

OM: I would say one of my more memorable trips that I talk about was one of my early trips with Grand Canyon Youth. It was on the San Juan River, the upper half from Bluff to Mexican Hat, and it was a school out of New Mexico. There was a young participant that was on the trip, and I remember it was nothing too special, like a springtime trip. But at the end of the trip, his name was Marcos, and he came up and he was like, "Omar! You know, man?" He's like, "after seeing you, I think I could be a river guide." and I was all teary eyed. It was so cool to be like, Oh, wow... Representation is so important, right?