



# EAGLE'S NEST FOUNDATION

*Experiential education for young people, promoting the natural world and the betterment of human character.*

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in having your teen participate on a Hante Adventure. Hante Adventures allow adolescents the opportunity to gain new skills and self-confidence, to create lasting friendships, and challenge themselves both mentally and physically, while traveling in some of the world's most beautiful environments.

As you know, the Hante that your child has chosen to apply to is a special Hante. This means that we will select the participants for this Hante out of the applications we receive by November 15<sup>th</sup>. We do this for a couple of reasons: this is a special Hante that is not offered every year. It also takes place a great distance from the camp home base and is a bit more demanding, physically and emotionally, than some of our other Hantes. Therefore, we try to ensure that the participants are well qualified for this trips and that they are ready to complete the Hante in good form. It is a privilege to be accepted to one of these Hantes. When selecting participants, we tend to give preference to older applicants as their years as campers at Eagle's Nest may be coming to a close and they may not have this opportunity again. We also look at the applicant's answers to the questions on the Hante questionnaire, their goals and expectations for the trip, and finally, their past experience on Hante or in a similar activity.

As you can probably guess it is very difficult for us to choose participants for these special Hantes. We do our best to make the selection process thoughtful and to create a strong and balanced group. Be that as it may, some applicants will not be selected to participate in the Hante for which they have applied. This being the case, we recommend that all applicants choose an alternative to their Hante selection. This alternative can be another Hante or a session in Camp (if of appropriate age). Please have your child indicate their second choice on their Hante questionnaire. There is a space for them to do so.

**Enclosed you will find two questionnaires (and the *General Hante Course Description*) that we need for you and your child to complete and return to us before the application deadline of November 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you again. If you have any questions, please contact us at 336-761-1040.

Respectfully

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## General Hante Course Description

For over 30 years, Eagle's Nest has been leading teenage participants on wilderness courses in remote areas, on cultural trips in developing nations, and on locally focused trips in the mountains of the Southeast. We create trips that help the participants grow mentally, emotionally, and physically. We develop programs that encourage and provoke thought. And we develop trips that push young people to reach new heights. The desire for adventure and excitement, the intense search for one's true self, and the need to expand relationships beyond the walls of a family are the inspirations behind Eagle's Nest Hante Adventures.

Hante courses are fun and rewarding courses that foster growth in the participant. They are also challenging as participants travel through rugged terrain in remote areas. Participants on Hante trips must come to the expedition in good physical condition and be emotionally prepared to take on an adventure that will challenge them; the preparedness of the participant is vital to the success of the trip.

During the Hante, each participant will be expected to fully participate in wilderness and group activities. They will be hiking and carrying all of their own gear. They will also be responsible for carrying group gear. Participants will sleep outdoors, in conditions that can range from hot and buggy to cold and rainy. They will also be responsible for cooking and cleaning up their own meals and for caring for themselves and their belongings.

Participants who are motivated to learn about the natural world around them, to build wilderness skills and who are in good physical and emotional condition are well suited to a Hante Adventures experience. Applicants who have behavioral or motivational issues should consider another program.

*I have read all of the material about Hante Adventures and have a good understanding of the trip for which my teen is applying. I understand it will be physically and mentally challenging for my child. I have informed Eagle's Nest of any physical or emotional issues that could hinder my child's full participation in this Hante or hinder the group experience. I agree to help my child prepare for his or her course by ensuring that he or she has everything he or she needs (i.e. appropriate clothing, medical forms, passports, etc.) as requested by Eagle's Nest. I will help my child to be successful on this trip by encouraging him or her to physically prepare for his or her course. I understand that the removal of a camper from the field, for either behavioral or medical issues, can be extremely difficult both logistically and emotionally. Eagle's Nest uses all the information provided by parents and applicants to reduce the likelihood of these situations occurring. I understand that if my child is removed from a Hante, he or she will be sent home immediately and that I will be responsible for the cost of transporting him or her home from the course. I also understand that if my child needs to leave early, he or she will not be accompanied home by an instructor. Finally, I understand that there will be no refund for early departure from Hante.*

