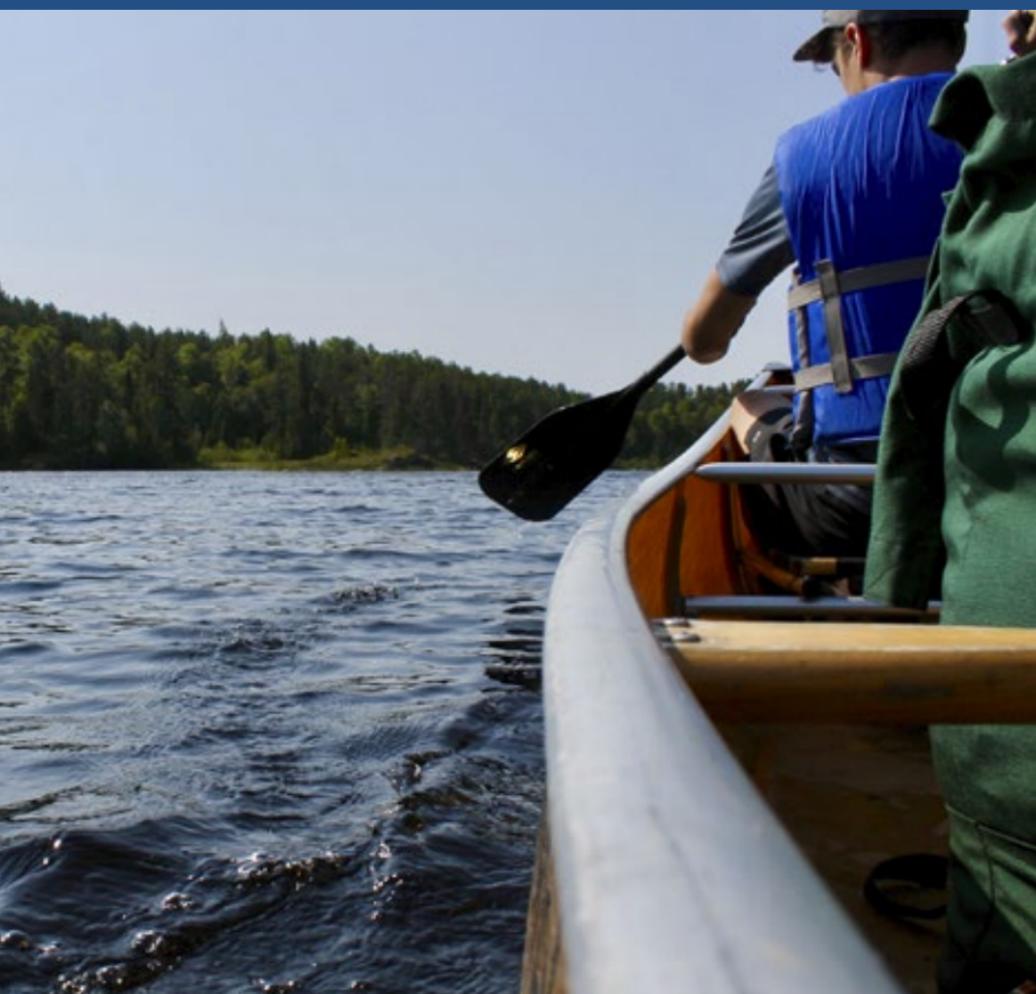


# Endeavor Together at Luther

An Immersive Pre-Orientation Program



*Begin your college experience with new relationships, renewed confidence, and an emerging sense of place.*

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# Engage

The Endeavor Together program is designed to bring together a small cohort of incoming first-year students in order to share in fellowship and adventure while building community and preparing for college life. Students will spend six days living and adventuring together within the Luther College area or in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of the Upper Midwest. All groups are led by two highly trained student leaders. Faculty and staff mentors will connect throughout the week with each group. The Endeavor Together program is designed for students of all backgrounds and with a variety of interests. All incoming first-year students are encouraged to attend.

*Sponsored by the Luther College Center for Sustainable Communities and the Center for Intercultural Engagement and Student Success, **the Endeavor Together program connects people and place to build lasting community that will ease the transition to college life.***

**ENDEAVOR TOGETHER PROGRAM MISSION:** *to give new Luther students the opportunity to build an inclusive community through experiential learning in the natural world, fostering personal development and easing their transition to college life*



# Grow

## *through participation*

### **IMMERSION TRIP OBJECTIVES**

- Build camaraderie with other incoming students through teamwork and challenges that enhance trust, compassion, and empathy.
- Build self-efficacy and strengthen confidence by overcoming personal and group challenges.
- Broaden your perspective by engaging with students of diverse backgrounds from across the country and the world.
- Engage in activities throughout the Luther College region that develop a sense of place and belonging.



# Leadership

## *training*

The Endeavor Together program provides an opportunity for current Luther students to hone their skills while mentoring first-year students. All student leaders receive in-depth training, including wilderness first aid and canoe safety training. A faculty mentor supports each trip.

# 2019 Trips

Saturday, August 24–Saturday, August 31



## **DRIFTLESS AREA**

### **COMMUNITY-BASED TRIPS: LOCAL**

Luther College is located in a beautifully rugged and geologically unique area known as the Driftless Region of the Upper Midwest, punctuated by deeply carved river valleys and high bluffs. The Driftless Area trips will use the Pine Bluff 4-H camp located just outside of Decorah as a home base from which to explore the immediate area surrounding Luther College, including the natural areas, rural towns, and small farms that dot the landscape.



Daily activities will be organized and facilitated by two student leaders and include but are not limited to the following: group challenges, hiking, biking, canoeing, scavenger hunts, farm tours, and boat rides. Evening activities include cooking, games, skits, and small-group conversations relating to college life, identity, and culture.



# for the immersive experience

## **UPPER MIDWEST**

### **ADVENTURE-BASED TRIPS:**

#### **BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA**

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) is the closest pristine wilderness area to Luther College and offers an unparalleled chance for students to challenge themselves while building community with fellow travelers. Students will build resilience and trust as they face the unpredictable and beautiful landscape of the Upper Midwest. Students will spend six days in community sharing stories and engaging in meaningful conversations about their fears, hopes, identity, and culture as they canoe and camp through the majestic waters of the BWCA. Two student leaders and one faculty/staff mentor will accompany each trip.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID:**

A program fee of \$200 covers all meals, transportation, activities, and rustic accommodations for the week. There is an additional \$50 rental fee for the Upper Midwest Boundary Waters Trip. Significant financial aid is available for program fees and is based on a student's relative need as demonstrated by their financial aid package. Luther College helps to subsidize the cost of each trip; cost should not be a barrier to participation. Please contact our office for more information.

#### **TRIPS CONTACT:**

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# Register Now

## ***to immerse yourself***

Registration is limited, and we will select participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will close when all spots are filled. You may register as soon as you have deposited at Luther College.

Every effort is made to match students with the trip of their choice.

## **Visit [luther.edu/pre-orientation](https://luther.edu/pre-orientation)**

- to register
- for more information about the Endeavor Together program
- to see photos from past program trips

For more information, contact the Admissions Office at [admissions.luther.edu](mailto:admissions.luther.edu) or (800) 458-8437.

Luther's Center for Sustainable Communities helps to run and implement pre-orientation. Learn more at [luther.edu/sustainability](https://luther.edu/sustainability).

### **Endeavor Together**

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