Adventure Education Camp

Weeks of July 13, 20, 27, August 3
Cost: $75.00
Hours: 12:30pm – 4:30pm
Soft start from 12:00pm-12:30pm
Small group programs for children entering grades 1-7.

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 entering grades 1-7. We utilize experiential techniques and wilderness based curricula to highlight group collaboration in a positive learning environment. Our experiential education workshops are developmental and instructional in approach, and cater to meet the specific needs of each camper. Because of this, our programs can accommodate for a wide range of abilities and we are careful to select experiences that are age appropriate and can achieve positive growth outcomes. The camp includes a variety of interactive activities, treks in the Michaux State Forest, and the use of our onsite climbing wall and challenge course.

General Schedule of Camp

**Monday:** Gettysburg College Challenge Course where campers will participate in low activities to establish group norms for the week

**Tuesday:** Michaux State Forest–hiking the Appalachian Trail (near Pine Grove Furnace) where the group will be introduced to map reading & hiking techniques

**Wednesday:** Gettysburg College indoor climbing at the Den where campers will be introduced to climbing techniques, tying knots and the belay

**Thursday:** Michaux State Forest–hiking along the Appalachian Trail (near Caledonia State Park) where campers will search for Appalachian Trail wildlife.

**Friday:** Gettysburg College Challenge Course where the group will conclude by having a chance to push their limits and experience the high elements

*Schedule is weather dependent and is subject to change

Drop off and pick up location is at the Den which is located in the John F. Jaeger Center for Athletics, Recreation, and Fitness

GRAB Facilitators

These camps will be facilitated by Kaitlin Wingard ’15 and Andrew Burd ’17. Kaitlin has a degree in environmental studies and German; and led programs both domestically and internationally for the office. Andrew, a history major, has led programs from Maryland to New Hampshire. Kaitlin and Andrew both carry 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 6-12 year olds (entering 1st grade through 7th grade).

Pricing: The price listed covers all expenses for activities, materials, transportation, snacks, drinks, and a shirt.

Hours: The camp officially begins at 12:30pm at the bouldering wall located in the John F. Jaeger Center for Athletics, Recreation, and Fitness. We do have a soft start time 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.

Registration and Payment: Registration and camp details will be available at http://www.gettysburg.edu/grab. Registration is simple. A $25 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 John Regentin at 717.337.6319 to register over the phone/or to receive a fax.

What to Bring: 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 it in its original container/bottle with your child’s name and dosage.

Transportation: The hiking portion of the camp will take place off-campus in the Michaux State Forest. 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.

Cancellation of Camp: We reserve the right to cancel trips due to lack of participants, but we will notify you two weeks out if it appears we need to cancel a camp.