At Wilderness Adventures, the phrase “Do Something Wild” is more than just words. Our students “feel” what it means to “Do Something Wild” when they get ready to climb the next pitch, hit the whitewater wave train, or lace up their boots for a day of backpacking in Alaska. These are but a few examples of what you will find in this catalog that will offer you the opportunity to feel what it means to “Do Something Wild”.

On WA trips, students are challenged in new and unique ways. They are asked to “Do Something Wild” that includes pushing themselves in ways they have never before experienced. They learn to take on leadership roles and give all they have for the betterment of the group. They unplug from their devices and learn to appreciate the unmasked beauty of the world right before their eyes.

These are the tangibles. At Wilderness Adventures we value the intangibles just as much. During the last moments of any camping trip, at airports and train stations, we witness the birth of friendships that will last forever. Hugs and tears give way to campers encouraging each other to “Do Something Wild” as they embark on the great adventure of life. When they say this, we know they mean to go home and be a leader, be a friend to others and always know you can be great!

We, and the entire Wilderness Adventures community, invite you to consider the possibility of a WA adventure and embrace the opportunity to “Do Something Wild”.

Tom and Catherine Holland
Directors
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History

In 1973 Mike and Helen Cottingham led a single trip of ten students throughout the Great Northwest. Since these first steps, Wilderness Adventures has grown to serve more than 26,000 alumni on trips around the world.

Over the last 47 years, we have cultivated relationships that allow us to be successful today. It is this emphasis on community that is critical to our past, present, and future success. We have always prioritized connecting with our participants and their families, our partners in the field, land managers where we travel, and trip leaders who return to adventure with us year after year. This community is the foundation of Wilderness Adventures and it continues to grow as second generation students now attend our programs.

From left to right: Tom and Catherine Holland, Helen and Mike Cottingham

Miles Traveled: Millions!
Trip Groups: 2,500+
Students Served: 26,000+
Years In Operation: 47
Countries We Travel To: 12
Activities We Offer: 15
WHY WA

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Courage, perseverance, community, and joy begin to describe the power of a Wilderness Adventure. When we are encouraged to step out of our routines, put down our electronic devices, and find the edges of our comfort zone, amazing things can happen.

Away from home, we find that we can create incredible communities capable of wonderful achievements. Mountains are met with a grin as we walk together, through challenges, to find success. Laughter spills from the campfire as we form friendships that will long outlast the final burning ember and change us for the better. Positive role models will delight as they encourage us to discover who we are and find our inner strength, courage, and kindness.

WA is about more than hiking, kayaking, rafting, and climbing. It is about discovering a part of ourselves, building character, and bringing new light and dimension into our lives.

We invite you to say ‘Yes’ to adventure and Do Something Wild.

‘Wilderness Adventures changed the way that my child sees the world - it opened her eyes to beauty, adventure, excitement, new perspectives, and friends that will last a lifetime. The experience was invaluable.’

-2019 Parent
LEADERSHIP TEAM

WHO WE ARE

Our team brings to the table an unprecedented number of years of experience in the camp industry. We have attended camps all over the country and have been students and leaders on Wilderness Adventures trips ourselves. Camp is our lifelong passion. At some point in our lives, Wilderness Adventures transformed us, so we are devoted to creating and sharing that same experience with others.

You will not find a more experienced and passionate team behind the scenes anywhere else.

OUR EXPERIENCE

As a team, we have traveled to well over 100 countries and rafted and fished more rivers than we can count. We know the power of adventuring because we’ve been there: to the top of the Grand Teton and Mt. Baker, the Serengeti of East Africa, the rivers of Montana, and the beaches of Costa Rica. Our love of these places and these adventures runs deep. Our experience is exceeded only by our promise and commitment to provide our students and their parents with the adventure of a lifetime.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 93 years of outdoor education experience
- Former CEO of American Camp Association
- Summited the Grand Teton
- Skied Mt. Baker
- High school history teacher
- Rafted down the Grand Canyon
- Summited Mount Rainier
- Hiked the Tour du Mont Blanc
- Cessna pilot
- 8 WA staff kids and 4 WA staff dogs
- PADI certified
OUR STUDENTS

WHO ARE OUR STUDENTS?
Wilderness Adventures students have two things in common: an eagerness to try new things and a willingness to have fun with new friends along the way! No experience is required, simply a desire to adventure with us.

WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?
In 2019, WA students represented 45 US states and 16 countries! By interacting with students from around the world, participants are exposed to new and exciting perspectives.

WHAT ARE THEY EXCITED ABOUT?
Our students are excited to learn, be challenged, make new friends, and adventure in some of the world’s most beautiful and breathtaking locations. They create a small community that will solve problems, experience new places, and conquer new challenges together.

‘I learned that even if I am not sure that I will be good at something or am nervous to try something, there are people who will support me and help me find success, like my WA leaders and trip mates.’

-2019 Jackson Hole High Trails Student
We believe that the outdoors provides an ideal setting for young adults to grow into leaders. When we spend time in the wilderness, distractions are silenced and it is possible to focus on complex problem solving, analytic reasoning, and teamwork. In this setting, with new friends and mentors nearby, we have time to develop skills including collaboration, creativity, communication, and critical-thinking.

We believe that there is value in developing leadership skills away from the crowds. These skills are key to success at Wilderness Adventures and in the rest of life as well.

AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION

As an accredited program of the American Camp Association, we hold ourselves to the highest standard in camp programming, and challenge ourselves to be the very best when it comes to the health and safety of our students. But the magic happens beyond this, when students find inspiration and beauty within.
I LOVE WA because it is the perfect opportunity to unplug and connect with people from around the world.

WA IS IMPORTANT for kids because it allows them to step outside their comfort zone, become comfortable with the uncomfortable, and make new friends in a new community.

WA IS IMPORTANT for kids because they can experience growth through a summer of incredible adventure, sprinkled with challenge while surrounded by insurmountable beauty.

WA IS IMPORTANT for kids because it allows them to open up and be themselves in some of the most incredible places.

DEDICATION TO OUR STUDENTS
• Two vetted and trained WA trip leaders on every WA program
• 21+ years old
• Wilderness First Responder and CPR certified
• In 2019, from 27 states
• In 2019, average age = 23.24
• Passionate outdoor adventurers, travelers, role models, and educators
• Most common areas of study: biology, environmental studies/science, education
WA is important because it gives kids the opportunity to be themselves while adventuring around the crazy, beautiful, and wild spaces of this world.

I love WA because of the students and the immense personal growth they experience in just a few weeks. A trip with WA is like a year in the real world. You are faced with challenges, develop relationships, and laugh more in two weeks than you would in 365 days of your daily routine.

Working at WA is meaningful to me because it is all about connections: making connections with nature, amazing staff members, and with kids to change their lives.

I love WA because of the adventure! Each day, each year... it just keeps getting better!

Working at WA is meaningful to me because it gives me the chance to see students transform completely as young leaders in the world while simultaneously allowing me to see some of the most beautiful places on Earth.

