



**TRAVEL & LOGISTICS
 NOLS ALUMNI ROCK CLIMBING AT
 COCHISE STRONGHOLD, ARIZONA
 FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 6, 2009**

Starting Date	February 28, 2009		Ending Date	March 6, 2009
Starting Time	8:00 am		Ending Time	By 5pm
Starting Location	Comfort Suites at Sabino Canyon E. 7007 Tanque Verde Rd		Ending Location	Comfort Suites at Sabino Canyon E. 7007 Tanque Verde Rd
Fly Into:	Tucson, AZ		Fly out of:	Tucson, AZ
Arrive:	No later than February 27, 2009 in the PM.		Leave:	No earlier than March 7, 2009 in the AM.

TRIP LOGISTICS

The trip begins at 8:00a.m. on February 28th at the Comfort Suites in Tucson, AZ. We suggest that participants arrive in Tucson on February 27th.

Comfort Suites at Sabino Canyon
 7007 East Tanque Verde Road, Tucson, AZ 85701
www.choicehotels.com

(520) 298-2300 - Mention NOLS to get discounted rates

Your instructors will meet you in the lobby and transport you to the NOLS Southwest facility to begin the day’s activities. Given the early start of the day, we advise participants to arrive in Tucson the night before the start date of the trip. Please have breakfast and settle your bill before meeting in the lobby. We will issue gear and head to Cochise this same day and will be camping in the field our first night.

The trip ends early the evening of March 6th. We will arrive back at the NOLS Southwest Branch early afternoon for lunch, gear de-issue and clean up. If there is interest we will go to a local restaurant for dinner and instructors will drop people off back at the Comfort Suites. You are responsible for the costs of your lodging.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NOLS alumni office is located at the NOLS Headquarters 284 Lincoln St, in Lander, WY 82520. We can be reached at (800) 332-4280. Our email is alumni@nols.edu. Please feel free to contact Willy Cunningham (Alumni Projects Coordinator) directly at whc@nols.edu.

IF YOU ARE DELAYED ON ARRIVAL DAY

If your travel to Tucson is delayed because of weather or other reasons and you will not be able to make the meeting time, please call NOLS Southwest at (520) 749 - 0955.

TRAVEL LOGISTICS

By Plane

Tucson has an international airport serviced by a number of carriers.

By Car

If you drive to Tucson and need directions to the branch, give us a call for a detailed map.

Airport Shuttle

Arizona Stagecoach, (520) 889-1000 or <http://www.azstagecoach.com>, runs a commercial shuttle to the Comfort Suites. Look for their vans at the lower level of the airport. Please contact the Stagecoach for current rates.

Travel Insurance

We recommend making travel plans as soon as possible to avoid complications. It may also be beneficial to purchase tickets that are refundable or changeable. Travel insurance is worth exploring in case unforeseen events cause a change in your plans or in case NOLS has to cancel an alumni trip for any reason. Check with your personal insurance carrier to discuss options.

ACCOMODATIONS

Special rates have been arranged for NOLS students at the Comfort Suites. Call them directly for the latest price information. Please make room reservations as early as possible.

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The Comfort Suites is the closest hotel to the NOLS SW facility and is conveniently located within walking distance of stores and restaurants. **If you choose to stay some place other than this lodging, please make arrangements to meet the NOLS representative in front of the Comfort Suites at Sabino Canyon at the correct time on the starting date of the trip. The cost of the lodging is the responsibility of trip participants. Look for our welcome sign in the lobby for any last minute instructions.**

STORAGE OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Extra luggage may be stored at the NOLS Southwest Branch for the duration of the trip. Although due care will be taken, NOLS assumes no liability for luggage while stored at the Southwest Branch. Please try to limit items to one or two duffels or suitcases as space is limited. Your valuables (plane tickets, credit cards, money) can be locked in a safe at the Branch. Free parking is available at NOLS SW during your trip.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Bring enough cash or credit cards to cover your expenses while traveling to and from Tucson. Potential expenses include phone calls, lodging costs in Tucson before and after the trip, airport shuttle fees, cab rides to meeting locations, any meals not indicated, gear purchases or rental, and any costs associated with evacuations.

Your tuition includes meals starting with lunch on the first day through lunch on the last day. All climbing gear, camping gear (tents, stoves, kitchens, etc.), safety equipment, instruction, transportation to and from the Comfort Suites and Cochise Stronghold and permits are included in the trip price as well.

You are responsible for travel to and from Tucson and lodging and meals before and after the trip.

APPLICATION FORMS/TUITION PAYMENT

Please send your Application, Medical Form, Proof of Insurance Form, and Release and Assumption of Risk Waiver along with a \$200 non-refundable deposit to NOLS Alumni Office, 284 Lincoln St. Lander, WY 82520.

Forms and final balance are due no later than 30 days prior to trip start.