

DIVERGENT ADVENTURES, LLC

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Synopsis

Divergent Adventures offers innovative and comprehensive programming for neurodivergent students, utilizing adventure travel as a catalyst for teaching and guiding them through their educational journey toward success in school, work, and independent living. Using adventure travel offers a structured and predictable environment that can be comforting for neurodivergent individuals. While our activities themselves may be new and exciting, the structure and routine of our trips provide a sense of familiarity and control that can be comforting for those who prefer predictability.

The program combines structured learning with active adventure travel to expand participants' horizons beyond a flat device screen with guided, tangible, and memorable real-life experiences that create higher-order thinking and executive functioning skills. The program includes physical fitness training as a primary component of the curriculum, along with gamification, social engagement, and independent activities. Students learn social communication skills, time management, problem-solving, organization, budgeting, and physical training to ensure success and build confidence.

Universities can access the platform and deliver programming through licensing, offering on-campus, virtual, and hybrid classes over a 4-week or 10-week schedule. All classes culminate with an actual guided travel adventure to a US or international destination, custom-designed for student-only or family-inclusive adventures. Divergent Adventures provides access for neurodivergent students and their families with a unique approach, comprehensive education, aggressive support, individualized attention, and proven positive outcomes.

Dr. Stephen Shore will host/escort two adventures in 2024.

1. Conquer The Canyon in Grand Canyon, Sedona Red Rocks (May).
2. Raise The Roof For Autism in Tasmania, Australia. (February)

Classes are taught by masters-level educators, and adventures are led by seasoned adventure travel specialists. Itineraries are created and designed specifically for matriculated Bridges to Adelphi University students.

In the words of Dr. Stephen Shore:

"As an educator and a participant in Divergent Adventure's Conquer The Canyon program in 2021, I appreciated the scientific structure and delivery. But the real "secret sauce" was in its artful application by the staff. Students enjoyed every minute of the guided trip and at the same time put their new skills into practice."

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For additional details about the Divergent Adventure University Neurodiversity Adventure Education Program, please visit: <https://www.raisetherooforautism.com/autismadventureeducation-licensing>

To see basic structure, inclusions and university participation opportunities, please visit: <https://www.raisetherooforautism.com/organization-2023-schedule-prices>

Divergent Adventures requests an opportunity to meet with the Bridges To Adelphi University team to learn more about your program and provide additional information, and present a specific proposal for consideration for our 2023 and 2024 programs.