Working at WA is meaningful to me because of the moments of discovery each student has.

WA is important for kids because it helps them get outside and experience new things. It breaks down barriers and helps kids to conquer fears they might not know they had.

WA is important because it instills a sense of wonder in our students.
## TRIPS OVERVIEW

### DISCOVERY: 5<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

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2019/20 5th - 6th Graders

Adirondack Discovery
California Discovery
Pacific Northwest Discovery
Yellowstone Teton Discovery
ADIRONDACK DISCOVERY

PRICE: $3,495  GRADE: CURRENT 5 - 6
DATES: 6/27-7/10, 7/13-7/26  LENGTH: 14 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: ALBANY, NY

TRIP DESCRIPTION

With over 10,000 lakes, 30,000 miles of rivers and streams, old-growth forests, and famous high mountain peaks, the Adirondacks beckon you to embark on the introductory adventure of a lifetime. Enjoy the unique opportunity to bike the gorgeous community bike paths of upstate New York, hike and rock climb in the Adirondacks, canoe the Follensby clear loop, stand up paddle board on Mirror Lake, kayak the Battenkill River, and whitewater raft the Hudson River in this incredible northeastern landscape. You’ll explore Fort Ticonderoga and Lake Placid and try a little bit of everything on this Discovery adventure, designed specifically for 5th and 6th graders.

ACTIVITIES

- Hike
- Whitewater Kayak
- Bike
- Rock Climb
- Stand Up Paddle Board
- Zipline
- Canoe
- Whitewater Raft

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike around Cascade Mountain
- Kayak the Battenkill River
- Bike near Fort Ticonderoga
- Rock climb in Keene Valley
- Stand up paddle board on Mirror Lake
- Zipline at Lake George
- Canoe Follensby Clear Loop
- Whitewater raft the Hudson River
TRIP DESCRIPTION
The natural wonders of the great state of California greet you on this two-week adventure. From the sandy beaches of the Pacific Ocean to the giant granite monoliths of the Yosemite Valley, you will be immersed in the best of the Golden State! Surf at Half Moon Bay. Sea kayak alongside the incredible marine wildlife of the Monterey Peninsula. Explore Yosemite National Park on foot with El Capitan and Yosemite Falls as your backdrop. Realize the true meaning of the phrase “Keep Tahoe Blue” as you explore North America’s largest alpine lake. Tour San Francisco’s most iconic sites, visit Alcatraz, and ride a cable car. This trip is the perfect introduction for any budding outdoor adventurer.

ACTIVITIES
- Surf
- Sea Kayak
- Hike
- City Exploration
- Whitewater Raft

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS
- Surf Half Moon Bay
- Sea kayak in Monterey Bay
- Explore San Francisco
- Hike in Yosemite National Park and Lake Tahoe
- Whitewater raft the American River
PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISCOVERY

PRICE: $4,695  GRADE: CURRENT 5 - 6
DATES: 6/20-7/10, 7/13-8/2  LENGTH: 21 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: SEATTLE, WA

TRIP DESCRIPTION
Dip into a variety of outdoor activities among the snow-capped volcanoes, temperate rainforests, coastal headlands, and high desert rivers of the Pacific Northwest. This three-week adventure will take you to Olympic, Crater Lake, and Mt. Rainier National Parks. You will hike, surf the Oregon coast, climb at Smith Rock State Park, whitewater raft on the Deschutes River, and explore the bustling city of Seattle. With a little taste of just about everything, this trip will keep you moving and enable any aspiring outdoor enthusiast to blossom into a capable adventurer.

ACTIVITIES
- Hike
- Whitewater Raft
- Rock Climb
- City Exploration
- Surf

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS
- Hike in Mount Rainier State Park
- Hike in Olympic and Crater Lake National Parks
- Whitewater raft the Deschutes River
- Rock climb at Smith Rock State Park
- Explore Seattle
- Surf the Oregon Coast at Oswald State Park
YELLOWSTONE TETON DISCOVERY

PRICE: $3,595 — GRADE: CURRENT 5 - 6
DATES: 6/20-7/3, 7/6-7/19, 7/22-8/4 — LENGTH: 14 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: JACKSON HOLE, WY

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Behold the wonders of Yellowstone, including its abundant grasslands teeming with Wyoming wildlife, erupting geysers, and gem-colored geothermal pools. Witness breathtaking sunsets, shimmering against the granite of the Tetons. Dip your toes into a variety of outdoor day activities on this introductory adventure. Summit Mt. Washburn, one of the tallest peaks in Yellowstone. Whitewater raft on the Yellowstone and Snake Rivers, zipline local aerial courses, stand up paddle board, sea kayak in the backcountry of Yellowstone, and enjoy a classic western chuckwagon dinner. The sparkling alpine lakes and night skies filled with twinkling stars will make this western paradise feel like a landscape made just for you.

ACTIVITIES

- Stand Up Paddle Board
- Hike
- Whitewater Raft
- Sea Kayak
- Zipline

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Stand up paddle board on Slide Lake
- Hike in Grand Teton National Park
- Whitewater raft two rivers in Wyoming
- Sea kayak on Yellowstone Lake
- Zipline and ropes course in Jackson Hole
- Attend the Jackson Hole rodeo
Explorer

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   Pacific Northwest Explorer

The Rockies
   Yellowstone Explorer
CALIFORNIA EXPLORER

PRICE: $4,795 — GRADE: CURRENT 7 - 9
DATES: 6/20-7/10, 7/13-8/2 — LENGTH: 21 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: SAN FRANCISCO, CA

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Giant redwoods, gorgeous coastlines, and whitewater rapids await you on this adventure through the Golden State. Backpack, paddle, raft, surf, and explore California's incredible landscape. From the coastline of Half Moon Bay to the glacially-polished granite landscape of Yosemite National Park, you will see the very best the west coast has to offer. Rafting the dramatic rapids of the American River will thrill the adrenaline seeker in you, and venturing into the quiet mystery of the Redwood Forest will awaken the explorer within your entire group. With lots of time spent sea kayaking and backpacking on the Lost Coast and in Yosemite, you will find beauty, adventure, and enough inspiration for a lifetime.

ACTIVITIES

- City Exploration
- Backpack
- Sea Kayak
- Whitewater Raft
- Surf
- Hike

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore San Francisco
- Backpack the Lost Coast and Yosemite
- Sea kayak in Monterey Bay
- Whitewater raft the American River
- Surf Half Moon Bay
- Hike in Golden Gate Recreation Area
CAROLINA BLUE: CRAGS TO COAST

TRIP DESCRIPTION
Rolling mountains, rushing rivers, craggy rock faces, barrier islands, and ocean sunsets await you on this Carolina adventure! Climb some of the southeast's most iconic routes at Looking Glass Rock. Backpack in Pisgah National Forest, zipline through the rhododendron canopies of Appalachia, and then hit the water of the Nantahala and the Chattooga Rivers on rafts and inflatable kayaks. Then leave the mountains behind and head to the coast for kayaking, surfing, and stand up paddle boarding! The perfect mix of mountains and ocean, join us on this epic adventure.

