

## 2026 Wilderness Backpacking Trip Information

We cannot wait to get on trail with you! Our mission is to create a unique setting for students to learn and mature through both physical and spiritual challenges. You will have the opportunity to grow through team building, creative teaching environments, challenging landscapes, and memorization of God's Word. We believe that by giving you the chance to push yourself, struggle, and overcome obstacles, you will have a greater understanding of who you are, who God is, what it means to work as a team, and how to persevere through every trial you face. So let's go do it!

Before we get on trail there are things that we will need you to prepare. Please carefully read and follow these directions so that you can prepare yourself well and come ready for the challenge:

**Arrival:** Upon arriving at camp the challenge will begin. Come ready to think and act wisely as soon as you pull in.

**Forms:** NO ONE will be able to go on the trip unless all of their forms have been filled out and turned in.

**Spending Money:** The camp store will be open after the trip if you wish to purchase and camp merchandise.

**Cell Phones and Other Electronics:** These items/devices are not permitted on the trip. You may bring them to camp with you, but they will be left on camp property. The trip leaders will have communication and will be taking pictures throughout the trip that will be shared with you later.

**In Case of Emergency:** Messages about emergencies at home may be received by the camp office and then will be relayed to the group from camp.

**Conditioning:** While conditioning is not required for this trip, the more capable you are, the easier and more enjoyable the trip will be. You will be required to hike 7+ miles a day and carry a 40-45 pound backpack. We recommend running one mile and doing pushups and situps 2-3 times a week.

Packing list:

Gear:

- ☐ Lightweight Bible
- ☐ Pen/pencil
- ☐ Headlamp with batteries (or flashlight)
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Bug repellent
- ☐ 20°-30° sleeping bag

Clothing: All clothing items must be quick dry materials (this includes materials like wool, spandex, polyester, etc. NO COTTON)

- ☐ 3 pairs of socks
- ☐ Durable boots or comfortable tennis shoe
- ☐ Light long sleeve shirt
- ☐ 2 t-shirts
- ☐ Long pants
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Non-cotton jacket of fleece
- ☐ 2 sets of underwear
- ☐ Rain jacket and rain pants (If you do not have these, we will have extras for you)

Optional:

- ☐ Small towel
- ☐ Minimal personal toiletries
- ☐ Light gloves
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Pocket knife
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Personal journal (small one will be provided)
- ☐ Camp shoes

IMPORTANT:

- We have some extra personal gear if you are unable to bring your own, please reach out to us if you are in need of any of the personal gear.
- If you have a tent, sleeping pad, or other gear that you like to use you are welcome to bring it, but there is no guarantee that any personal gear not on this list will be used on the trip
- We will provide:
  - Compass
  - Cooking supplies
  - Tents
  - Sleeping pads
  - Tents