



The Outdoor Academy

Semester Calendar – Fall 2010

NOTE: Updated 7/15/10; Disregard previous semester calendar

Sat., August 28

Fall Semester Begins!

Students arrive between 9:00-11:00 a.m. Brunch is available between 10:00-12:00. Community meeting and our opening ceremony will take place between 12:00-2:00.

Aug. 29- Sept. 3

Student Orientation Week: Students will not have use of the phone during this first week, but will be encouraged to call home soon after.

September 17-19

Paddle/Climb Weekend #1

September 23-26

Parents' Weekend and OA's 15-year reunion: Campus will be closed during this weekend, except for our 15-year reunion festivities on Saturday—parents and students are encouraged to attend.

Parents should arrive to campus anytime after 3:30 on Thursday to observe Arts classes projects in progress. Students should depart campus with parents between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. Reunion festivities will take place on campus on Saturday between 10am and 8:30 pm—all are encouraged to attend. Parents and students return on Sunday for brunch between 10:00 and 11:30 a.m., followed by a parent meeting at 12 noon. Please note: Students are not permitted to stay on campus during Parents' Weekend. If you are not able to attend Parents' Weekend, you will need to make arrangements for your child's supervision during this period. Often, local families of current students are willing to help out. Please call our office with questions, or if you are willing to be a host family.

October 1-3

Paddle/Climb Weekend #2

October 18-22

Smokies Basecamp: Students and faculty will be camping out in the Smoky Mountains and conducting classes in the field.

October 22-24

Appalachian Weekend: Students will enjoy a weekend of Appalachian craft, music, storytelling and lifestyle.

Oct. 30-Nov.7

Wilderness Trek

Sat., November 20

Thanksgiving Break Begins: Parents should plan to pick up their child between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Sun., November 28

Thanksgiving Break Ends: Students should return to campus between 3:00-5:00 pm.

December 3-5

Caving Weekend

Sat., December 18

Fall Semester Ends: Parents should arrive between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00. (Please do not arrive before 9:30 a.m.) We will have brunch between 10:00-11:30, and a community meeting and parting ceremony between 12:00-2:00 p.m.

*****Underlined dates are those when parents will be on campus.*****

Our planned backpacking, paddling and climbing days could be changed due to weather or scheduling conflicts. There will be additional off-campus activities scheduled. Please call in advance if you are considering coming for a visit.

Grades and comments will be mailed in late December.