

CAIRN STONE GC XII NEWSLETTER

TO: Grand Canyon Trekkers
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LOTS OF "A's" AT THE TEST HIKE!

MANISTEE: My student athlete trekkers did an outstanding job on their final test and earned some "A's" for a grade. We had a wonderful day and everyone enjoyed the challenging but beautiful venue. I loved the camaraderie of having everyone together for the weekend. I think we galvanized as a team! Special thanks to Marty and Kathy Flynn for their tremendous help on the course and moving people and things around. And also a big salute to the world's greatest aid station host – Gary. I loved the flags on the Little Mac bridge. A great gesture prior to 9/11. And special thanks to Bob Schuelke for picking up the signs on the white connector course and the extra credit trail.



GRAND CANYON: The culmination of all of our training has arrived and our first team leaves very early Friday morning. Sorry about the early departure but American Airlines has moved up our departure time four times. But we do get a cool bonus hike in at *Snow Canyon* because of this. PLEASE CAREFULLY REVIEW YOUR ITINERARY – Our bus will arrive for **loading at 5:00AM** and we will leave for the airport at 5:20AM sharp! If you miss the bus please meet us at O'Hare at American Airlines in Terminal 3. (NOTES: 1) We will park in the last row on the northwest side of the SMC parking lot. 2) The bus loads at SMC Niles campus, NOT Dowagiac campus.)

FIRE UP for the Grand Canyon!

DIRECTIONS: SMC Niles, 33890 US-12, Niles, MI (M60 & US12 intersection) [Map link in email]

COURSE MAPS: I will email everyone course maps by Wednesday for you to print and bring with you. Also print and bring with you all of the attachments included with this newsletter This saves me from carrying a couple of reams of paper to Arizona – *Muchas Gracias*. NOTE: If you are unable to print your documents please let me know by reply to this email.

COVID COMMENTS: I am still very concerned about Covid and I request that we all wear a mask while on the bus. Covid is still with us and I do not want the close conditions on the bus to become a *super spreader* situation. Everyone was so wonderful in Utah last year and we had no incidents. I really appreciate your consideration and cooperation.

