



Hante Rocks and Rivers Goals and Summary

On Hante Rocks and Rivers you will have the wonderful opportunity to travel simply through the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains with a close community of friends and peers on local rivers, rocks and trails. Your journey will begin at Eagle's Nest Camp where you set goals for your trip with your instructors and peers. The group will work on their paddling and climbing skills before setting off from campus. From here you will sojourn out into the beautiful Western North Carolina watersheds to begin your 4 days of paddling local whitewater rivers.

After your trip on the local rivers, you will get to experience some of the Southeast's most amazing climbing that we are so grateful to have adjacent to Eagle's Nest Camp. Campers will be working together on teamwork, communication and leadership during the climbing portion of the trip. Campers will experience a progression to be confident and comfortable on the rock.

Campers will finally have the chance to practice their leadership skills by planning their backpacking trip in Pisgah Forest. Instructors will be able to guide them through the process, but most importantly, campers get to take ownership of their experience with the instructors assisting them the entire time while they are on the trail.

In order to have a successful trip, everyone will need to be prepared to travel and bring lots of patience and energy. Like all Hantes, the goals and objectives of this Hante are many and they exist on different levels. Most obviously, this course will focus in on developing your wilderness skills in backpacking, camp-craft, and most importantly your leadership skills. Beyond the technical and hard skills, your Hante will also focus on learning and exploring the ecology and geological history of these historic mountains. Your instructors want you to walk away from this Hante having gained a sense of what historical factors have shaped the Appalachian region, but most importantly, they want to help you foster your own personal connection to the natural world.

The Hante program and Eagle's Nest Camp is committed to the creation of a unique community. We ask for you to come with a willingness and commitment to live and work as a part of the community we will create on our grand adventure. You'll also find that everyone will have different strengths and weaknesses, but your instructors will help to create a nurturing community in which you will feel the support you need to succeed. As a member of the community you will also be responsible to the group that you will be living, learning, working, playing, sharing, and laughing with for the three weeks of your trip. This takes commitment from everyone to be group oriented. What this means is that, at times you will have to put individual needs behind the needs of the group. This can be difficult, but this will help

the trip to be much more meaningful for all of us. A community's strength springs from the dedication of its individuals.

Finally, spending three weeks in the wilderness is a major undertaking. Wilderness trekking and traveling is incredibly rewarding, but being 100% prepared is completely critical. We can't stress enough, the importance of being prepared. Please carefully read all of the material in this packet, as well as, the information we will be sending over the course of the following months. Remember, we are here to be a resource for you. If there are questions or concerns, please contact us. This IS going to be an adventure of a lifetime.

Travel Information

Please meet us at Eagle's Nest Camp to begin your adventure. You may travel to and from Eagle's Nest Camp by car with your parent/guardian, or by commercial airline. Please plan to **arrive and depart between 9 and 11 a.m. on Opening and Closing Day of the session.**

If you are flying, please fly to the Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) or the Greenville/Spartanburg International Airport (GSP). **Your flight must arrive between 9 and 11 a.m. on Opening Day and depart between 9 and 11 a.m. on Closing Day.** Please upload your E-ticket/confirmation email to the travel section of your profile on campdoc.com (register@enf.org).

Eagle's Nest provides shuttles to/from the Greenville/Spartanburg and Asheville airports for registered Hante participants who are flying. Spaces are limited. **The shuttle is \$40 per camper each way (\$80 round trip) for Greenville/Spartanburg, and free for Asheville.**

Please note: Greenville/Spartanburg is about 1.5 hours from camp, and Asheville is less than 45 minutes from camp. Depending on the arrival/departure times of other campers, you *may* need to spend a couple hours in the airport accompanied by our staff and then incur travel time in the van.