PRICE: $3,495  —  GRADE: CURRENT 7 - 9
DATES: 6/28-7/13, 7/16-7/31  —  LENGTH: 16 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: CHARLOTTE, NC

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS
• Canopy tour
• Backpack in the Pisgah National Forest
• Whitewater raft the Chattooga River
• Inflatable kayak the Nantahala River
• Rock climb for two days
• Sea kayak off the coast of Charleston
• Surf and paddle board in the Atlantic Ocean

ACTIVITIES
- Canopy tour
- Backpack in the Pisgah National Forest
- Whitewater raft the Chattooga River
- Inflatable kayak the Nantahala River
- Rock climb for two days
- Sea kayak off the coast of Charleston
- Surf and paddle board in the Atlantic Ocean
COSTA RICA
PURA VIDA

PRICE: $4,195 — GRADE: CURRENT 7 - 9
DATES: 6/20-7/3, 7/6-7/19, 7/22-8/4 — LENGTH: 14 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

TRIP DESCRIPTION

“Pura Vida” is more than just a saying in Costa Rica. It’s the pure and simple way of life. Travel to this tropical paradise and sink your toes into its golden sand. Learn to surf the waves of the south Pacific coast. Get a taste of the mountains from above on an aerial zipline course around cloud forests and the Arenal volcano. Learn to cook traditional Costa Rican meals, like the famous Gallo Pinto. Fine tune your Spanish skills both in the classroom and throughout your daily activities. Raft the Pacuare River overnight and earn 30 hours of community service volunteering alongside members of local communities. These two weeks will be filled with high adventure, colorful surroundings, and endless new experiences!

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Whitewater raft the Pacuare River
- Community service at a local school
- Advance your Spanish language skills
- Surf in Uvita
- Explore La Fortuna and the Arenal Volcano

ACTIVITIES

- Whitewater Raft
- Community Service
- Language
- Surf
- Cultural Immersion
- Hike
- Zipline

DATES: 6/20-7/3, 7/6-7/19, 7/22-8/4 LENGTH: 14 DAYS
EUROPEAN ALPS

PRICE: $5,695  GRADE: CURRENT 7 - 9
DATES: 6/20-7/10, 7/13-8/2  LENGTH: 21 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Spread your wings and fly through the clouds of the Swiss Alps, zipping and climbing to new and unforgettable heights! Trek among the peaks and through the valleys of northern Italy and experience the charm and culture of some of Europe’s oldest towns. Venture to French rivers, ride the beautiful blue glacial waters, sample fresh pastries from the bakeries of Chamonix, France, and walk the historic streets of Zermatt, Switzerland. With views of high peaks from the Tour du Mont Blanc, marmots scurrying between rocks and boulders, and valleys filled with a rainbow of high alpine wildflowers, there will never be a dull moment on this European adventure.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Whitewater raft in Chamonix
- Backpack the Tour du Mont Blanc
- Mountaineer up the Breithorn
- Explore Chamonix and Courmayeur
- Hike the trails of Zermatt

ACTIVITIES

- Whitewater Raft
- Backpack
- Mountaineer
- City Exploration
- Zipline
- Stand Up Paddle Board
TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

• Surf at Malaekahana State Park
• Snorkel with Manta Rays
• PADI certification and diving
• Environmental service projects
• Explore Pearl Harbor
• Hike to the Green Sand Beach
• Sail the Kona Coast

ACTIVITIES

Surf  Snorkel  Scuba Dive
Community Service  City Exploration  Hike
Sail

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Enjoy Hawaii's tropical breeze and endless sunshine as you journey from island to island and try your hand at new activities. Hike, swim, sail, surf, snorkel, canoe, stand up paddle board, volunteer, and SCUBA dive on this incredible action-packed three-week adventure. Journey to new depths as you dive below the water's surface, and admire the night sky from the deck of your catamaran boat on an overnight sailing excursion. Live the pirate's life and set sail on the Kona Coast, and see marine wildlife such as dolphins, sea turtles, and eagle rays along the way. You will be sun-kissed, inspired, and filled with the Aloha energy of the locals by the time you head back from your Hawaii Explorer adventure.
JACKSON HOLE FLY FISHING

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Draw back your fly rod and watch your line glide through the air as you cast into the deep blue waters of Jackson Hole’s world famous lakes, rivers, and streams. Master the art of fly fishing among beginner and experienced anglers alike with the majestic Tetons as your backdrop. Learn casting techniques, knot tying, nymphing, water reading, fish biology, and fly fishing ethics from local instructors. Then, head out into Wyoming’s wild landscape in pursuit of a bountiful catch on two separate backpacking trips that will bring you to hidden streams and rivers teeming with fish. Culminate your journey with a final test of your skills on an unforgettable drift-boat fishing experience on the esteemed Snake River.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Fish in lakes, rivers, and streams
- Whitewater raft the Snake River
- Backpack in the Wyoming Wilderness
- Zipline in Montana

ACTIVITIES

- Fish
- Whitewater Raft
- Backpack
- Zipline

PRICE: $3,995  GRADE: CURRENT 7 - 9
DATES: 6/28-7/13, 7/16-7/31  LENGTH: 16 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: JACKSON HOLE, WY
OREGON CASCADES EXPLORER

PRICE: $3,995  GRADE: CURRENT 7 - 9
DATES: 6/28-7/13, 7/16-7/31  LENGTH: 16 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: PORTLAND, OR

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Experience the stunning diversity of landscapes that the Pacific Northwest has to offer as you adventure through the best of the best in the coastal state of Oregon. Snow-capped volcanoes of the Cascade Mountain Range tower over arid desert canyons. Adventure awaits on the trail, on rock, and on water throughout this action-packed two-week adventure. Backpack a section of the esteemed Pacific Crest Trail. Trade out your hiking boots for climbing shoes as you climb the basalt walls of Smith Rock State Park. Hit the Deschutes River on an overnight rafting excursion, where the rapids and roaring river fun await.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

• Backpack on the Pacific Crest Trail
• Whitewater raft the Deschutes River
• Rock climb in Smith Rock State Park
• Explore Bend and Hood River
• Summit attempt of the South Sister

ACTIVITIES

Backpack
Whitewater Raft
Rock Climb
City Exploration
The diverse wonders of the Pacific Northwest, a land of lush rainforests, towering volcanoes, winding river canyons, arid deserts, and a dramatic wilderness coastline, provide the perfect wild setting for this three-week adventure. Learn the basics of surfing along the Oregon coast. Whitewater raft down the White Salmon River in the Columbia River Gorge. Head east into the “Alps of Oregon” and hit the trail while backpacking among the high alpine lakes and glacially carved valleys of the Eagle Cap Wilderness. Sport climb in the high desert of Smith Rock State Park. Culminate your adventure with a few days of mountaineering school and a summit attempt of Mt. Adams in Washington. Celebrate the end of an incredible adventure while exploring the charming town of Hood River.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS
• Surf at Oswald State Park
• Whitewater raft the White Salmon River
• Backpack in Eagle Cap Wilderness
• Explore Hood River
• Rock climb at Smith Rock State Park
• Mountaineering summit attempt of Mount Adams
Come and explore the Centennial State on this wild adventure through Colorado! Embark on high adventure activities like whitewater rafting, hiking, and rock climbing. Hike among the snowcapped peaks of Rocky Mountain National Park. Plunge into the soft sands of the San Luis Valley at the site of the largest sand dunes in North America. Feel the rush of adrenaline as you whitewater raft the Arkansas River through Browns Canyon and conquer the rapids of the Roaring Fork River by inflatable kayak. Trek through quiet conifer forests and high alpine meadows filled with vibrant wildflowers as you make your way to the summit of one of Colorado’s epic 14,000 foot peaks. Explore Colorful Colorado as the locals do on this two-week adventure.

