



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

## Resources and Reminders

For the Student and Parent or Guardian before Opening Day

### INTELLECT:

- If there are any courses that you need to take beyond our curriculum, we need to make plans before you arrive at OA. Please contact our Dean of Academics.
- Please do not bring your laptop to OA. If you need special accommodations to use a computer during class, please contact us. We have a computer lab for word processing needs and several computers available with Internet access for Independent Study and academic research.
- Please check with your sending school **before you arrive** to see if you need to take any end of course tests or exams when you return.
- Please bring a copy of your world language and math text books if possible.
- To prepare for your English class, please purchase a copy of Charles Frazier's *Cold Mountain*.
- Please bring a flash drive in order to save and transfer papers to print.

### ENVIRONMENT:

- The Bring List provided is your packing expectation, so please follow this list closely. If you would like to bring special items to your semester, please call our office to discuss. Space in the dorms is limited and many students choose to pack trunks that can be used as extra storage under their bed. You can find them at many retail stores or online at: [cnmfg.com](http://cnmfg.com). If you need a Bring List they are available on the Student Forms page of our website.
- We head into the wilderness the first week of the semester, so it is vital that students have all necessary outdoor gear upon arrival. Please call our office if you have any questions or need help finding outdoor clothing and gear.

### COMMUNITY:

- OA offers delicious, wholesome meals that meet all nutritional needs. If you have a specific dietary need or allergy, we need to know as soon as possible so our chef can plan accordingly. Please understand that we have one chef cooking for the entire school, so we accommodate for food allergies and dietary needs, not preferences.
- Please refer to the Community Manual for expectations regarding dress and appearance at The Outdoor Academy. We foster a safe, healthy, and comfortable learning environment, and students are expected to dress appropriately for all activities.

### CRAFT:

- Work boots are not necessary for our weekly Work Crew projects; hiking boots or other close-toed shoes will do. Please bring a pair of leather work gloves and safety goggles.

## COMING TO BREVARD:

- Please email your travel arrangements for Opening Day to : enf@enf.org.
- Directions to campus can be found on our website. Contact our office soon if you need help finding campus, or need to make special travel arrangements.
- Restaurants in Brevard:
  - The Square Root - [squaresrootrestaurant.com](http://squaresrootrestaurant.com)
  - Marco's Trattoria - [marcotrattoria.com](http://marcotrattoria.com)
  - Hob Knob - [hobknobrestaurant.com](http://hobknobrestaurant.com)
  - Jordan Street Café - 30 West Jordan Street
  - Falls Landing - [thefallslanding.com](http://thefallslanding.com)
  - Food Matters Health Food Store - [foodmattersmarket.com](http://foodmattersmarket.com)
  - Sora Sushi & Japanese Restaurant - [sorasushinc.com](http://sorasushinc.com)
- Places to Stay in Brevard:
  - Hampton Inn
  - Holiday Inn Express
  - The Inn at Brevard
  - The Red House Inn
  - The Inn on Main Street
  - The Blake House Inn

## Keeping up with the semester:

- We encourage students to call their families *at least* once a week while at OA. Due to their busy schedule and frequent wilderness trips, this may not always be possible. If you need to be in touch with your child for any reason, please contact our office and we will get them a message or put them in touch with you as soon as possible. Our staff will periodically update our school's social media sites with semester photos, updates, and stories. Please visit our website for links to each of these.
- Students love receiving care packages while at OA! As noted in the Community Manual, please refrain from sending any sweet treats, candy, caffeinated beverages, or magazines. Our Care Package suggestions found in the Community Manual will be exciting to receive and keep your school store fees to a minimum.

## School Store:

- Each student has been set up with a School Store account managed by our Registrar. This account will cover expenses such as books, art supply fees, tickets to selected events, a semester t-shirt, and semester book. There will be a 35% handling fee charged for any special purchase requests made. This account will also be used for medical or prescription co-pay amounts or any other medical care that your child's insurance will not cover. Please note that if a medical care provider will not file insurance, we will either contact you to furnish them with a credit card number, or the charge will be posted to your child's school store account. Original paperwork will be sent to you for filing with your insurance company. Remaining account balances will be refunded within two weeks of Closing Day.