

About Grand Canyon Chamber

The Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau is the official tourism organization for the Grand Canyon South Rim including the incorporated community of Tusayan, Arizona located near the south entrance to the Grand Canyon National Park. The Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce was established in 1984 and is a 501 (c) 6 entity of the Internal Revenue Service.

The organization is funded principally through member dues. The Chamber has a professional staff whose activities are overseen by a member-elected Board of Directors. The Chamber works closely with the Grand Canyon National Park Service, the Town of Tusayan, the US Forest Service, the Arizona Office of Tourism, and northern Arizona Destination Management Organizations, as well as tour operators and agencies globally.

Grand Canyon Chamber Mission Statement

To improve, enhance, and lengthen the stay for visitors to the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park/Tusayan in partnership with the Members, the Town of Tusayan, the National Park Service, the National Forest Service, the Arizona Office of Tourism, and Chamber Members.

Chamber Goals are to...

- Strengthen and promote the tourist-related businesses within Grand Canyon and Tusayan and all Chamber members via diverse marketing efforts.
- Increase tourist visitation to the South Rim and extend the length of guest visits by creating special events and increasing awareness of educational, cultural, and tourism activities.
- Increase hotel occupancy for Chamber members during the shoulder months, October through February.
- Facilitate additional product development for services that enhance the visitor experience and enhance economic opportunity using sustainable methods for Chamber members.

Come for the View...Stay for the Job.... Extend your ADVENTURE...

As the Chamber continues to strengthen winter visitation the need for a reliable year-round workforce for our Chamber members is even more important. Through partnerships with agencies like yours we hope to meet this challenge.

We are looking forward to introducing you to our Chamber members and to explain the multiple job opportunities our area has to offer. Did we mention the view from our back yard?

The Grand Canyon

There are two major rims of the Grand Canyon that attract tourists and vacationers. The South Rim of the Grand Canyon is the most popular and most accessible, hosting over 5 million visitors each year. About 90% of the tourists that visit the Grand Canyon, go to the South Rim which is only 60 miles from Williams, Arizona. It is also only about 80 miles northwest of Flagstaff, Arizona, and a 4 ½ hour drive from both Phoenix and Las Vegas International Airports.

The Community

There are over 30 local employers in the South Rim area of the Grand Canyon or about 3500 people at peak season. Winter population does take a dip as visitation is not as popular during the winter months.

There are approximately 3000 people who live within the Grand Canyon National Park Boundaries and about 500 people living in the town of Tusayan located about 1-mile from the park entrance station or about 7 miles from the South Rim.

Additionally, many employers have housing in the small community of Valle located about 30 minutes south of Tusayan.

Services

Banking: Chase Bank has a full-service branch located inside the Grand Canyon National Park.

Post Office: The postal service has a full service post office located inside the Grand Canyon National Park and a satellite branch located in Tusayan. Post Office boxes are available for free with proper id and proof of employment in the area.

Grocery Store: There is a General Store in the Park and a smaller store in Tusayan. This large, conveniently located market is like many stores in one. The grocery area has a wonderful selection of fresh produce and vegetables, hand cut meats, cheeses, cooking staples to make a variety of dishes, beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages. There is also a wide selection of grab and go items to complement a busy day out exploring. You will find a large retail section with clothing, hiking gear, camping equipment and camping rental items.

Library: There has been a public library at the Grand Canyon since 1932. The historic building which currently houses our community library was originally the schoolhouse for the area starting in the late 1920s. It is located in Grand Canyon Village about 200 yards from the rim. The library offers over 16,000 items including current bestsellers, DVDs, magazines, newspapers, books and audio-books, as well as a collection of materials about the Southwest. Computers and wireless internet are available, free of charge, for residents and visitors alike. We also offer self-serve business services; printing, Faxing, copying, and scanning.

Medical: North County HealthCare provides comprehensive medical services to residents. They are equipped to provide on-site tests such as blood draws, radiology scans, employment physicals and drug testing. They can provide routine tests, immunizations, check-ups and even have a pharmacy.

Newspaper: Grand Canyon News is printed weekly on Wednesdays www.grandcanyonnews.com

Religious Services: There are multiple Church services offered in the Grand Canyon.

AA: AA meetings are offered three times a week – Monday – Wednesday and Friday in the Grand Canyon.

Service Organizations: Lions Club and Rotary are both very active in the Grand Canyon.

Day Care/Pre-School: The Kaibab Learning Center offers day care and pre-school, and before/after school programs for children. They also offer a summer camp.

K – 12: The Grand Canyon School has all grades K-12 and also offers Head Start from ages 3 & up. The school operates on a 4 day per week schedule Monday – Thursday from 7:50 am – 3:50 pm.

Grand Canyon Recreation Center: The center, located inside the Grand Canyon, offers many free amenities and services including aerobic classes, yoga classes, zumba, WiFi, open gym basketball, heavy bag, table tennis, volleyball, board games, and much more. For a nominal monthly fee you can also use their weight room. They also organize a summer co-ed softball league.

Best Western Premier Grand Canyon Squire Inn – bowling: Yep bowling in Tusayan – winter league available.

Sports Complex: located in Tusayan it currently has a park for kids and a basketball court. There are plans to build a softball field, track and soccer field.

Volunteer Opportunities: Want to give something back to our beautiful back yard? The National Park Service has multiple opportunities year round to get involved. Additionally, the Grand Canyon Association has partnered with NPS for volunteer activities ranging from working with vegetation crews to replant native vegetation and remove hazard trees, to working with wildland fire crews to help protect cultural resources by removing fire-prone undergrowth from archaeology sites and other projects.

Internet/Phone Service: The local phone carrier is Century Link if you are interested in a land line. Currently there are no available DSL lines. The National Park Service and the Town of Tusayan are actively working on identifying a solution to one of our biggest challenges. Mobile phones do work in different areas however there are some areas that do not have very good reception. Verizon seems to currently have the best coverage in our area.

Local Discounts: Many local businesses offer local discounts to residents just by identifying you are local and providing a local employee card.

Annual Events not to miss:

Star Party June Main Visitor Center
July 4th – Parade and live Music in Tusayan
Celebration of Art September – January
½ Marathon – October in Tusayan
Polar Express – December

To get a better feel for our community check out these Facebook pages

<https://www.facebook.com/grandcanyoncvb/>
<https://www.facebook.com/GrandCanyonNationalPark/>
<https://www.facebook.com/GrandCanyonRec/>
<https://www.facebook.com/GCCCommunityGarden/>
<https://www.facebook.com/GrandCanyonHikers/>
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