**ACTIVITIES**
- Inflatable kayak in Aspen on the Roaring Fork River
- Rock climb at Monitor Rock off of Independence Pass
- Overnight summit attempt of a Fourteener
- Whitewater raft the Arkansas River
- Sand board in Great Sand Dunes National Park

**DATES:** 6/27-7/10, 7/13-7/26
**PRICE:** $3,595
**LENGTH:** 14 DAYS
**GRADE:** CURRENT 7 - 9
**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION:** DENVER, CO
YELLOWSTONE EXPLORER

PRICE: $3,945  ---  GRADE: CURRENT 7 - 9
DATES: 6/20-7/3, 7/6-7/19, 7/22-8/4  ---  LENGTH: 14 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: JACKSON HOLE, WY

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Valleys teeming with wildlife, panoramic views of rugged peaks, and blue skies stretching above as far as the eye can see, set the scene for this two-week Yellowstone adventure. Day hike in Grand Teton National Park. Immerse yourself in the wonders of erupting geysers and gem-colored geothermal pools in the nation’s first national park. Get off the beaten path to explore Yellowstone from the shoreline of Yellowstone Lake. Behold the beauty of the scenic Gallatin Canyon as you backpack among the historic Spanish Peaks of Montana. Whitewater raft both the Gallatin and Snake Rivers and soar through the air on aerial zipline courses. You will have the experience of a lifetime in the wild lands of Wyoming and Montana.

ACTIVITIES

- Sea Kayak
- Zipline
- Whitewater Raft
- Hike
- Backpack

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Sea kayak on Yellowstone Lake
- Zipline in Montana
- Whitewater raft the Snake and Gallatin Rivers
- Explore Yellowstone National Park
- Backpack in the Montana wilderness
HIGH TRAILS

GRADES
2019/20 9th - 12th+ Graders

TRIPS
Alaska High Trails
Alaska Southcentral
Alaska Southeast
Alps & Pyrenees
Australia
British Columbia
Chamonix Zermatt
Costa Rica
Craters of the Moon
Ecuador Galápagos
Grand Teton
Hawaiian Islands
Hawaii Service
High Sierra
Jackson Hole High Trails
Kilimanjaro
Montana Fly Fishing
Peru Service
Teton Crest
Thailand Service
The Great Northwest
Utah Red Rocks
Yellowstone Wilderness
WA Leadership Institute
ALASKA HIGH TRAILS

PRICE: $3,995 —— GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
DATES: 6/20-7/3, 7/6-7/19, 7/22-8/4 —— LENGTH: 14 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: ANCHORAGE, AK

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Iconic mountain peaks, high alpine lakes, extensive glaciers, braided rivers, and an incredible diversity of flora and fauna greet you on this two-week exploration of Alaska. Backpack in Denali State Park, sea kayak on Prince William Sound, and whitewater raft the Matanuska River on this adventure through the land of the Northern Lights. Experience the home of the Koyukan people with Mount Denali, the tallest land-based mountain on Earth, looming above you. Fueled by the glacial melt of the Chugach Mountains, the Matanuska River rapids will be primed and ready for you to navigate them as a team. Share the majestic beauty of Prince William Sound with its abundance of marine wildlife, including whales, and experience the massive tidewater glaciers up close and personal.

ACTIVITIES

- Whitewater Raft
- Backpack
- Sea Kayak

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Whitewater raft the Matanuska River
- Backpack in Denali State Park
- Sea kayak on Prince William Sound
ALASKA SOUTHCENTRAL

PRICE: $5,995  LENGTH: 28 DAYS
DATES: 6/29-7/26  GRADE: CURRENT 10 - 12
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: ANCHORAGE, AK

TRIP DESCRIPTION
Snow-capped peaks, open tundra, glacially-carved valleys, moving rivers of ice, and coastal fjords set the scene for this four-week adventure of a lifetime through Southcentral Alaska. After spending a month backpacking, whitewater rafting, ice climbing, and sea kayaking in this area, you’ll see for yourself why Alaska is referred to as “The Last Frontier”. Backpack deep into the wilderness preserve of the Talkeetna Mountains and track braided rivers to their glacial sources. Reach the headwaters of the Chickaloon River and hop on a raft to float your way back to civilization in the Mat Su Valley. Strap on your crampons and grab your ice axe as you ice climb on the Matanuska Glacier. Culminate your adventure by sea kayaking in the Prince William Sound among seals, otters, and whales.

ACTIVITIES
- Whitewater Raft
- Backpack
- Sea Kayak
- Ice Climb

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS
- Whitewater raft the Chickaloon River
- Backpack in the Talkeetna Mountains
- Sea kayak on Prince William Sound
- Ice climb on the Matanuska Glacier
ALASKA
SOUTHEAST

PRICE: $4,995  —  GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
DATES: 6/20-7/10, 7/13-8/2  —  LENGTH: 21 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: JUNEAU, AK

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Pristine coastlines with abundant wildlife, glaciated peaks, and the nearly limitless tundra await you on this three-week journey to the "Land of the Midnight Sun". Sea kayak in the Idaho inlet of the Alaskan panhandle around Chichagof Island. Learn to ice climb near Haines. Backpack through the Tatshenshini-Alsek Wilderness. Whitewater raft on the Tatshenshini and Blanchard Rivers. Keep your eyes peeled for sea otters, pods of humpback whales, and bald eagles as you explore the surrounding areas of Juneau and Haines. You'll journey into the Canadian Yukon, explore glaciers, and raft exhilarating rapids on this incredible adventure through southeast Alaska.

