

April 2026 - San Juan River Trip:

The Prescott High School Challenge Program has obtained a permit for a San Juan River float trip. Due to the trip traveling to Southeastern Utah and therefore being out-of-state, the District Governing Board needs to give its approval. A total of at least 22-25 people will be able to go on the trip. PHS students will be instructed, mentored and supervised by PUSD staff and volunteers.

Specialized river equipment (rafts, life jackets, and required safety and hygiene gear) will be rented from a river equipment expedition outfitter. Any students who lack basic camping gear will be able to borrow what they need through the Challenge Program equipment pool.

Trip expenses will include food, PUSD activity bus usage costs, river permit fees, and equipment rental. Total trip expenses are estimated to be \$250-\$300 per person.

We will be asking each participant to make a \$100 contribution, with scholarships offered to students with identified financial hardships. Additional expenses will be paid from existing Challenge Program funds.

Trip dates are Wednesday, April 8th through Sunday, April 12th. Students will be given excused absences for any classes missed while on the trip.

A brief itinerary is as follows:

April 8 depart Prescott High School mid-morning and drive to the Sand Island Recreation Site near Bluff, Utah. Camp at Sand Island Group Camp.

April 9-11: Pack, rig boats, and launch on the San Juan River. Camp along the river on the nights of April 9-11.

April 12: Float to the take-out point, Mexican Hat Utah, de-rig, load up and return to Prescott by mid-evening.

This is an amazing opportunity for kids in the Challenge Program to travel and learn history, geology, ecology, and river running in an iconic setting on a classic Southwest river.