Office of Experiential Education Adventure Education Camp

This camp is sponsored by The Office of Experiential Education and facilitated by staff members of the Gettysburg Recreational Adventure Board (GRAB) at Gettysburg College for children ages 7-14. These programs consist of wilderness and challenge course based activities, and are designed to foster group collaboration and a positive learning environment. Your son or daughter can expect to pick up some new technical outdoor skills, but they will also be pushed to support one another, challenge their self-perceived limitations, and consider their impact on others. All groups will be kept deliberately small to achieve this end and to better accommodate the specific needs of each individual camper. The three levels of camp below will include a variety of interactive activities, treks in the Michaux State Forest, and the use of our onsite climbing wall and/or challenge course.

Session Schedule

**Half-Day Camp:** Week of August 1 ($100)
*Target age: 7-9 years*
This program will be reminiscent of years past, and will run in the afternoons Monday through Friday from 12:30-4:30pm. Campers will enjoy the Gettysburg College challenge course and climbing wall, and will venture out on hiking trips in our local state forests.

**Full Day Camp:** Weeks of June 13 and July 11 ($225)
*Target age: 10-12 years*
Five full days of activity will include hiking, climbing, kayaking, and the low and high elements of our challenge course. Monday through Friday will run from 8:30am – 4:30pm, and will culminate in an overnight experience on Thursday night. Campers will get the chance to sleep under the stars in Michaux State Forest before being picked up on Friday afternoon.

**Overnight Camp:** Weeks of June 27 and July 25 ($425)
*Target age: 13-14 years*
Campers will arrive on Monday to prepare for a four day, three night backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail, where they will learn and practice backcountry and self-management skills. They will camp on campus on Monday night, head out into the field on Tuesday, and will return Friday afternoon.

GRAB Facilitators

All camps will be facilitated by Gettysburg Recreational Adventure Board staff members. These students hold current Wilderness First Responder certifications, and have over 3000 hours of combined classroom and field based training.
Participants: Each camp will focus on small group dynamics for children between the ages of 7-14 year olds (entering 1st grade through 8th grade).

Pricing: The price listed covers all expenses for activities, materials, transportation, snacks, drinks, and a shirt. Please note that campers are expected to provide their own lunches all days except for overnights, where all meals are included and dietary restrictions will be taken into account.

Hours: The half-day camp officially begins at 12:30pm and the full day camp officially begins at 8:30am at the bouldering wall located in the John F. Jaeger Center for Athletics, Recreation, and Fitness. We do have a soft start time for our half day camp, which means you can drop off your child beginning at noon each day to boulder on the climbing wall while waiting for the camp to begin. We will conclude camp at 4:30pm each afternoon. For the overnight camp, campers can be dropped off in the same location at 8:30 Monday morning, and picked up on 4:30pm on Friday.

Registration and Payment: Registration and camp details will be available at http://www.gettysburg.edu/grab. Registration is simple. A $25 or $100 (trip dependent) non-refundable deposit is due at time of registration to secure a place in the camp week of your choice. We accept VISA, MASTERCARD, & DISCOVER, e-checks or cash. The final payment will be required prior the start of camp. To register, please fill out the online form or call Emily Heeren at 717.337.6319 to register over the phone/or to receive a fax.

What to Bring: For half and full day campers, athletic shoes and a water bottle are required. Snacks and water will be provided during the camp, but meals are not included. Also, we ask that you bring any prescription medications that your child may need. Be sure that the medication is transported in its original container/bottle with your child’s name and dosage. For overnight campers, please see the gear list located on our website.

Transportation: The hiking portion of the camp will take place off-campus in the Michaux State Forest, and along the Maryland Appalachian Trail. Participant transportation for these off-campus trips will be provided by certified drivers in Gettysburg College vehicles.

Weather: The weather can be variable during this time of year. It will likely be warm in July and August, with average high temperatures ranging between 80-90°F and there is also the potential for daily storms. Due to certain activities being weather dependent, staff members will monitor weather forecasts and plan activities accordingly. This may result in an adjustment to the daily schedule, but camp will remain in session regardless of weather.

Abilities: Our programs focus on group collaboration, appreciating individual differences, and pushing one’s self to test perceived limits. Although some activities may be seen as both mentally and physically challenging, participants will be encouraged through our challenge by choice philosophy to complete activities to the best of their ability.

Health and Medical & Release of Liability: It is our top priority to mitigate risk during this experience, but we need your assistance to inform us about your child’s background so we can properly prepare. Each participant is asked to fill out a Health and Medical form for this camp. We request that you are truthful with your medical information and speak with your facilitator about any concerns or pre-existing conditions. In addition, we want to inform you that you will be asked to sign our indemnity form, and that you are aware that all Gettysburg College policies and procedures apply to all programs.