ACTIVITIES

- Whitewater Raft
- Backpack
- Sea Kayak
- Ice Climb

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Whitewater raft the Tatshenshini and Blanchard Rivers
- Backpack in the Tatshenshini-Alesk Wilderness
- Sea kayak around Chichagof Island
- Ice climb near Haines
ALPS AND PYRENEES

PRICE: $6,195 —— GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
DATES: 6/29-7/26 —— LENGTH: 28 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: BARCELONA / PARIS

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Pizza in the Italian Alps, paella in Barcelona, and fresh pastries on the streets of Chamonix will have your taste buds on an adventure of their own as you trek through the spectacular high peaks of Europe’s most famous mountain ranges on this four-week adventure. Explore the hidden secrets of Paris, be in awe of the beauty of the Spanish Pyrenees, dive into the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean Sea, and meet adventurers from all over the world on the famous Tour du Mont Blanc. This journey will awaken both the outdoor enthusiast and world traveler inside of you! Ooh là là, it’s the European adventure of your dreams.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

• Sea kayak the Costa Brava
• Backpack the Tour du Mont Blanc
• Explore Paris and Barcelona
• Whitewater raft in Spain
• Trek the Carros de Foc Trail

ACTIVITIES

Sea Kayak  Backpack  City Exploration
Whitewater Raft  Hike  Cultural Immersion
AUSTRALIA

PRICE: $6,895  GRADE: CURRENT 7 - 9
DATES: 6/20-7/10  LENGTH: 21 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: LOS ANGELES, CA

TRIP DESCRIPTION

G’day! Take a trip to the “Land Down Under” and explore the pristine beaches, rugged terrain, and bustling coastal cities of Australia. Dive into the famous coral reefs and the ancient aboriginal culture of the South Pacific. Zip through colorful rainforests in the north, raft the Tully River, work with local environmental service projects, sea kayak in the Barnard Islands, and earn your SCUBA certification among the coral and marine wildlife of the Great Barrier Reef. Explore the sites of Sydney and surf it’s coast and perhaps try your first, and most likely last, taste of Vegemite on this three-week Aussie adventure.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

• Surf the Sydney shores
• Snorkel in the Great Barrier Reef
• PADI certification and diving
• Environmental service projects
• Explore Sydney, Cairns, and Cape Tribulation
• Sea kayak around the Barnard Islands
• Zipline in Coyee Tributary
• Whitewater raft the Tully River

ACTIVITIES
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- Bike in the San Juan Islands
- Explore Vancouver and Seattle
- Whitewater kayak on the Cheakamus River
- Sea kayak around the San Juan Islands
- Hike at Whitsler Mountain Resort
- Rock climb in Squamish
- Zipline and canopy tour

TRIP DESCRIPTION

The famous “Sea to Sky Corridor” of British Columbia invites you to explore ocean vistas, soaring mountains, dramatic waterfalls, temperate rainforests, and glaciated peaks on this three-week adventure. Explore the trails of Whistler and the Pemberton Valley on foot. Feel the rush as you learn to navigate the rapids of the Cheakamus River by whitewater kayak.

Climb to new heights as you rock climb on the granite massif of the “Stawamus Chief”. Culminate this action-packed adventure by sea kayaking around and biking through the San Juan Islands. This frontcountry adventure explores Vancouver, Seattle, and the best of the outdoors that British Columbia has to offer.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Bike in the San Juan Islands
- Explore Vancouver and Seattle
- Whitewater kayak on the Cheakamus River
- Sea kayak around the San Juan Islands
- Hike at Whitsler Mountain Resort
- Rock climb in Squamish
- Zipline and canopy tour

PRICE: $4,995 —— GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
DATES: 6/20-7/10, 7/13-8/2 —— LENGTH: 21 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: SEATTLE, WA
CHAMONIX ZERMATT

PRICE: $6,495  GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
DATES: 6/29-7/26  LENGTH: 28 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: PARIS, FRANCE

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Spend your days in the hills that are alive, while trekking among some of the most incredible views in all of Europe. Hike through fields of wildflowers and through some of the most beautiful countrysides imaginable. Make your way down into valleys where charming small towns await. Hike two of the most famous trails in Europe, the Tour du Mont Blanc and the Haute Route, and meet travelers from around the globe as you fully immerse yourself in the exploration of France, Italy, and Switzerland. Travel down the cobblestone streets of Chamonix and be face-to-face with the Mona Lisa before viewing Paris from the top of the Eiffel Tower. This four-week adventure will keep you on your toes, always looking forward to what is over the next peak!

ACTIVITIES

- Cultural Immersion
- Backpack
- City Exploration

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Paris, France, Courmayeur, Italy, and Zermatt, Switzerland
- Backpack on the Tour du Mont Blanc and Haute Route
ACTIVITIES

- Community Service
- Surf
- Sea Kayak
- Zipline
- Hike
- Whitewater Raft

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- 50 hours of community service with sea turtles and with a local community
- Surf the coast of Uvita
- Sea kayak in the Golfo Dulce
- Zipline through the Cloud Forest
- Hike in the rainforests of Costa Rica
- Whitewater raft the Pacuare River

COSTA RICA

PRICE: $5,895  ---  GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
DATES: 6/20-7/10, 7/13-8/2  ---  LENGTH: 21 DAYS
ALL FEMALE DATES: 7/13-8/2  ---  LENGTH: 21 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

TRIP DESCRIPTION

White sand beaches, friendly people, and vibrant rainforests await you on the breathtaking scenic coast of Costa Rica! Swim alongside sea turtles and work to protect them. Cruise the white waters of the Pacuare River, surf in Uvita, and explore the crystal clear blue seas of the Golfo Dulce by sea kayak. Expand your comfort zone in high ropes courses through the jungle, meeting new people and immersing yourself in a new culture, and trying new activities each day. Journey through the land of a thousand colors, where you will get to know the locals while volunteering and eating some of the most incredible dishes of local cuisine. Allow the Pura Vida vibe to take you away!
CRATERS OF THE MOON

PRICE: $5,395   GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
DATES: 7/13-8/2   LENGTH: 21 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: JACKSON HOLE, WY

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Explore diverse landscapes from the pristine alpine lakes and jagged granite peaks of the Tetons to the lava tubes and volcanic fissures of Craters of the Moon. Immerse yourself in the serenity of the Yellowstone backcountry while traveling between pristine campsites by sea kayak. Push yourself to rise to the challenge of the granitic cones and spires of the City of Rocks with the help of expert rock climbing guides. Settle into life on the river over the course of a six day expedition down the Salmon River, perhaps the most remote and iconic stretch of river in the lower 48. Finally, kick back and relax in Jackson Hole after three weeks of making lifelong friends, challenging yourself every day, and exploring the wildest parts of America.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS
- Sea kayak Yellowstone Lake
- Expedition rafting trip on the Salmon River
- Rock climb at City of Rocks
- Explore Craters of the Moon National Monument

ACTIVITIES
- Whitewater Raft
- Backpack
- Rock Climb
- Sea Kayak
ECUADOR
GALÁPAGOS

PRICE: $6,795   GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
DATES: 7/13-8/2   LENGTH: 21 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: MIAMI, FLORIDA

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Adventure along the west coast of South America in the wild landscape of Ecuador. Travel deep into the Ecuadorian Amazon to explore its picturesque jungles and earn 40 hours of community service while assisting local communities and working with endangered species. Raft the Upper Napo River and travel to the Galápagos Islands where the words ‘colorful’ and ‘exotic’ take on whole new meanings. With giant tortoises, pristine beaches, and world-class snorkeling that few get to experience, these islands call to some of the most adventurous travelers among us. Find the Amazonian adventurer inside of you and let the rainforests and saltwater waves take you away!

