Sea Kayaking at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore  
Aug. 7-15, 2018  
9 participants

On this trip, First-Year students will focus on developing the basic skills necessary to live out of a sea kayak and navigate between islands in a marine environment. Skill progression, equipment selection, terminology, and potential risks are all introduced as foundational skills for sea kayaking. Camp on island and coastlines, paddle alongside sand dunes, and take in the beauty of Lake Superior. Student leaders will provide guidance throughout this experiential and field-based excursion. This trip is challenging, yet appropriate for both novice and more experienced sea-kayakers looking for a backcountry experience. At the end of the trip, staff will help students move in early and join the OWL program. This trip is also available for 1 academic credit. Email adventure@osu.edu with questions or to enroll for academic credit.

This is a backcountry trip: Participants on this trip will sleep in tents and there will be no access to showers, running water, or other modern amenities. Trip leaders will teach participants how to dispose of waste properly by following Leave No Trace ethics.

What's Included: Trip fee includes all meals, transportation, trip leader instruction, and activity-specific gear rental (excludes personal clothing and footwear).

To register: you will need to create a new RecRegister account at https://recregister.osu.edu/Account/Register. Following the instructions, using your OSU email and ID # if you have it. Once you have created your account, you may sign-up. Note that this program holds a first come, first served registration and payment is required.

Hocking Hills Zip, Canoe, Ride: Scholars  
Aug. 11-15, 2018  
15 participants

Craving a connection with nature and fellow first-year students in the great outdoors? Come with us as we camp-out in Hocking Hills and go hiking, horseback riding, canoeing, and ziplining! Current Ohio State students (Outdoor Adventure Center staff) will lead this experience, along the way facilitating teambuilding initiatives and awesome conversations about the transition to Ohio State around the campfire. Through planned adventures in Hocking Hills State Park, students are guaranteed to form incredible memories before school begins. This program is open to all incoming first-year students, and is for those seeking adventure with an established camping experience. At the end of the trip, staff will help students move-in early and join the OWL program. O-H!!

This is a front country trip: Trip members will have access to running water, bathrooms, and other modern amenities.

What's Included: Trip fee includes all meals, transportation, trip leader instruction, and activity-specific gear rental (excludes personal clothing and footwear).

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Wilderness Welcome

Hocking Hills Zip, Canoe, Ride: Honors
Aug. 11-15, 2018
15 participants

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This is a front country trip: Trip members will have access to running water, bathrooms, and other modern amenities.

What's Included: Trip fee includes all meals, transportation, trip leader instruction, and activity-specific gear rental (excludes personal clothing and footwear).

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Colorado Rock Adventure
Aug. 7-15, 2018
8 participants

Please arrive to the OAC August 6 at 6pm to pack bags for flight on August 7

On this trip, First-Year students will be greeted by snow-topped mountains framed by deep blue skies as they enter Rocky Mountain National Park. On this adventure, you'll fly to gorgeous Colorado and spend the week in the Rocky's. Participants on this trip will experience front-country camping and climbing mixed with backcountry camping and backpacking in the Rocky Mountains. Student leaders will help develop the leadership skills of first-year students. The trip is challenging, yet appropriate for both novice and more experienced climbers. At the end of the trip, staff will help students move in early and join the OWL program. This trip is also available for 1 academic credit. Email adventure@osu.edu with questions or to enroll for academic credit.

This is a mix between a backcountry and frontcountry trip: Trip members will have limited access to running water, bathrooms, and other modern amenities.

What's Included: Trip fee includes all meals, transportation, trip leader instruction, and activity-specific gear rental (excludes personal clothing and footwear).

To register: you will need to create a new RecRegister account at https://recregister.osu.edu/Account/Register. Following the instructions, using your OSU email and ID # if you have it. Once you have created your account, you may sign-up. Note that this program holds a first come, first served registration and payment is required.
**Biking & Boating in Ohiopyle, PA**  
**Aug. 11-15, 2018**  
**9 participants**

On this trip, First-Year students will bike a section of the Great Allegheny Passage and whitewater raft the Lower Youghiogheny River in beautiful Ohiopyle, PA. This trip will focus on developing leadership skills while connecting with nature, other first-year students and Ohio State. Student leaders will provide guidance on how to set up tents and cook in the backcountry. This trip is appropriate for novice and experienced bicyclists and rafters. At the end of the trip, staff will help students move in early and join the OWL program. This trip is also available for 1 academic credit. Email adventure@osu.edu with questions or to enroll for academic credit.

This is a mix between a backcountry & frontcountry trip: Participants on this trip will sleep in tents and there will be no access to showers, running water, or other modern amenities during the first two nights. There will limited amenities available during the second two nights of the trip. Trip leaders will teach participants how to dispose of waste properly by following Leave No Trace ethics.

What's Included: Trip fee includes all meals, transportation, trip leader instruction, and activity-specific gear rental (excludes personal clothing and footwear).

To register: you will need to create a new RecRegister account at https://recregister.osu.edu/Account/Register. Following the instructions, using your OSU email and ID # if you have it. Once you have created your account, you may sign-up. Note that this program holds a first come, first served registration and payment is required.

**Backpacking the Appalachian Trail**  
**Aug. 7-15, 2018**  
**9 participants**

On this trip, First-Year students will backpack a section of the Appalachian Trail. Participants will have a chance to focus on developing backcountry and leadership skills while connecting with nature, other first-year students and Ohio State. Student leaders will provide guidance on how to set up tents and cook in the backcountry, while carrying everything they need in a 35-40 pound backpack for up to 10 miles. This trip is appropriate for novice and experienced backpackers looking for a true backcountry experience. At the end of the trip, staff will help students move in early and join the OWL program. This trip is also available for 1 academic credit.

This is a backcountry trip: Participants on this trip will sleep in tents and there will be no access to showers, running water, or other modern amenities. Trip leaders will teach participants how to dispose of waste properly by following Leave No Trace ethics.

What's Included: Trip fee includes all meals, transportation, trip leader instruction, and activity-specific gear rental (excludes personal clothing and footwear).

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Wilderness Welcome

Adventures on the Gorge: New River Gorge, WV
Aug. 12-15, 2018
40 participants

On this trip, First-Year students will experience the excitement and beauty of the outdoors at the top destination for whitewater rafting in the East. During this expedition-style rafting trip along the New River Gorge in West Virginia, you'll enjoy excellent food prepared by your student leaders and guides while building new Buckeye friendships. A mixture of staying in cabins and a night of camping will accommodate all abilities. This trip is appropriate for novice and experienced rafters. At the end of the trip, first-year students who have elected to be OWLs (all Wilderness Welcome participants are encouraged to be OWLs, apply here: https://housing.osu.edu/jobs/ohio-state-welcome-leader-owl/) will move-in early and can safely store their residence hall items at the OAC for the duration of the trip. OAC staff will assist in the move-in process so a participant’s family only needs to make one trip to campus. This trip is also available for 1 academic credit hour.

This is a front country trip: Trip members will mostly have access to running water, bathrooms, and other modern amenities.

What's Included: Trip fee includes all meals, transportation, trip leader instruction, and activity-specific gear rental (excludes personal clothing and footwear). Students with financial need (Pell eligible for example) may apply for a scholarship to reduce program cost. Please email adventure@osu.edu for details.

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