

Baylor University

Basic Trip Information Sheet



Registration: Participants may register for trips at the McLane Student Life Center front desk.

Group Expectations: The nature of group trips and expeditions require 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.

Cancellations: Cancellation refunds for Day Trip and Multi-Day Trips will be issued on the following schedule once a Refund Request is completed at the SLC Front Desk.

- 100% refund minus the \$25 cancellation fee if notified more than 28 days out from the trip.
- 50% if notified between 27 and 14 days of the trip.
- 25% if notified between 13 and 7 days of the trip.
- 0% if notified less than 6 or fewer days before the trip.
- If the trip does not make due to low sign-up numbers or weather cancellation, you will be issued a refund.

Last Minute 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 Trip Leader.

Possible Risks: Participants should be aware that outdoor adventure activities can be physically demanding with inherent elements of risk and danger. Safety of the group is the number 1 priority for trip leaders.

- If injury or illness occurs that would necessitate a participant needing professional medical assistance and/or a need to return early, such transportation costs and medical fees are the complete responsibility of the participant.
- No alcohol or drugs are allowed on Outdoor Adventure trips.
- BAYLOR UNIVERSITY CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURY OR PROPERTY LOSS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAM.

Outdoor Adventure 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.

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. Baylor University does NOT provide any insurance coverage for participants in the Outdoor Adventure programs.

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 Waco. Alterations to the trip plan may be made. 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.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are Outdoor Adventure (OA) Trips?

Each semester OA schedules a variety of outdoor adventures. These trips are geared towards student experiential learning in a safe, outdoor environment.

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Who can take a trip with OA?

All current Baylor students are eligible to enroll in a trip. Baylor students have priority, but if a faculty or staff are interested they should contact the Campus Recreation Department to inquire about available spots. Trip sizes vary on multiple factors including transportation, equipment available, and land/river use permits. Most trips will have between 5-10 participants. Some local day trips may have more.

What if I am a student, can I bring a guest that is not affiliated with Baylor?

If Baylor students, faculty, or staff are interested in bringing a guest they should contact the Campus Recreation Department to inquire about available spots. The cost for guests to enroll is a slightly increased due to the lack of membership.

What types of trips are available?

Each semester varies, but OA strives to offer a variety of options – backpacking, biking, climbing, hiking, paddling, white water kayaking, caving, etc.

How long are the trips?

The trips vary in length – from local day trips, to statewide weekend trips, to nationwide week-long trips. The goal of each semester is to incorporate an assortment of day trips with longer Fall and Spring Break trips.

How much does it cost and what does it cover?

The cost varies depending upon several factors. When applicable, the cost includes: leadership, instruction, transportation, entrance fees, meals, and equipment such as tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, and any technical gear. Most trips do not require you to purchase personal specialized gear.

What if transportation is not provided?

For trips in which transportation is not included, the Baylor event will begin when roll is checked at the specified event location. The event will end at the completion of the scheduled activities. Any individual who drives a personal vehicle to an event assumes all responsibility for the safety of himself/herself as well as any passengers. Participants may elect to arrange car-pooling. Participants will be notified of other participant's email address attending the event. Baylor University bears no liability for student use of personal vehicles. Participants may be offered directions and/or a location in which they could meet in order to follow OA representatives. Participants are encouraged to drive safely and allow adequate time to get to and from the site.

Note: No reimbursement will be made for repairs, maintenance, or fuel for personal vehicles, whether these costs result from your own acts or acts of others. Also, it is the personal obligation of the owner of such vehicle, when used for event travel and for the protection of the traveler and any passengers, to carry auto liability insurance.

Is any experience required?

For the majority of trips, no experience is necessary. Most trips have a fitness assessment component that requires running the Bear Trail. On some adventures, such as climbing or biking longer distances, some experience would be beneficial, but not mandatory. Before each trip begins, the OA guides will instruct on technical skills required for the adventure. There will be a pre-trip meeting for most trips.

How do I sign up?

To sign up for OA trips, participants must come into the McLane Student Life Center to be registered for the trip and fill out paperwork. Trip spots are available on a first come first serve basis and trips fill quickly. If you would like to sign up for a trip, sign up early to ensure a spot is still available. All trips must be paid in full at time of enrollment. If a trip is full, you may be able to sign up on the waitlist without being charged until your spot is confirmed.

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