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Community service with endangered species
- Surf the waves of the Pacific Ocean
- Hike in the rainforests of Ecuador
- Zipline through the Mindo Cloud Forest
- Snorkel around the Galápagos Islands
- Whitewater raft the Upper Napo River in Ecuador
- Sea kayak the shores of the Galápagos

ACTIVITIES

- Community Service
- Surf
- Hike
- Cultural Immersion
- Snorkel
- Whitewater Raft
- Canoe
- Sea Kayak
GRAND TETON

PRICE: $5,195  —  GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
DATES: 6/20-7/10, 7/13-8/2  —  LENGTH: 21 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: JACKSON HOLE, WY

TRIP DESCRIPTION

The jagged granite peaks of the magnificent Teton Range welcome you as you set off on the journey of a lifetime. This three-week adventure will take you through the pristine wilderness of northwestern Wyoming. Backpack through glacially carved canyons and high alpine meadows filled with the vivid hues of wildflowers. Explore Yellowstone by sea kayak and navigate the Snake River Canyon by raft. Spend two days learning the climbing skills needed to attempt an ascent of the world-famous Grand Teton. Then, ascend to camp above 12,000 feet, and wake the next morning with the night sky still overhead for a sunrise summit bid up to the 13,776’ peak. Explore the most amazing wilderness area in the lower 48 states.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

• Whitewater raft the Snake River
• Rock climb the Grand Teton
• Sea kayak on Yellowstone Lake
• Backpack in the Wyoming Wilderness
• Hike in Grand Teton National Park

ACTIVITIES

Whitewater Raft  |  Rock Climb  |  Sea Kayak
Backpack  |  Hike
HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

PRICE: $5,895 — GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
DATES: 6/20-7/10, 7/13-8/2 — LENGTH: 21 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: HONOLULU, HI

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Soak up the sunshine, swim in the sea, take in the salty air, and adventure in style on this Hawaiian Islands adventure. Sail alongside dolphins and sea turtles. Earn your SCUBA certification and dive deep among marine wildlife and coral reefs. Surf the waves of Hanalei Bay. Tour the picturesque Na Pali coast, and hike to the Green Sand Beach. Volunteer with local organizations and work on environmental service projects to earn ten hours of community service. This three-week adventure will have you island hopping from the high mountains of Kauai to the low points of the Kona coast, and everywhere in between as your adventure through the Paradise of the Pacific.

ACTIVITIES

- Scuba Dive
- Sail
- Snorkel
- Surf
- Hike
- Sea Kayak
- Community Service

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- PADI Certification and scuba diving
- Sail the Kona Coast
- Snorkel with manta rays at night
- Surf the coast of Kauai
- Hike to the Green Sand Beach
- Sea kayak in Hanalei

DATES: 6/20-7/10, 7/13-8/2
LENGTH: 21 DAYS
HAWAII SERVICE

PRICE: $3,995 — GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
DATES: 6/20-7/3, 7/6-7/19, 7/22-8/4 — LENGTH: 14 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: HONOLULU, HI

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Find the perfect balance of service and adventure on this two-week trip in the tropical paradise of Hawaii. Travel back in time as you learn about the ancient outrigger canoe, and fall asleep to the sound of ocean waves as you camp on the beach. Swim among manta rays and dolphins, explore Volcanoes National Park, surf at Malaekahana State Park, and dive into history as you explore Pearl Harbor and the ancient villages of Oahu. Work on environmental projects with local communities and earn 40 hours of community service under the sweet sunshine of the Aloha State.

ACTIVITIES

• Sail the Kona Coast
• Hike to the Green Sand Beach
• Explore ancient villages of Oahu
• Snorkel with manta rays at night
• Surf at Malaekahana State Park
• Explore by outrigger canoe

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Community Service  Canoe  Hike
City Exploration  Snorkel  Surf
ACTIVITIES

- Backpack the Trinity Alps
- Surf in Half Moon Bay
- Explore San Francisco
- Hike in Yosemite National Park
- Mountaineering summit attempt of Mount Shasta
- Whitewater raft the American River

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- California’s golden sunsets, Golden Gate Bridge, and rare golden poppy make this High Sierra adventure pure gold for the enthusiastic adventurer. This three-week trip will take you everywhere from the Pacific Coast to the high glacial snow valleys of Mt. Shasta. Surf in Half Moon Bay before heading to the incredible Yosemite National Park. Raft the exciting whitewater of the American River and then head to the Sierra Nevada Mountains to backpack through the Trinity Alps. Culminate this incredible trip with a few days of mountaineering school before your summit attempt of Mt. Shasta’s 14,180 foot peak. Celebrate your accomplishments with a day to explore the city sites of San Francisco. This California adventure has it all.

PRICE: $4,995   —   GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
DATES: 6/20-7/10, 7/13-8/2   —   LENGTH: 21 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: SAN FRANCISCO, CA

TRIP DESCRIPTION
**JACKSON HOLE HIGH TRAILS**

**PRICE:** $3,945  
**GRADE:** CURRENT 9 - 12  
**DATES:** 6/20-7/3, 7/6-7/19, 7/22-8/4  
**LENGTH:** 14 DAYS  
**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION:** JACKSON HOLE, WY

**TRIP DESCRIPTION**

The towering Teton mountains, colorful hot spots of Yellowstone, and swirling rapids of the Snake River Canyon await you on this two-week Wyoming adventure. Build your kayaking skills on both the vast flat-water lakes of Yellowstone National Park and the thrilling rapids of the Snake River. Rock climb the granite crags in Grand Teton National Park with the world-famous Exum guides. Day hike among the Tetons, soar through the skies on a local zipline course, see the most famous sites of Yellowstone, and explore the town of Jackson Hole. Learn a variety of new and exciting outdoor skills in the haven that is northwestern Wyoming.

**TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

- Whitewater kayak the Snake River
- Hike in Grand Teton National Park
- Rock climb in Grand Teton National Park
- Sea kayak on Yellowstone Lake

**ACTIVITIES**

- Whitewater Kayak
- Hike
- Rock Climb
- Sea Kayak
TRIP DESCRIPTION

Take a minute to imagine yourself seeing the “Big Five” on your Serengeti Safari, and giving your friends a “High Five” when you reach the top of the tallest peak in Africa at 19,341 feet. This trip is for the daring and adventurous souls among us, looking for the ultimate summit challenge! Explore the waterfalls, villages, and jungles of Tanzania. Volunteer with a local Maasai village and bike along the spectacular landscape of Arusha National Park. From exotic animal-filled savannas to snowy mountain peaks, you will experience the majestic spirit of East Africa, and the warmth of the people that live there.

