during the rains! To read more about one groups adventures follow the Read on link!

Read on...

1. Three drawer upright file cabinet
2. Chainsaw for field camp maintenance
3. Genrator for power tool use at field camp
4. LCD Projector
5. **Services:** Marketing coach and/or consultation

Thank you for interest in and support for Canyonlands Field Institute. I hope that you and your family have safe and wonderful holidays.

Please visit our [website](#) for up to date program information and to make an [online contribution](#) for the 2007 CFI youth/school programs!

Helping to inspire enlightened perspectives, passion and care for the Colorado Plateau since 1984 ...

Warm Regards,

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