## Venture Crew 370 Trip to Grand Canyon and Zion

The local Venture Crew 370 recently took a high adventure trip in June to the Grand Canyon National Park and Zion National Park, where they spent ten total days covering Utah, Arizona, and Nevada. Of the Venture Crew 370, the three members that partook in this adventure were Stephanie Born (15), Lauren Early (15), and Katie Hirl (14). The group advisors were Julie Maher and Denise Hirl. They spent four days back packing from the South Rim to the North Rim in the Grand Canyon. "Literally dusk tell dawn, we would get up at 4 am to beat the sun and get at our campsite around sunset on average a total of 12 hours a day spent hiking" - Lauren Early. After that they spent another four days in Zion National Park where the Venture Crew did day hikes in the Narrows for two days. The Narrows is a slot canyon carved out by the Virgin River. The last day in Zion was spent hiking to the top of Angels Landing, which is one of the highest points in Zion National Park. "This was definitely a lifetime opportunity that I'm glad I went on, it kept me on edge the entire time, I didn't know what I was getting myself into but now I feel I could do anything"- Stephanie Born. Venture Crew 370 was recently chartered and is looking for more members to join in the fun. They do monthly activities and 1-2 high adventures a year. "We choose exactly what we want to do and where to go, the crew is led by us, the crew members!" -Katie Hirl. Some following activities they have planned are archery, canoeing, caving, horseback riding, and rock climbing. You have to be between the ages of 14-21 to join. They are an all-girl Venture Crew chartered out of the Boy Scout Troop 370. They meet at Pax Christi in Eden Prairie once a week on Mondays at 7pm.


Katie Hirl, Stephanie Born, and Lauren Early on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.


Venture Crew 370 at the Angels Landing summit in Zion National Park.

