

2018 Baylor Senior Trip

dates: May 24th through May 31st

location: Camp Chatuga
291 Camp Chatuga Road
Mountain Rest, SC 29664

Contacting students and staff during the Senior Trip is difficult . Our guides have an efficient and timely system for contacting emergency services in the event that your son or daughter needs medical care, but contacting us is more cumbersome. If you need to contact your son or daughter during the Senior Trip, please call Shaw Wilson:

at Baylor: 423-267-8506 extension #555
cell phone: 423-618-8532

accommodations: The first night of the trip will be spent under the stars on a short backpacking trip (two days and one night). The remainder of the trip will be spent at Camp Chatuga in cabins with soft beds and hot showers.

food: Meals are prepared at the camp by cooks from Baylor and Camp Chatuga.

medical needs: The instructors on each of the activities are trained to handle emergency medical situations in a wilderness setting. We have a doctor in camp each evening and an EMT at the camp during the day. **All prescription medication must be kept in the camp infirmary. Any exceptions (allergy medication, acne medication, etc.) must be cleared before the trip through Deidre Sumida in the Baylor Health Center.**

schedule : Thursday May 24th
- meet in Roddy Theater at 9:30 A.M. (bags should be loaded on a truck parked beside Roddy before this meeting)
- depart for South Carolina on buses
- lunch at Subway
- get off the buses by the Chattooga River
- students are divided into twelve single sex groups
- each group begins its backpacking trip

Friday May 25th
- return from backpack
- arrive at Camp Chatuga in late afternoon
- dinner in camp followed by evening speaker

Saturday May 26th through Wednesday May 30th

*rotation of activities

Thursday May 31st
- depart Camp Chatuga after breakfast
- arrive at Baylor around 1:00 PM
- graduation practice

*Each group will be paired with another group of the opposite sex and participate in a different activity each day. The rotation of activities includes rafting section IV of the Chattooga River, rock climbing, canoeing section II of

the Chattooga River, a day of hiking and napping by the Chattooga River, a service project provided by the Forest Service, and rafting section III of the Chattooga River. Each group will participate in 5 of these activities during the week.

guides: All activities are guided by professionals who are experts in their particular field. Over the past thirty years of Senior Trips, Walkabout has assembled a skilled staff of outdoor professionals who are committed to the philosophy of this unique Baylor experience.

Equipment: see attached equipment list (also on the Walkabout web page)

athletic
conflicts: Unfortunately some Senior athletes will not be able to be with us on part or all of the Senior Trip. Scheduling conflicts are unavoidable. Some of these athletes have been looking forward to their Senior Trip for many years, and others are not aware of the experience they will be missing. In either case, we would like to give them the opportunity to be on the trip for whatever time they have available, even if it is just for couple of days. We will be in contact with the coaches in order to make transportation and scheduling arrangements.

Questions: I will be meeting with each Senior in her or his English class to answer questions and discuss the schedule, equipment list, and philosophy of the Senior Trip. It is important for students and parents to remember that no outdoor skills are necessary or expected for this trip. Many times the Senior Trip is most enjoyable and memorable for students who have never spent time outdoors. The idea is to provide a foreign environment for Seniors to learn about themselves and their classmates - not to convert them into outdoor enthusiasts. The activities become secondary to the experience of Seniors sharing the last seven days of their Baylor career together.

If you need information or clarification about the Senior Trip, please feel free to contact me. Some students and parents are understandably anxious about this unique experience. I look forward to addressing these concerns long before we depart for the trip.

Sincerely,

Tim Williams
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Senior Trip Information is also available on the Walkabout web page:

http://walkabout.baylorschool.org/Baylor_Walkabout/Senior_Trip.html