Backpacking the Pemi Loop, New Hampshire

May 23-30, 2018

Includes two nights in Boston, four nights in the White Mountains, all trail meals, meals in Boston, transportation, group equipment, and permits.

$300

Trip Overview

In 2014, two members of GRAB and the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity led a backpacking trip to Lake Tahoe, CA. Two years later, the same leaders led an expedition with active members and alumni to summit Mt. Washington, the highest peak in the Northeast. Now a Phi Delta Theta tradition, with the help of alumni and College Staff, GRAB will lead a five day expedition to complete the Pemigewasset Loop. Known as one of the most challenging and beautiful hikes in the U.S., the Pemi Loop stretches 32 miles of the White Mountains.

After meeting and preparing for our trek in Gettysburg, we will drive to Boston, where we will stay for the night. The next morning, we will drive to the trailhead and begin the loop. The hike will take five days and four nights to complete and aim to strengthen the bond between the PDT Members and challenge the group in different setting than on campus. Once finished, we will drive back to Boston, enjoy a front country dinner and prepare for the drive back to Gettysburg the following morning.

General Schedule of Trip

**Wednesday, May 23rd:** Depart Gettysburg to drive to Boston, MA  
**May 24:** Drive to Lincoln Trailhead in morning  
**May 24-28:** Trek the Pemi Loop  
**May 28:** Drive back to Boston  
**May 29:** Drive from Boston back to Gettysburg  
**May 30:** Return home by own transportation

Facilitators

Ryan Kizielewicz ‘18, Dave Engel ‘16, and Zachary Moser ‘16 are all members of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and participated in the 2016 brotherhood backpacking trip. As students, Ryan and Dave both worked as GRAB staff facilitators, and have a combined 8 years of experience leading backcountry trips. Ryan is preparing to graduate this year with a degree in Economics and Political Science, while Dave is currently working in Washington D.C. As an alum, Zach continues to make Gettysburg home, and works for the college as the assistant coach for the Bullet’s men’s and women’s swim teams.

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Registration and Payment: Registration is at www.gettysburg.edu/grab. A $150 non-refundable deposit is due at time of registration to secure a place on the trip of your choice. We accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover, e-checks or cash. The final payment will be required at least 60 days prior the trip departure date. To register, please fill out the online form or call the Office of Experiential Education at 717.337.6319.

Not Included in the Price: Hospitalization, individual evacuation costs, insurance, souvenirs, or other personal expenses incurred outside the scope of the trip.

The Trek: Trekking distances range from 5-10 miles a day. Average trekking time ranges from 3-6 hours per day, which includes stops for lunch & breaks, appreciating the sites, general conversation, and sometimes just figuring out the route. The trekking series expeditions are designed to accommodate those who enjoy trekking at a moderate pace but also enjoy taking numerous stops to enjoy the location.

Group Size: The trip consists of two GRAB staff members from the Office of Experiential Education and up to nine participants from the Gettysburg College community; students, employees and alumni of the college are all welcome.

Transportation: Transportation will be provided to and from New Hampshire. If you plan on traveling further following the trip, you are responsible for those logistics as well.

Accommodations: The program’s accommodations will include two nights’ stay in Boston, and camping in both developed and undeveloped sites along the Pemi Loop.

Meals: The price of the program covers all breakfasts, lunches and dinners on the trail each day. Participants will be responsible for any additional snacks or meals off the trail while traveling to and from New Hampshire.

Weather: Be prepared for cool, sunny days, and possible rain. Average temperatures at this time of year range from 40 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

Physical Preparation: You do not need to be a top notch athlete to participate on this program, but proper preparation will make the trip much more enjoyable. Exercising 3-5 days a week and walking with a 30 pound pack to get used to the weight are great ways to prepare. No prior experience hiking is required, and all backcountry skills and expectations will be covered during the trip.

Health and Medical & Release of Liability: We require each participant to fill out medical/liability forms for Gettysburg College and for any contracted services who request similar documentation. We can provide information on short term insurance that covers baggage, accident/life, and trip cancellation which is required for our international programs. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Cancellation of Trips: We reserve the right to cancel trips due to lack of participants, State Department warnings, or natural occurrences that may be potentially hazardous. If you cancel the trip more than 60 days before the departure date, you will receive a full refund minus the $150 deposit. If cancellation occurs 45 -60 days prior to the departure date a 50% refund is available. If cancellation occurs 21 - 44 days prior to the trip a 25% refund will be available. There will be no refunds for cancellations made within 21 days of the expedition.