

## **Ancient Ruins and Rock Art of the San Juan**

**Instructor(s):** Ted Over

**Eligibility:** Any ICS student

**Capacity:** 20 students

**Dates:** Sunday, May 20, 2012 through Saturday, May 26, 2012

**Hours:** 24/7

**Location:** San Juan River Valley, Utah & the Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado

**Costs:** \$2,700. (Includes 2 extra baggage fees + airfare cancellation insurance)

Students who select this focus week as first choice need to attach a check for \$200.00 made out to the Lake Washington School District to the focus week choice form. This will confirm their spot if chosen in the lottery. All students who are not selected will have their checks returned.

### **Program Description:**

Guided by professional archaeologists and rock art researchers from Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, we will hike, raft, and bus to visit ancient rock art panels and archaeological sites located throughout the San Juan River Valley. We will camp outdoors for two nights and stay in motels the other four nights. Three hundred million years of monumental geology will surround us with canyons, mesas and sage plains.

### **Excerpts of Itinerary:**

Sunday, May 20: Parents personally bring their students to meet the group at Seatac. Fly to Durango, Colorado. Take bus to Crow Canyon Archeological Center in Cortez. Receive orientation; eat dinner in campus cafeteria, take bus to the Holiday Inn Express.

Monday, 5/21: Take bus to Mesa Verde National Park; tour cliff dwellers' ruins. Depart for Bluff, Utah after lunch. Learn the history of the Four Corners; visit several ruins and art panels dating back thousands of years, BC. Stay overnight at Recapture Lodge.

Tuesday, 5/22 – Thursday, 5/24: Embark in rafts for a 26 mile journey down the San Juan River Canyon. Camp and hike; visit River House Ruin, Big Kachina Panel, Axe Man Petroglyph and many other sites. Stay Thursday night at Recapture Lodge.

Friday, May 25: Bus to Cortez. Visit Cedar Mesa sites. Stay at the Holiday Inn Express.

Saturday, May 26: Bus to Durango; fly to Seatac. Parents pick up students in person.