



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.

Enclosed you will find two questionnaires—one for you and one for your child—to complete and return to us before we can confirm acceptance to the Hante. These questionnaires will help us determine if your teen is ready for this Hante. It will also give us a chance to get to know your teen and prepare him or her for the Hante. So that we can give your teenager the most thoughtful guidance possible, we have designed these forms to give us insight into your child's emotional outlook and readiness for Hante.

Please complete, sign and return both questionnaires and the *General Hante Course Description* promptly. **The application process is not complete until we have received these questionnaires.** Once we receive the questionnaires, we will review them and notify you of your status.

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

Respectfully

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Camp Director

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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 fostering 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. 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 understand that if my child is sent home early, he or she will not be accompanied home by an Eagle's Nest instructor. Finally, I understand that there will be no refund for early departure from Hante.

Child's Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

Hante Outer Banks 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. Please describe your child's swimming ability and experience. Has he or she had experience swimming in the ocean?

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 2 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. Do you enjoy swimming in the ocean? Please tell us about your swimming abilities and experience.

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** _____