



Camp-Alachia

Two full weeks of exploring mountain tops, swimming holes and waterfalls, mammoth forests, white-water rafting and high adventure for teens. Co-ed and Co-ed led. Based out of and returning to Asheville, NC.

Over the course of these two weeks we'll enjoy uninterrupted adventure in timeless landscapes. From rugged, boulder filled stream valleys to sweeping views over 6400' we'll be getting a taste of everything the Appalachians have to offer.

Within the long days of exploration and discovery, campers will be building a suite of skills to catapult them into success upon their journey as young adults. As the days go by campers will build their abilities to plan, manage risk, decision making, prepare meals, and of course, will learn invaluable outdoor skills that translate seamlessly to life in the front-country.

The two weeks will bring us to two different national forests and wilderness areas, two national parks (Great Smoky Mountains and Blue Ridge Parkway) and will cover the dramatic features that make the Appalachians so beautiful and diverse. This will be a true time for adventure and exploration with plenty of time to kick back in the hammock and ponder the sunsets of evenings past.

Tentative Itinerary:

Monday, July 20: Arrive at AVL, drive to Nantahala National Forest

- Get acquainted, review plans for the upcoming 2 weeks, prepare for the first leg of backpacking, eat well and sleep at a developed campground.

Tuesday, July 21: Begin backpacking through the Joyce Kilmer Slickrock Wilderness

- Explore a forest that holds some of the largest and oldest hardwood trees in the country.

Wednesday, July 22:

- Hike up towards the Haeo Lead and the Hangover, scout swimming holes along Little Santeetlah Creek

Thursday, July 23:

- Reach the Hangover and it's epic views then pursue the remote and pristine Slickrock Creek

Friday, July 24:

- Hike to Wildcat Falls, explore the boulders and cascades

Saturday, July 25:

- Begin hike back to the Hangover and it's panoramic views of the Smoky Mountains and descend into Jenkins Meadow

Sunday, July 26 (Basecamp/shelter/shower): Hike out, clean up, head to Great Smoky Mountain National Park (GSMNP), then to the Nantahala River.

- Hike through Jenkins Meadow, and reflect on the solitude the Slickrock Wilderness
- Meet up with park service field educator
 - Learn about the ecosystem, conservation and the National Park Service
 - Sleep in bunk house or modern lodging on the Nantahala River.

Monday, July 27 (Basecamp/shelter/shower): Basecamp and adventure by day. White water raft, mountain bike, zip line and kayak.

- Based off the Nantahala we'll have an adrenaline filled day with the benefit of sleeping under a roof and a hot shower

Tuesday, July 28: Resupply and head towards Asheville and the Pisgah National Forest. The next 3 nights will be spent high in the famous Shining Rock and Middle Prong Wilderness'

- Make camp at over 6400' along the Green Mountain trail and take in a sunset with 360 degree views of the famed Black Balsam Mountains

Wednesday, July 29: Easy hike to join the Mountains to Sea Trail

- Take in the various streams, pools and cascades within a short distance from camp

Thursday, July 30:

- Hike to Big Beartrap falls as a final sendoff from these mountains, their peaks, views and rugged landscape.

Friday, July 31: Hike out and return to Asheville for formal lodging

- Saunter back to the vehicle, clean up and head to our final HQ to re-energize.
- Enjoy a celebratory feast and head to the Folk Art Museum

Saturday, Aug 1: Culture and Classes

- Explore Asheville / unstructured time to get to know the town

Sunday, Aug 2:

- Morning trip to local waterfall, engage in an afternoon of service.
- Clean and pack up

Monday, Aug 3: Goodbye.

Cost: \$3350.00

Contact Aaron Wolf for details or to set up a Zoom Q&A session.

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