

# Great Adventure Parent Email/ Itinerary 2019

Hey there, Parents!

You are included in this email if you have a student(s) going on the Great Adventure trip coming up on July 29th - August 3rd.

We are so excited that your student is going with us!

\*Below you will find information about our departure day for the trip on June 6th, a brief itinerary for the trip itself, and find a PDF "GA Packing List" included with everything your student needs for the trip!

## **What you need to know about Departure Day!**

- We will begin registration/ check-in at **8am on Monday, July 29th inside the SMC Commons**
- Leave Denton (9am)
  
- Stay night in Jackson, TN (stay in hotel)

\*Here's a brief itinerary for the Great Adventure trip, included are websites for the different activities we'll be doing throughout the week- just in case you want to learn more on your own!

## **Tuesday, July 30th**

- Drive to Cabins at O.A.R (<http://www.ocoee.com>)
- Hangout and get acquainted with camp grounds

## **Wednesday, July 31st**

- Raccoon Mountain Caving ([www.raccoonmountain.com/html/cavehtml/](http://www.raccoonmountain.com/html/cavehtml/))
- VERY dirty day (bring clothes willing to ruin)

## **Thursday, August 1st**

- Lagoon hike day and picnic
- Gorge Bridge

## **Friday, August 2nd**

- River Rafting at O.A.R - Outdoor Adventure Rafting (<http://www.ocoee.com>)
- Pack up cabins and leave for Jackson for the night (stay in hotel)

## **Saturday, August 3rd**

- Return home (**we will arrive at the SMC between 5:30-6:30pm**)
- We will have the students call you (day of) with a more accurate ETA.

Lastly, below you will find the Packing List with all the clothing and items your student will need for the week on the Great Adventure! Please make sure to read through it all, because some of our activities are very particular about what we wear.

**\*One note** that I don't want you to miss on the form, all expenses are paid for on this trip, except for 5 on the road meals where each student will pay for themselves. \*

We CANNOT wait for the trip to start!! Please contact me if you have any questions at all or simply need more clarity on a particular subject.

Thank you!

-Miranda Rhame

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## Great Adventure Packing List 2019

**Below are the basic needs for the trip, also included at the end is a more extended view as to what each activity requires us to wear.**

We are traveling in 12 passenger vans with one trailer, and so we only have room for each student to bring: **1** sleeping bag (or twin sheets, the cabins do not provide sheets for the beds so you are welcome to bring twin sheets or just use a sleeping bag), **1** duffel-bag/suit case, **1** camp chair (optional) to go in the trailer, and **1** overnight bag for the hotel (each student must pack an overnight bag for the hotel **to bring on the van** for we **CANNOT** access the trailer at the hotel.)

- Clothes for 6 days that you don't mind getting dirty, plus a couple of extra sets of clothes to change mid-day on the REALLY dirty days. It's only a little cooler in Tennessee, so t-shirts and shorts are very much recommended.
- Pants (blue jeans are fine), at least one pair for caving day you don't mind getting ruined
- Long-sleeved shirt, at least one for caving day you don't mind getting ruined
- Tennis shoes or boots, at least one pair for caving day you don't mind getting ruined
- Chaco or Teva type strap sandals for rafting (they must have a strap around the ankle for rafting, if not they must wear tennis shoes. ***The rafting company will not let them raft in flip-fops.***)
- Jacket/sweatshirt if it gets cool at night
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Sleeping clothes
- Swim suit (girls: **1-piece ONLY**)
- Toiletries
- Towel
- Sunblock
- Hat to wear around campsite (optional)
- Bug spray

- Pillow
- Flashlight/headlamp (extra batteries)
- Bible, notepad/journal, pen
- Sleeping bag/twin sheets
- Camp chair (optional)
- Card games for van ride and free time
- Overnight bag to bring on the van (not the trailer) for the hotel, which includes: a change of clothes, toiletries, Bible notepad/journal, and pen.
- Money for 5 road meals and gas station stops
- Money for souvenirs (optional)

### **Particular Clothing for Caving day:**

- **Sturdy pants (such as jeans or cargo pants)** with buttons or zippers are recommended as elastic waistbands (sweatpants, leggings, etc.) tend to rip or be pulled down or off when belly crawling. Shorts are not permitted
- **Long-sleeved shirts are required.** Light weight t-shirts or button down flannel-style work best. Sweatshirts and jackets are too hot even with the cave temperature at 58 degrees. Keep in mind that low cut shirts may be revealing when crawling. Short sleeved shirts are not permitted.
- **Closed-toe shoes such as boots or athletic shoes** with good traction are a requirement. You will not be able to participate in the tour if you are not wearing proper footwear. This includes any slip-on or open toed shoes. Worn out slick shoes, cleats, and barefoot/five toe shoes are not permitted, as these are dangerous on the rocks.
- Raccoon mountain provides helmets, lights, gloves, and knee pads that must be worn at all times during the tour.

### **Particular Clothing for Rafting day:**

- Swimsuits and a good pair of strap sandals is what's best to wear
- We will be given a life jacket and helmet to wear during our river journey
- Parents don't worry, we will SUNSCREEN UP!