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<p>Learn More through Quick Links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orion Society • CFI EdVentures • Quick Link 3 • Support CFI - Donate Online 	<p>Meet the Interns</p> <p>With three new apprentices and an office intern, the spring season is all about new beginnings at CFI. A taste of rain, snow, hail and even a nasty sand storm has made training time memorable on the San Juan River. But these folks are fast becoming seasoned hands, and we are happy to have them on board as well as watch them volunteer to swim rapids.</p> <p>This year's group of Naturalist Guides Apprentices consists of Rachel Brown, Pete Haynes, and Caitlin O'Brady. Rachel has spent her past year working as an Interpretive Guide and Educator in the Grand Canyon, and will be headed off to Grad School at the University of California at Santa Cruz this fall. Pete, originally from Michigan, has spent time backpacking and working in the deserts of New Mexico, and has come back West for another summer before attending the Ranger Academy in South Carolina in the fall. Caitlin has been a private boater for several years, and after completing a degree in Environmental studies at Colorado College, has decided that it was time to share her love of rivers and knowledge of the West with CFI participants.</p> <p>And the new office intern is Annie Arseneault, who drove in from Canada. While her free time is spent teaching everyone French, Annie's focus is marketing and management as she intends to start up her own outdoor business. She is also enjoying an ad hoc return to outdoor guiding in the company of CFI Guides.</p> <p><i>{add group picture}</i></p>

Where are They Now

This new section features brief updates on CFI's former interns and grad students.

Cari Militano Caylor who was among CFI's first year of Graduate Residency in Environment Education (class of '98), went on to complete her Masters degree at Utah State University. She returned to make a home in Moab and directed Youth Garden Project for several years seeing the fledgling non profit through much growth. Cari married a registered nurse, Doug Caylor, and went on to build a beautiful home in Castle Valley. A year and half ago, Cari stepped down from the Youth Garden Project helm to take an education position with Grad County School district. She and Doug have been recently blessed with long awaited first baby, Lucas Militano Caylor, who born April 26th. Congrats to Cari and Doug! And for all your contribution to our Moab community.

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Summer & Fall Trips

EdVentures make a great family vacation, personal retreat or even a gift for a special kid. Keep in mind we specialize in conducting private trips just for your group. Plan ahead for late summer or fall and consult the custom trip section of our website. Here are some of our scheduled trips (open to public) for the coming months:

Range Creek *EdVenture*

Range Creek canyon is home to some of the best preserved Native American sites in the Southwest. This special area has been restricted until recently, where it opened for research with limited access to the public.

Join CFI for a 2-day trip with 1 night of camping and exploration of this remote and wild canyon. For a more luxurious trip, meet staff and guest archeologist at the Moab airport and take a scenic flight into Tavaputs Ranch. Spend your next day exploring by vehicle and/or on foot the remains of ancient Fremont Indian dwellings.

Adult and Youth ages 16 and up
A) Vehicle Camp Trips: \$220/person (June 30-July 1; August 11-12; September 8-9; October 6-7). \$100/person deposit 30-days prior to the start date.
B) Special Flight and Ranch Trip with CFI Founding Director, Karla VanderZanden: \$800/person (June 23-25). A few spaces still open.

River Rat Camp *EdVenture* (7 days)

This is the perfect summer camp for all those aspiring river guides out there. Designed to teach teens ages 13-18 the necessary skills to handle a boat safely and confidently, the camp also teaches camping and cooking skills, and the natural history and ecology of the Colorado River. The week starts on flat water outside of Loma, Colorado, and includes an overnight in class III rapids of Westwater Canyon.

Ages 13-18
August 5-11, 2007
\$590/person. Meals and outfitting provided. Partial Scholarships Available!
Trip starts and ends in Moab, Utah at CFI Headquarters. \$250/person deposit 30-days prior to the start date.

Wild by Nature: Women's River Trip and Retreat *EdVenture*

Join CFI Founding Director, Karla VanderZanden, and other women for six days of relaxation and adventure on the beautiful San Juan River. Enjoy hikes and paddling inflatable kayaks, learn about the natural and cultural history of the area, and have fun with other kindred spirits.

Adults and young women (16 years and up)
6 nights, 6 days Mexican Hat to Clay Hills, UT
Dates: September 2nd (eve) to 8th, 2007
\$960/adult (\$940 for CFI member); \$720 youth (\$700 for youth member). \$250/person deposit 30-days prior to the start date.

To learn more about these and other trips, consult the [Trips and Programs](#) section of our website at: {*add hyperlink*}

Marking History

Most of our participants notice the names on each of our rafts, but not everyone knows the story behind the selection of these names. Joy, Georgie, Emery, and Bert may seem like fun and silly names, but they are actually a homage to past great river runners and legends.

One of our newest boat, 'Bert', has joined the fleet last spring. He's actually named after Bert Loper, the "Grand old man of the Colorado River." With a first smooth trip from the Colorado line down the San Juan to Bluff City, Bert's beginnings in running rivers were in the fall of 1893. Orphaned at an early age, Bert's life was hard from start to finish. He worked as a hard rock miner and subsistence farmer, but the river was what made him who he was. Few others have spent as much time on, around, in, and under the Colorado River as Bert Loper. As Brad Dimock writes, "by the time he died, with his oars in a Grand Canyon rapid at eighty, he had covered more rivers, run

	<p>more boats, and known more river men than anyone.”</p> <p>You can read up on Bert Loper through Brad Dimock’s newest book, <i>Bert Loper: The Very Hard Way</i>. Copies of the book can be found at Back of Beyond Books or Grand Canyon Association</p> <p>www.backofbeyondbooks.com www.grandcanyonassociation.org</p>
	<p>CFI joins ‘Buy Local First Utah’</p> <p>We purchase meats from local ranches and produce from 4H kids and other local youth garden market, and try to buy as many products as possible from Moab or regional businesses.</p> <p>CFI recently joined Local First Utah which is a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening communities and local economies by promoting, preserving, and protecting local, independently owned businesses throughout Utah. To find out more about joining, please visit their website at: http://www.localfirst.org/</p> <p><i>{scan logo}</i></p>
	<p>Wish List</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Three drawer upright file cabinet * Chainsaw for field camp maintenance * LCD projector * Services: Marketing coach and/or consultation
	<p>A Word from our Director</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in and support for Canyonlands Field Institute. Our mission since 1984...is to inspire enlightened perspectives, passion and care for the Colorado Plateau.</p> <p>We continuously appreciate your participation in CFI's EdVentures, as it provides the underwriting for our School and Youth Programs. If you wish to make an online contribution for the 2007 CFI youth/school programs, please visit our website. Members of Canyonlands Field Institute receive a discount on program fees.</p> <p>I wish you and your family safe and wonderful outings on the Colorado Plateau this season.</p> <p>Warm Regards,</p> <p><i>Karla VanderZanden</i> Canyonlands Field Institute</p> <p>email: info@canyonlandsfieldinst.org web: http://www.canyonlandsfieldinst.org</p>