

Hante Rocks and Rivers Goals and Course Summary

TRIP GOALS:

- Develop wilderness skills in backpacking, canoeing, and rock climbing.
- Develop leadership skills and put them to practice as a Leader of the Day (LOD)!
- Learn to travel with a group and develop tolerance for adversity and uncertainty as no two days are alike.
- Build a community you're sure to never forget.

SUMMARY

On your Hante, 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. 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, which we are so grateful to have adjacent to Eagle's Nest Camp. Campers will work 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 guide them through the process, but, most importantly, campers will take ownership of their experience with the instructors guiding and assisting them on the trail.

PLANNING AND PREPARATIONS:

Spending three weeks living from your pack is both liberating and challenging. This kind of travel is incredibly rewarding and being 100% prepared is essential. Carefully read all trip materials as well as the information we will be sending over the course of the following months. In order to have a successful trip, everyone will need to be prepared to travel and bring lots of patience and energy. Beyond the basic camping skills that you know or will learn, you will also be exposed to new and challenging environmental and travel factors that will require you to work

and communicate effectively as a group. You will be kayaking, backpacking, and camping in backcountry sites. Your instructors will help prepare and teach you to face the beauty and challenges of trekking through these spaces, and will show you how to appreciate and cherish the experience. You will walk away from this Hante having gained confidence in traveling in new and challenging terrains, and most importantly, having fostered your own personal connection to the natural world.

COMMUNITY

The Hante Adventures program and Eagle' Nest Camp are committed to the creation of a unique community. We are not asking for you to come with any set skills, but more so, a willingness to open your mind and a 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 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. A community's strength springs from the dedication of its individuals.