Faculty Kayaking: New Hampshire

June 10th – June 16th, 2017
$250.00

Price includes transportation, lodging on the first and last nights of the trip, camping fees and permits, group backcountry and paddling equipment, instruction, and all meals.

Trip Overview
Every day we ask our students to try new things, to question their assumptions, and to further their interest and engagement in the world around them. In meeting those needs, faculty are increasingly asked to fill the role not only of a professor but also of a mentor who can support students in and outside the classroom. With these challenges in mind, we have designed a program meant to connect members of the faculty who are interested in pushing themselves personally and professionally. Learning is not reserved for our students, and neither is adventure.

The Office of Experiential Education has teamed up with the Johnson Center for Creative Teaching and Learning to create and sponsor this weeklong kayaking trip. Our time together will provide a chance for you to live and work closely with fellow faculty across disciplines, to share experiences, and to engage in conversations that are relevant to you and your work. The trip will start with technical paddle instruction on a flat-water lake, and move to the Connecticut River on the border between New Hampshire and Vermont. No previous paddling or camping experience is necessary.

General Schedule of Trip

April – May (TBD): Several meetings to discuss equipment, expectations, and the interests of our group
Saturday, June 10th: Drive from Gettysburg College to Northern New Hampshire
June 11th: Paddle instruction on Lake Francis
June 12th - June 14th: Paddle and camp down the Connecticut River
June 15th: Finish our trip with a final dinner and night in a hotel in Hanover
Friday, June 16th: Return to Gettysburg

Facilitators on Board

Tucker Little ('13) and Emily Heeren ('13), the Directors of the Office of Experiential Education, have a collective thirteen years of experience as both outdoor educators and members of the Gettysburg College community. The Office of Experiential Education views the outdoors as a catalyst for personal reflection and believes in the potential for those insights to create better educators, mentors, colleagues, and people.
**Faculty Kayaking: New Hampshire**

**June 10th – June 16th, 2017**

**Registration and Payment:** Registration will open online in early February at www.gettysburg.edu/grab. A $100 non-refundable deposit is due at time of registration to secure a place. This trip is open to any faculty member but priority will be given to new faculty. The final payment will be required 60 days prior the trip departure date. To register, please fill out the online form or call the GRAB Office at 717.337.6313 to register over the phone.

**Not Included in the Price:** Hospitalization, individual evacuation costs, insurance, souvenirs, alcohol, or other personal expenses incurred outside the scope of the trip. Airfare or other travel methods than the provided college transportation will be the participant’s responsibility, and must be discussed with the office prior to registration.

**The Paddling:** Weather and water conditions will dictate our kayaking location, but if conditions hold we expect to use two locations. First we hope to be on Francis Lake, where we will learn and hone skills required for paddling on the river in flat water. The second location is the Connecticut River between Bath, NH and Lebanon, NH. This section of the river is mostly flat water, but does have some Class I moving water (defined as “fast moving water with riffles and small waves… risk to swimmers is light”, American Whitewater Association). Expected distance to paddle daily will vary drastically, but expect full days. Contingency locations include lakes throughout Northern New Hampshire and will be announced to participants as conditions arise.

**Group Size:** This trip is reserved for members of the Gettysburg College faculty, and our group size will be limited to 10 faculty members from diverse departments on campus. Program participants will be accompanied by the two Directors of the Office of Experiential Education.

**Transportation:** We provide transportation in Gettysburg College vehicles from Gettysburg to New Hampshire and throughout the program. If you would like to use different transportation, please let us know so that we may discuss options with you.

**Accommodations and Meals:** Accommodations are provided from the first through the last nights of the trip. We will be staying in a cabin on Lake Francis and in tents during our paddle on the Connecticut River. On the last night we will be staying in a hotel near Hanover, NH. We will cook our own food throughout the trip and will be providing a final dinner in Hanover. Dietary restrictions can be accommodated.

**Weather:** Spring and early summer weather in New England can vary dramatically. Expect daytime temperatures in the upper 50’s to low 70’s and nighttime temperatures to be in the low to mid 40’s.

**Physical Preparation:** You should base your preparation on your personal needs. If you can, get out and walk, run, bike, or move any way you like to accustom yourself to the level of movement necessary for this trip. Any activity will help make the experience more enjoyable. Since this may be your first time in a kayak, we will arrange a paddling outing at least once before our departure.

**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. Please contact us if you have any questions.

**Cancellation of Trips:** We reserve the right to cancel trips due to lack of participants or natural occurrences that may be potentially hazardous. If you cancel the trip more than 60 days from the departure date, you will receive a full refund. If cancellation occurs between 45-60 days prior to the departure date a 50% refund is available. If cancellation occurs within 45 days of departure there will be no refunds for cancellations.