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Hante Australia Parent Questionnaire

**Hante Participant (full legal name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Completing this form:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. What do you hope for your child to gain from this experience?
2. Being aware that Hantes are challenging, what do you feel will be greatest challenge for your child on this Hante?
3. How do you think your child will respond to the challenges, both physical and mental, while on Hante?
4. Are there any problems with your child's behavior at home or at school? Do you have any concerns about your child's behavior? Has your child ever been expelled or suspended from school or from a program similar to this one?
5. Has your child experimented with tobacco, drugs, or alcohol? If so, what is his or her current involvement? Please know that Eagle's Nest follows a zero tolerance policy concerning drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.
6. Has your child had an eating disorder in the past or does he or she exhibit any signs of having an eating disorder?
7. Do you feel your child is physically fit enough to meet the demands of this Hante course (i.e. strenuous hiking and long, physical days)? What concerns or reservations do you have, if any?

8. During this Hante there will be a lot of ocean swimming—from surfing to snorkeling to just enjoying a refreshing dip in the ocean. Please answer the following questions concerning your child’s swimming ability:

- Can your child swim at least 10 laps in a lap size pool continuously (using any stroke)?
  
- For how long can your child tread water?
  
- Please describe your child’s experience swimming in the ocean.
  
- Is there any important information you would like us to know about your child’s swimming ability?

9. Has your child traveled abroad before? Please explain.

## Hante Australia Participant Questionnaire

Dear Fellow Adventurer,

We are very excited to learn you are interested in journeying with us this summer. If accepted to this Hante, you will have the opportunity to explore some of the wonders of Australia. Participating in a Hante course is an excellent way to "learn by doing": about technical wilderness skills, about how to interact peacefully in the natural world, about creating lasting friendships, and about the feeling of pride that comes when you challenge yourself, both physically and mentally, and succeed.

In order for you to begin this journey, we need for you to take time to consider the odyssey for which you are applying. Please answer the questions honestly. **Please complete and return this questionnaire by the application deadline of November 15<sup>th</sup> in order to be considered for selection.** Your application is not complete until we receive and review this questionnaire and the one completed by your parents.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade completed at arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Backup Hante: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read all of the material about Hante Adventures and have a good understanding about the trip on which I would like to participate. I understand that while it will be a wonderful trip, it will be physically and mentally challenging. I am ready to work hard, learn new skills, and make new friends. It is my decision to apply to participate in Hante and by signing this I acknowledge that I will participate 100% on this Hante, regardless of the challenges.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why are you interested in this Hante?

2. What are your expectations for this Hante?

3. We feel it is important to set goals, and it feels wonderful when they are accomplished. What are some of your goals, big or small, for this Hante experience? Please be specific.

4. Hantes are designed to be challenging, both physically and mentally. How will you act when faced with challenges? How will you prepare to face these challenges? What challenges have you overcome in the past?

5. Have you participated in any other Hantes, Added Adventures, or similar wilderness programs? Which Added Adventures or Hantes? Please describe your experience.

6. What strengths do you think you will bring to the group and the course?

7. You **WILL** need to be in very good condition to complete this trip successfully. Do you feel that you are in good physical condition? What will you do to prepare for this trip?

8. Do you use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products? Are you aware of Eagle's Nest's zero tolerance policy regarding drugs, alcohol and tobacco products? Why do you think it's important that Hante participants are expected to uphold this policy?

9. As you know, this Hante will be 4 weeks in length and during this time we will have limited access to communication, we will be eating different foods, camping in remote locations, and hiking everyday. How do you think you will hold up under these conditions? How will you contribute to the group holding up to these conditions?

10. Please describe any experience that you have had traveling abroad. How will you act as an ambassador from the US while traveling in Australia?

Please provide the name of one teacher, coach, or adult who you are not related to as a possible reference. In addition, please include their phone number and email address.

**Reference Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_