UCSB Adventure Programs is excited to offer an amazing multi-environment adventure to the American Southwest. On this trip you are sure to experience challenges amidst stunning desert and canyon landscapes, paddle the famous Colorado River by canoe, and enjoy great company!

**Zion National Park:** Zion is an ancient Hebrew word meaning a place of refuge or sanctuary. Described by the LA times as “A symphony of stone, where nature is the maestro.” Located in southern Utah at the junction of the Colorado Plateau, Great Basin and Mojave Desert, Zion boasts 229 sq. miles of dramatic landscape including sculptured canyons and soaring 2000-3000ft cliffs. We will enjoy a number of the incredible sites by day hiking from our car-camping style campsite. No hiking experience is necessary as long as you are in good physical condition. Weather permitting, some hikes can be up to a strenuous 9 mi roundtrip with a significant elevation gain/loss.

**Colorado River:** Canoeing on the Colorado River through Black Canyon below Hoover Dam is a wonderful experience. The desert environment is broken by the cool waters of the river and the hot springs found at our camp is a welcomed treat after a day of paddling.

**Joshua Tree:** Joshua Tree National Park encompasses nearly 800,000 acres conserving two separate desert ecosystems at different altitudes. “JTree” is one of the most famous climbing areas in the world. Many describe it as an outdoor playground paradise. This relaxing setting coupled with the highly geologically fascinating terrain will provide a valuable introduction into the high desert life.

**Minimum Experience Level:** Hearty Beginner. Ability to swim. No hiking experience is necessary as long as you are in good physical condition and have spent adequate time breaking in your sturdy footwear.

**Sample Itinerary** (Subject to change due to weather, conditions, and other unintended changes):

**Saturday** — Drive from UCSB to Zion National Park, UT., and camp at Watchman Campground.

**Sunday** — Wake early, hiking canyons around the various sites of Zion, The Narrows, Angel’s Landing being possibilities.

**Monday** — Breakfast, pack up, and explore other canyons in Zion (weather and time permitting). Drive to Willow Beach, AZ. Late camp.

**Tuesday** — Load canoes and have a canoe lesson. Paddle 8 miles upstream to our camping area with a lunch stop along the way.

**Wednesday** — Lay over day. Explore farther up river, hike or just relax around camp. Same campsite as Tuesday night.

**Thursday** — Early breakfast, load the canoes and paddle back to Willow Beach. Pack up the van and drive to Joshua Tree, arrive in the late evening, set up camp in Jumbo Rocks camp. Campfire. Stargaze.

**Friday** - Breakfast, explore the Real Hidden Valley, Hall of Horrors, day hikes all day, camp at Cottonwood or backcountry site, dinner at camp.

**Saturday** - Breakfast, Lost Horse Mine trail, Ryan Mountain trail, camp at Cottonwood or backcountry site, dinner at camp.

**Sunday** - After breakfast, pack up the van, check out Geology Tour road and Keys View, and drive back to UCSB.

* Please be flexible as itinerary is always subject to change due to weather, and life on the open road.

**Departure Location:** Service turnout to the North/ Right of the Recreation Center main entrance.

**Departure Time:** Meet at 6:00 A.M. so we can load your personal equipment and leave by 6:30 A.M. As a courtesy to the group, please be prompt. If you are not there on time we will leave without you. No refunds for no shows.

**Approximate Drive Time:** 10 hours first day. Other days depend on travel conditions/routes. Zion, UT to Lake Mead – 7-8 hours. Willow Beach, AZ to - Joshua Tree 4-5 hours.

**Approximate Return Time:** 8 P.M. on Sunday depending on traffic.
**No Drugs or Alcohol:** University regulations and program policies do not allow alcohol or drugs on this trip. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Refund Policy:** Once an offering is **full**, you will be offered a refund (less **$20 service** charge) **only** if someone **pays** for your spot. If the offering is **NOT** full:

- **30 or more days** before the course date- Full refund less $20 processing fee.
- **29 to 8 days** before the course date- 50% refund less $20 processing fee.
- **Less than 8 days** before the course date- no refunds available.