

Itinerary: Harvard First-Year Outdoor Program 2016

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

11am – 3pm: **Participants arrive and check in** inside the Science Center, adjacent to Harvard Yard. Check-in will take approximately an hour. If you are hoping to participate in a Wilderness Switch trip, we expect you to arrive by 2 pm. While FOPpers go through gear check, parents can attend a slide show and informational meeting with trip leaders. Participants are responsible for providing their own lunch and dinner.

6pm: **All participants gather on the steps of Widener Library for the introductory meeting.** Please be on time. You will be assigned to a group, and you will leave this location with your group. You should say goodbye to family members and well-wishers **before** this meeting.

7:30pm: Groups meet and distribute food and gear. Groups go to bed early to prepare for dawn departure.

Thursday, August 18, 2016

4:45am: Wake up!

5:30am: All groups clean up their rooms, return keys, and load buses.

6:30am: **Buses and vans depart for destinations in MA, NH, VT, and ME!** Breakfast served on bus.

Friday, August 19 to Tuesday, August 23, 2016

FOP trips are happening!

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

Morning: Groups picked up at trailheads throughout New England.

Mid-day: Buses and vans return to Cambridge. Clean and return gear. (Trips return to campus between 10 am and 1 pm)

Early afternoon Pick up room keys and ID and move in to your term-time dorm room! (Key pick-up will remain open until all FOP trips have returned.)

Some Notes Regarding Religious Observance:

Often our program coincides with several religions' holy days. In the past, we have been able to make accommodations to meet the needs of our religiously observant students. We also recognize that because of the nature of our activities, we are not able to make all the accommodations necessary for everyone, so please be in touch with us as soon as possible so that we can determine whether we can meet your needs.

If you communicate your needs early in the summer, here are accommodations we can and cannot make:

If your religion requires that you pray or attend services between 6 PM on Wednesday, August 17th and 10 PM on August 23rd, we can offer you the opportunity to pray but cannot guarantee the opportunity to attend services.

If your religion requires you to uphold dietary restrictions, please talk with us directly. We can, for instance, provide meals that align with kosher and halal diets, but because of the nature of our activities, our distance from medical care, and our dependence on nutrition for our health and welfare in the woods, we cannot accommodate any student who is fasting between August 17 and August 23.

If your religion requires that you observe a day of rest, we can often accommodate that request, though we cannot ever guarantee it.

If we have not addressed one of your religious practices, it does not mean we cannot accommodate it; it merely means we have not considered it yet. Please let us know if we have not addressed one or more of your needs.