

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

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Group Expeditions and Leave No Trace

The nature of a group expedition requires the full cooperation of every participant with the trip leaders and other members of the group. Humor, flexibility, involvement, and an open mind to new experiences will create a rewarding experience for all. On an outdoor expedition such as this, we will be particularly conscientious about inflicting a minimum impact on the environment. Our goal will be to always leave an area cleaner than we found it. All participants are expected to adhere to a strict Leave No Trace ethic.

Insurance

MEDICAL INSURANCE IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE. We ask that you review your personal insurance for adequate coverage. Some companies may specifically exclude high-risk activities; therefore, in case of injury all expenses will be borne by you.

Cancellations

If for any reason you decide not to go on the trip the morning of the trip departure or if you are running late please call the Outdoor Adventures Rental Center, 979-845-7035!

Weather

In the event of inclement weather, do not assume that the trip will be cancelled. Outdoor Adventures will make that decision based on the weather report obtained for the area the activity is planned for and regardless of current conditions in College Station. You will be contacted if the trip is cancelled or if the departure time has changed. Please show up and assume the trip will go if you have not heard otherwise from the trip staff prior to departure.

Possible Risks

Outdoor Adventures trip leaders retain final authority on all outings and will not hesitate to dismiss those whose conduct is detrimental to themselves and the rest of the group or to the activity site. Safety of the group is the number 1 priority for trip leaders. That being said, the following apply:

- Participants should be aware that outdoor activities can be physically demanding with inherent elements of risk and danger.
- *If injury or illness occurs that would necessitate a participant returning early, such transportation costs and medical fees are the complete responsibility of the participant.*
- Texas A&M University does NOT provide any insurance coverage for participants in the Outdoor Adventures program.
- **No alcohol or drugs are allowed on this Outdoor Adventures trip.**
- TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATIONAL SPORTS CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURY OR PROPERTY LOSS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM.

Parking

While participating in an Outdoor Adventures event during the week, students and staff with valid parking permits may park adjacent to the Penberthy Outdoor Adventures Rental Center in parking lot 100-d or 100-m. Participants without valid parking permits are encouraged to utilize the Pay and Display Machine located in parking lot 100-j in front of Olsen Field at Bluebell Park in order to validly park in 100-j. No permit is required in unrestricted or plain marked spaces on Saturday, Sunday, or days when the University is officially closed. Exceptions include special event parking and athletic events. Notification will be posted at the entrance to the lot for these types of events.