PRICE: $7,295  GRADE: CURRENT 10 - 12+
DATES: 6/20-7/10  LENGTH: 21 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: NEW YORK CITY, NY

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

• Visit a local Maasai Village
• Bike around Arusha National Park
• Backpack the Rongai Route of Kilimanjaro
• Community service at a local school
• Safari to see the “Big Five”
MONTANA FLY FISHING

PRICE: $4,195  GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
DATES: 6/28-7/13, 7/16-7/31  LENGTH: 16 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: BOZEMAN, MT

TRIP DESCRIPTION
From the blue-ribbon waters of the Madison, to the rushing waters of the Gallatin and Big Hole Rivers, this marvelous adventure combines scenic backpacking with the opportunity to become an experienced fly fisher in the breathtaking setting of Big Sky country! Perfect for beginner and experienced anglers alike, this adventure kicks off with a fly fishing seminar to recap your fishing skills and to learn new ones. Then head into the backcountry on two separate backpacking excursions in search of the hidden high alpine lakes and streams that are thick with trout. Your journey will end with a drift boat float trip down the Madison River, the perfect culmination to this unforgettable adventure.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS
• Fish in lakes, rivers, and streams
• Whitewater raft the Gallatin River
• Backpack in Yellowstone National Park
• Backpack in Montana Wilderness
• Zipline in Montana

ACTIVITIES
- Fish
- Whitewater Raft
- Backpack
- Zipline
PERU SERVICE

PRICE: $6,695  GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
DATES: 6/20-7/10  LENGTH: 21 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: MIAMI, FL

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Take a trip back in time and journey to the home of some of the oldest civilizations known to humankind. Adventure through Peruvian jungles and hike to the top of Machu Picchu, one of the "New Seven Wonders of the World" on the 5-day Salkantay route. Live amongst the locals and give back to the people who welcome you with open arms by teaching English and helping with community projects. Explore the waters of Peru as you kayak to the remote islands of Lake Titicaca and splash through the whitewater rapids of the Urubamba River. Experience Peruvian culture by immersing yourself in both the rural villages of the countryside and the bustling city markets of Lima and Cusco. Let the lively spirit of Peru move you!

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

• 40 hours of community service in local villages
• Sea kayak on Lake Titicaca
• Whitewater raft the Urubamba River
• Hike to Machu Picchu
• Explore South American markets

ACTIVITIES

Community Service  Sea Kayak  Whitewater Raft
Hike  City Exploration  Cultural Immersion
TRIP DESCRIPTION

Come explore the rugged mountain vistas and high alpine tundra of the world-famous Teton Crest Trail. Perfect your backpacking and outdoor living skills as you travel through the magnificent meadows of colorful wild flowers in Grand Teton National Park for seven days. Gaze in wonder at the blanket of twinkling stars above as you fall asleep each night. Emerge from the wilderness with a feeling of accomplishment. Emerge from the wilderness to enjoy some time in Jackson Hole, complete with a day on the river trying your hand at fly fishing and an exhilarating trip down the Snake River by inflatable kayak!

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

• Backpack through Grand Teton Park on the famous Teton Crest Trail
• Inflatable kayak on the Snake River
• Learn to fly fish

ACTIVITIES

Whitewater Kayak
Backpack
Fish
Hike

PRICE: $3,995 — GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
DATES: 7/20-8/4 — LENGTH: 14 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: JACKSON HOLE, WY
ACTIVITIES

- Sea Kayak
- City Exploration
- Scuba Dive
- Community Service
- Rock Climb
- Cultural Immersion

THAILAND SERVICE

PRICE: $6,695    GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
DATES: 6/20-7/10    LENGTH: 21 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: LOS ANGELES, CA

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Discover why Thailand is known as the “Land of Smiles” by immersing yourself in the colorful Thai culture on this incredible three-week adventure. Explore the land of mystical elephants, ancient Buddhist temples, tropical islands, and authentic spicy food. Find new heights as you rock climb in Chiang Mai and go deeper than you have before as you scuba dive the tropical blue waters of Koh Tao. Play with orphaned elephants, sleep on a floating house, earn 30 hours of community service, and go straight into the heart of the bustling city of Bangkok. The striking views and the vibrant spirit of the Thai people will surely sweep you off your feet as you experience the most enchanting country in Southeast Asia.
THE GREAT NORTHWEST

PRICE: $6,395  LENGTH: 35 DAYS
DATES: 6/29-8/2  GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: SEATTLE, WA

TRIP DESCRIPTION

This five-week journey into the Great Northwest provides you with an experience full of variety, in one of the most stunning landscapes on Earth. Sweeping temperate rainforests that dot the shoreline of the Pacific coast, u-shaped glacial valleys with uninterrupted views of volcanic peaks, granite spires, and deep river gorges set the stage of this amazing adventure. Backpack in Washington's Olympic National Park and the North Cascades and then trek through the Eagle Cap Wilderness of Oregon. Shift to the water, surfing on the Oregon coast and then rafting on the Salmon and the Snake Rivers of Idaho through Hells Canyon, North America’s deepest river gorge. Culminate your trip by attempting a summit of the Cascade’s most quintessential glaciated peak, Mt. Baker. Celebrate with an exploration of Seattle visiting sites such as Pike Place Market, Pioneer Square, and the Space Needle. Hone your backcountry skills, experience the diversity of the Pacific Northwest, and spend your summer in the great outdoors.

ACTIVITIES

Mountaineer  Whitewater Raft  Backpack  Surf  City Exploration

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

• Mountaineer summit attempt of Mt. Baker
• Whitewater raft the Salmon and Snake Rivers
• Backpack the Olympic Peninsula, the North Cascades, and the Eagle Cap Wilderness
• Surf the coast of Oregon
• Explore Seattle
TRIP DESCRIPTION

Brilliant shades of red, orange, and white swirl together in the deep canyons and broad expanses of carved, slick rock. The desert landscape of Utah sets the scene for this two-week adventure filled with backpacking, rafting, and canyoneering. Backpack through austere landscapes in the Utah Wilderness. Wind through a remarkable wilderness of twisted mountains and dramatic cliffs on an overnight rafting expedition through Desolation Canyon of the Green River. Rappel through the cavernous slot canyons and discover hidden pools deep within the polished red rock as you try your hand at the growing sport of canyoneering. From Salt Lake City to Arches National Park to Moab, you will explore and discover the best of Utah’s red rock desert areas.

PRICE: $3,895      GRADE: CURRENT 9 - 12
DATES: 6/11-6/24, 6/20-7/3      LENGTH: 14 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: SALT LAKE CITY, UT

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

• Canyoneer in Moab, Utah
• Raft trip through Desolation Canyon
• Backpack in the Utah wilderness
• Hike in Arches National Park
YELLOWSTONE WILDERNESS

PRICE: $4,495  —  GRADE: CURRENT 10 - 12+
DATES: 7/15-8/4  —  LENGTH: 21 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: JACKSON HOLE, WY

TRIP DESCRIPTION

Hit the backcountry on this wild and epic adventure that will take you to the most remote point in the lower 48 states! For the adventurous spirit looking for solitude and inspiration, look no further than the faraway wilderness of Yellowstone National Park. Trek along the Continental Divide into the vibrant and wild Yellowstone River Valley. Backpack through one of Yellowstone's best kept secrets, the Thorofare. See bear, moose and other wildlife and witness breathtaking scenery at the heart of our country's first national park. After ten days of backpacking, emerge at the shore of the vast and crystal clear Yellowstone Lake, where you will be met with sea kayaks to finish out your journey by boat. Celebrate your accomplishments with a final day of whitewater rafting down the Snake River. This is an expedition unlike any other.

