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TIGHTROPE LEGEND NIK WALLEENDA TO CROSS OVER GRAND CANYON, HIS HIGHEST WALK EVER

Event to air Live beginning at 8 PM ET/5 PM PT on Sunday, June 23, on Discovery Channel

(Los Angeles, Calif.) – It will be one of the most daring and captivating live events in history -- Nik Wallenda, known as “The King of the High Wire,” will traverse the majestic Grand Canyon, without using a harness. **On Sunday, June 23, beginning at 8 PM ET/5 PM PT, Discovery Channel will capture the nail-biting, play-by-play live event in SKYWIRE LIVE WITH NIK WALLEENDA.**

“Discovery Channel continues to bring some of television’s most talked about and historic live events of the year,” said Eileen O’Neill, Group President Discovery and TLC Networks. “From Felix Baumgartner setting the world record for highest skydive in SPACE JUMP LIVE to this latest feat showcasing Nik Wallenda’s greatest challenge yet.”

Wallenda will tightrope walk higher than he’s ever attempted before at 1,500 feet above the Little Colorado River, a height greater than the Empire State Building. In 2012, Wallenda

became the first person to tightrope walk directly over Niagara Falls from the U.S. to Canada at a height of 200 feet.

“The stakes don’t get much higher than this,” said Wallenda. “The only thing that stands between me and the bottom of the canyon is a two-inch thick wire. I’m looking forward to showing the audience a view of the canyon they’ve never seen before.”

Wallenda, 34, said that this latest event will be the fulfillment of a lifelong dream to walk at such a great height as well as a chance to honor his great-grandfather, the legendary Karl Wallenda, who died after falling from a tightrope in Puerto Rico in 1978.

The Grand Canyon, one of America’s most visited tourist destinations, provides a spectacular backdrop to the event. The tightrope crossing will take place in a remote section of the canyon operated by the Navajo Nation Parks and Recreation.

“We are honored to be a part of this historic event and showcase the beauty that exists on Navajo country,” said Geri HONGEVA-CAMARILLO, Media Representative of the Navajo Parks and Recreation. “The Navajo Nation is home to more than a dozen national monuments, tribal parks and ancestral sites. Many visitors make Navajo Nation one of the top destinations for their travel plans.”

"Navajo Parks and Recreation strives to preserve and protect tribal park land for the enjoyment of all visitors. We use our land and all elements of life as teaching tools for our youth and visitors from afar, we welcome this special event and the community is excited to be a part of it," said Helen Webster, Park Manager of Navajo Parks and Recreation.

The live event is produced by Peacock Productions for Discovery with Gretchen Eisele, Knute Walker and Benjamin Ringe serving as executive producers. Howard Swartz serves as executive producer for Discovery. Other Executive Producers include Nik Wallenda, David Simone, Winston Simone and Shelley Ross. To learn more, go to skywire.discovery.com, on Facebook at [Facebook.com/discovery](https://www.facebook.com/discovery) and on Twitter @Discovery.

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