



Night Sky Photography Clinic

September 12th – 13th, 2020

Colorado Canyons Association is excited to lead our first ever Night Sky Photography Clinic! Are you a photographer looking to expand your skills into the realm of night sky photography? This is your opportunity! Gain expert instruction from accomplished night sky photographer, Christopher Eaton. Learn how to capture the perfect starry shot under the night sky in Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area. You'll leave this 2-day, 1-night adventure with lasting memories (and pictures!).

If bad weather is forecasted, we will reschedule this trip to the following weekend:

September 19th – 20th

*If the **rescheduled weekend** does not work with your schedule, you will receive a refund.*

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE:

Trip begins at the Park-and-Ride in Whitewater (directions will be provided) at 1 PM. Please lock your vehicle. Please do not leave valuables in your vehicles as CCA is not responsible for lost or stolen personal property.

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY:

- Full payment of \$225/person (CCA members), \$250/person (non-members), due at time of registration.
 - Early bird discount of \$25 off is available if you sign up before August 1st!
- Payments will be refunded if cancellations are made 10 or more days before trip departure. No refunds for cancellations made after that time unless the trip is cancelled by CCA.

ITINERARY:

- **Day 1:**

Leave from the Park and Ride lot in Whitewater where you'll travel by van to the Bridgeport trailhead. Strap on your packs and get ready for a 1.5 mile hike to our riverside campsite for the evening. We'll set up camp, eat a delicious dinner, and get ready for the night. As the sun starts going down, your instructor, Chris Eaton, will dive into the principles of night sky photography preparing you for the night ahead. Once the stars start coming out, we'll start snapping photos. Expect light night hiking to reach various sites. Instruction will last 3-4 hours once the sun goes down, but you're welcome to return to camp whenever.

- **Day 2**

Awaken to a hearty breakfast and a peaceful morning at camp. Enjoy the photos you and your fellow participants captured from the night before. By mid-morning, we'll pack up camp and hike out of the canyon. Expect to return to your vehicles around noon.

**Note: The itinerary provided is a sample. Daily activities and sites will vary based on weather conditions and other considerations.*



FOOD:

- One of the best aspects of any camping trip is often the food. Expect to eat as well—or better—than you do at home, without having to do any of the work. That means hearty and sumptuous meals, complete with fresh fruits and vegetables. Enjoy local wines and beers in the evenings.
- *If you have food allergies, restrictions or other special dietary requests, we will do our best to accommodate your needs. However, some specific needs can only be met if we charge you a supplemental menu fee to cover our increased costs. If you are a vegetarian or vegan and you let us know well in advance, we can provide meals for you without additional cost. We cannot always provide for the same diversity or sophistication as our regular menu for special dietary requests*

EQUIPMENT:

What you bring:

- Participants must have their own:
 - DSLR or mirrorless camera capable of shooting at ISO 3200; for best results use a camera that is seven years old or newer.
 - A tripod
 - A headlamp with a red light setting (very important for night vision)
 - To maximize the time that we will have to shoot, please be familiar with your camera and how to change it's setting. Specifically, we will be shooting in manual mode and will be changing aperture, shutter speed, ISO, and white balance.
- Participants are responsible for personal camping gear. Packing list will be provided.
 - Limited gear rentals may be available; please contact CCA for more information.

What we bring:

- Expert instruction for night sky photography.
- Transportation to and from the Bridgeport trailhead (COVID guidelines permitting).
- CCA will provide group camping equipment such as cooking equipment, cutlery, group tarps, etc.
- A delicious, camp cooked dinner, breakfast, and beverages.

TIPPING:

All proceeds generated from our Adventure trips go directly into our youth education programs. Tips for your instructor, while not necessary, are greatly appreciated. If you loved your trip, show our guides your love WITH MONEY.

CONTACT:

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