ACTIVITIES

- Sea kayak on Yellowstone Lake
- Whitewater raft the Snake River
- Backpack in the Wyoming wilderness and Yellowstone National Park

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Sea Kayak
- Whitewater Raft
- Backpack
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-2019 Grand Teton Student
WA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

PRICE: $6,595  AGE: 18+
DATES: 6/8-7/19  LENGTH: 42 DAYS
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE LOCATION: SALT LAKE CITY, UT

TRIP DESCRIPTION

The Wilderness Adventures Leadership Institute (WALI) is designed to expand upon an already solid foundation of outdoor knowledge and provides plenty of opportunities to test your skills. Overnight raft through Desolation Canyon of the Green River. Explore Arches National Park. Backpack through some of Wyoming's most pristine wilderness areas. Earn your Wilderness First Responder certification, considered standard in the industry. Build towards your capstone experience of working with youth in the field. With an outdoor classroom unlike any other, this is the adventure of a lifetime and a must for any future outdoor educator or student looking to make the transition to leader.

ACTIVITIES

- Explore Arches National Park
- Community service in the wilderness
- Earn your Wilderness First Responder certification
- Participate in a Swift Water Rescue course
- Backpack in the Wyoming Wilderness
- Leadership training with younger students

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike
- Community Service
- Leadership
- Backpack
- Whitewater Raft
- Whitewater Kayak
WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER

During a week-long intensive course, students will hone their ability to diagnose, stabilize, and treat medical issues that arise in the backcountry. As the course progresses, they will put their new skills to the test on a desert hike, at a sandstone climbing area, and on the river. At the end of the course, they will have the opportunity to take an exam and become a certified Wilderness First Responder.

TRIP LEADING EXPERIENCE

During this section, you will have the opportunity to work with a group of Wilderness Adventures students (between the 7th-9th grades) as a “Leader in Training”, beginning to explore the world of outdoor education.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The final days of the program will be spent doing a combination of service work in the Jackson Hole area and debriefing the experience throughout our 42-day program! There will also be some time to explore the town of Jackson Hole and celebrate with a banquet in town on the final evening.

WORK EXPERIENCE

During this five day period, you will work with 1st-5th graders at Wilderness Adventures’ day camp, Base Camp, located in Jackson Hole, Wyoming! Specific curriculum will include behavior management, parent communication, games and skits, free time fillers, and activity preparation and planning. After working with older Wilderness Adventures students in the backcountry earlier in the program, this period will give you the unique opportunity to work with younger students, deepening and expanding your experience with kids.

SWIFT WATER RESCUE

Next, the focus will shift to whitewater kayaking in Jackson Hole. After two days of getting comfortable on the river, students will learn swift water rescue techniques. This covers a valuable skill set for leadership in any river activity.
WHERE WILL I SLEEP?

Students on trips in the United States will be sleeping in tents or under the stars! For students on international adventures, sleeping arrangements will include tents, hotels, hostels, and beach bungalows! But remember, no matter where you are, accommodations are rustic!

HOW MUCH MONEY DO I NEED TO BRING?

It’s good to bring some spending money along with you on your trip for extra snacks and souvenirs along the way! We recommend bringing about $50 per week. If you particularly enjoy souvenir shopping, you may want to bring a bit more.

WHAT IF MY BIRTHDAY HAPPENS WHILE I’M ON A TRIP?

Not to worry, we will celebrate your special day! Whether over a backcountry birthday cake or a frontcountry ice cream stop, birthdays always add a bit of extra fun.

CAN I DO TWO WA TRIPS BACK-TO-BACK?

Yes. In fact, it’s not just possible, it’s a pretty fantastic idea! We offer many different dates of most trips, so pairing 2 (or even 3) WA trips together in one summer is no problem.

CAN I PARTICIPATE ON A WA TRIP IF I HAVE A FOOD ALLERGY OR DIETARY RESTRICTION?

We do our best to accommodate students with food or other allergies. Catherine Holland, one of our directors, is our resident dietitian and diabetes educator. She will work one-on-one with students coming on a WA trip with an allergy.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING ON MY TRIP?

A specific pack list is available for each WA program. Be sure to stick to your pack list! Too many (or too few) items can make things difficult on your program. So go ahead and follow that pack list!

WHO WILL BE MY TRIP LEADERS?

One of the coolest part about WA is our leaders! About a week before your program begins, you will receive an email with the names, photos, and bios of your leaders.

CAN FRIENDS COME ON A TRIP TOGETHER?

Sure! Most of our students come without a friend, but if you would like to enroll in a program with a friend, sibling, cousin, etc., that’s just fine. During the program, it’s important that the whole group is included, so your trip leaders will probably talk with you to ensure that you are making new friends as well as building memories with the friend you arrived with!

CAN I GET MAIL DURING THE SUMMER?

Because you will be traveling to some amazing and remote locations, we are unable to provide mail services. But don’t worry, you can send mail home from your trip! Feel free to bring along stationery, pre-addressed envelopes or postcards, or just plan to find some postcards along the way.

HOW SHOULD I BOOK MY TRAVEL PLANS?

We will provide you with travel dates, timing, and locations for your program. We suggest that you book your plans through Aspen Travel – a travel agency that has helped us manage travel plans for over 30 years! These folks are pros and can help you find the perfect flights, manage the rules of unaccompanied minor services, and assist you if flights are canceled or changed along the way. You may also book your travel independently.

WILL I BE ABLE TO TALK TO MY FAMILY DURING THE SUMMER?

All WA programs are electronics free. We believe that being unplugged is an important component of the outdoor adventure that you will be embarking on. Families can stay updated during your WA program with occasional online updates. Additionally, trip leaders will provide the office with some photos after the program that will also be posted online for parents and friends to see at the end of the summer.

HOW TO ENROLL

Our online application process is quick and easy! Visit our website (www.wildernessadventures.com) and simply click on the “Enroll Now” button to be guided through the application. Note that a $1,000 deposit via credit card is required during the online application process. This fee will secure your student’s spot on their adventure of a lifetime!

FINANCIAL AID

Each summer, WA awards financial aid to students from around the world. The camp experience is unique in that it bonds together people from all different backgrounds. The Wilderness Adventures experience is life-changing and should be available to all children, regardless of financial status. If you are interested in applying for financial aid, please call our office for more information. If you are looking to help send a child on a Wilderness Adventures program, please consider donating to our financial aid fund through the American Camp Association!
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