

ELI Weekly

Great Places to Visit: Part 1--The Grand Canyon

As an international student, you are probably interested in traveling around some while you are here. Over the next few weeks, you will read about a few famous U.S. landmarks that draw many visitors each year. You may want to check one out! The first place we will go is to the Grand Canyon National Park, located in Arizona.

The Grand Canyon, which is a World Heritage Site, is considered by many as an awe-inspiring landscape. It is 277 miles (466 km) long, 18 miles (29 km) wide at places, and 1 mile (1.6 km) deep. That's pretty massive! Scientists believe that the canyon was created by the flowing Colorado River over a period of 6 million years. However, recent research is suggesting that it may have been more like 17 million years. That's a long time!



View from the South Rim



The Colorado River

The Grand Canyon is so significant, it is one of the most studied geologic landscapes in the world. Its history contains 3 or 4 eras of geologic time, a diverse fossil record, and many different rock types and caves. Archeologists have even found human artifacts in the canyon dating back 12,000 years. The canyon is also host to several major ecosystems. There is a lot of diversity which comes from the fact that five of the seven life zones are represented in the canyon as well as four different types of North American desert. Basically, the type of plant and animal diversity is the same you would see if you were to travel from Mexico to Canada.

The canyon was not always a national park like it is now. In 1893, the canyon became a Forest Reserve and then later a National Monument. Then, in 1919, three years after the National Park Service was created, the Grand Canyon National Park was established. Today, the Grand Canyon gets around 5 million visitors a year, many more than the 44,173 it got in 1919!

There are two sides of the canyon--the South Rim and the North Rim. The South Rim is where most visitors stop for the breathtaking views of the natural site. It is easy to get to and is open all year long. Fewer people visit the North Rim, as it rises about 1,000 feet higher than the South Rim and is hard to access. From October to May of each year, heavy snow usually closes the road that allows access to the North Rim. To get there, one must either hike 21 miles across the canyon (yes, go down into the canyon and up to the other side), or drive 220 miles around the canyon to the other side. The North Rim is known for being more wild and secluded.

So, do you want to visit the Grand Canyon? It sounds like a trip worth taking. There are hotels located inside the park and just outside of it, as well as campsites. The cost to enter the park is \$25 per car, or \$12 per person on foot. Check out some of mother nature's finest scenery!



View from the North Rim

Activities This Week

Wed., July 9-Sat. July 12

Tent Theatre--"Anything Goes"

Takes place at the big tent in front of Craig Hall on campus

All shows start at 8:15pm; student tickets: \$10.00

Friday, July 11

Movie at Founders Park--"The Wizard of Oz"

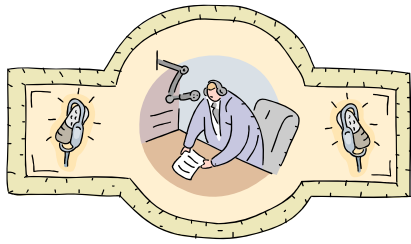
Watch the classic movie for free--just pick up tickets at the Ice Park, the Doling & Chesterfield Family Centers, or the Busch Municipal Building. Otherwise, it is \$5.00

For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>



Also, ALWAYS check the Student Activities Board across from the 2nd floor Computer Lab

Announcements



- Academic Lecture THIS week:
Wednesday, July 9
Wellness Programming--Taylor
 Wellness Program
 Levels 3, 4, and 5

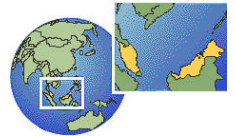
Did You Know....

A few interesting facts about Malaysia:

Malaysia has the world's oldest rain forests. The forests in Sabah have trees that tower over 100 meters high.



Rafflesia, the world's largest flower which is found in the Malaysian rain-forest, is named after Sir Samford Raffles, the founder of Singapore.



The Petronas Towers, in Kuala Lumpur, were together the tallest building in the world from 1998-2004, when Taipei 101 took that title, and the Burj Dubai in Dubai will soon be the tallest. The Towers are still the tallest twin buildings in the world.



What's Showing at The Moxie?

The Moxie is downtown's independent cinema located near the corner of Walnut and Campbell.

This week:

- Priceless
- The Fall
- Then She Found Me
- The Foot Fist Way



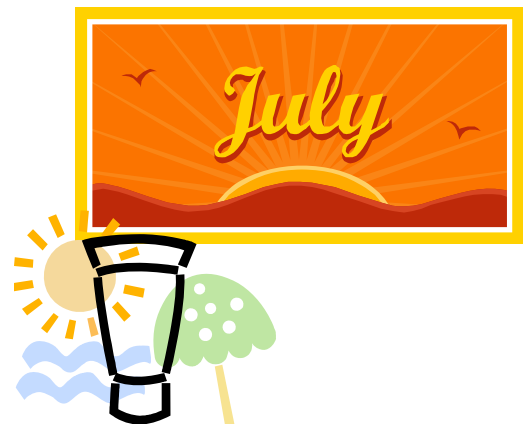
See Schedule on the Student Activities Board

Weather Forecast

Degrees: High/Low

Forecast for July 7-13

	<u>Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Celsius</u>
Monday:	87/73	31/23
Tuesday:	88/71	31/22—chance of rain
Wednesday:	79/66	26/19—chance of rain
Thursday:	80/69	27/21—chance of rain
Friday:	85/72	29/22—chance of rain
Saturday:	88/69	31/21
Sunday:	89/66	32/19



Weather forecasts are *always* changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: www.weather.com, or watch the local news or weather channel.