

University of Saint Francis'

# Appalachian Adventure 2009

## FAQ's

May 5 – 16, 2009

Q: When is the trip?

A: The trip begins Tues. morning at 6:30 (in the Achatz Hall front parking lot) on Tuesday, **May 5 and returns late afternoon /early evening on Saturday, May 16, 2009.** We pull out at 7 even if you are not there!

Q: Who may go? What about credit?

A: University of Saint Francis students, Faculty, Staff, and invited guests may go with us. Students may take the trip for credit; BIOL 356 (3 hrs) **Appalachian Field Studies** satisfies part of the Gen. Ed. Science requirement and also the field studies component for ENV5 majors, BIOL 448 (3 hrs.) **Taxonomy of Flowering Plants** has a prerequisite of Principles of Plant Biology, and satisfies requirements for both BIOL and ENV5 majors. Or you may take PHES 140, **Backpacking** (2 hrs) that satisfies the physical education gen ed requirement. *These may be taken either as Spring term or May Tripterm classes.* You must register for the course before the trip to receive credit. **The trip fees do not cover the tuition costs.**

Q: What are the costs? What does that include? Not include?

A: **The trip costs (above and beyond the tuition) will be \$600 (+/- \$25, we have to see what gas prices are going to do; by the way, most kids summer camps are now more than this for just one week, and they do not do any travel or near all the cool things we do!) . There will be a \$40 saving if paid in full by March 2, 2009. A non-refundable deposit of \$200 must be made by Monday, March 16.** In recent trips all spaces have been filled by USF credit-taking students. The total limit for the trip is 32. All payments are to be made through Carolyn Exner, the Science Administrative Assistant. **Checks are to be made to the University of Saint Francis. All medical consent, liability waiver and HPN forms must be to Mrs. Exner by April 17. Medical forms must be notarized. Mrs. Exner is a notary and most banks have them as well. There are no exceptions.**

The fee includes all transport (9 each max in 12 pass. vans), all entry fees (including gem mining and river rafting (reg.)), food (except on transport days one and eleven), guide book, camping fees, experienced expert leadership, trip tee shirt, group camp equipment, water filters, and backpack stoves. It does not include personal equipment and one meal in transit Tues., May 5. (Sat. May 16 optional)

Q: How much “extra” \$\$\$ should I bring?

A: You can get by with very little. We do spend a few hours at the tourist traps of Cherokee or Gatlinburg, and the visitor centers at the GSMNP. Otherwise, there is little need. Most folks seem to get by with \$30-50, but some spend lots more (especially if you buy trinkets for others left at home, or books).

Q: Where do we go and what do we do?

A: An itinerary will be given to you on March 29 and on BB. Scheduled events and locals include several days in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park (GSMNP), hiking daily, waterfall trekking, Cade’s Cove, wildlife observing (so far we have seen bear every trip), white water rafting the Nantahala River, gem mining in Franklin, NC, hugging the largest trees east of the Miss. River, Joyce Kilmer National Mon., Fontana Dam, and lots more! We are also currently planning to allow for an optional 2 night backpack to Hangover Rock in the Citico/Slickrock Nat’l. Wilderness. To be discussed during the pre-trip classes.

Q: What equipment do I need to provide?

A: All group cooking and food prep equipment will be provided. You will need eating utensils (plate, bowl, cup/glass, K/S/F), weather appropriate clothing, sturdy hiking shoes, (a sample list will be provided during class), a water bottle, a backpack (if you choose to participate in the overnight hike), a day pack regardless, personal sleeping needs (pillow, tent and sleeping bag...it can get cold, we had snow twice, and some heavy rain...it is spring!). We recommend sharing as much as possible. We will help facilitate arrangements during a class meeting. Optional items include sleeping pad, camera, sun shades, binoculars, gloves, walking stick, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, shampoo, *et cet*. There may be only a few opportunities for real showers, so expect this please. You may wish some snacks, but ***NOBODY GOES HUNGRY ON A DOC W TRIP!!!!*** Everyone is expected to help in the daily chores of the group; cooking, clean up, packing the vans, gathering fire wood, *et cet*. Pay attention and you might learn things even then.

Q: Which Faculty/Leaders/Guests are going?

A: Thus far: Drs. Dick Hurley, Gerald Short, Pam Lord, and Larry Wiedman. And we are hoping Dave Lawson, and Jenny Maldonado as well.

Q: When do we meet?

A: Several whole group meetings are planned already. They are Sundays **March 22**, and **29 & April 12** and finally, **May 3**. We meet from 7-9 pm in Achatz Hall. **There may be one or two additional meetings for those in BIOL 448 or PHED 140.**

Q: So who do I ask Q’s not addressed here?

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