

Hante Rocks and Rivers Tentative Itinerary

June 28th – July 17th, 2020



June 28th : *Group meets at Eagle's Nest Camp.* Each participant will meet their group and instructors on campus at the Sun Lodge. The afternoon will be spent getting to know each other and setting goals for the upcoming adventure.

July 29th – 30th : *On-campus food pack out and working on paddling/climbing skills.* These two days will be spent on campus focusing on outdoor leadership skills while working on basic paddling strokes and fine-tuning climbing skills on the rock climbing tower.

July 1st – 4th: *Paddling local rivers.* Participants will enjoy a 4 day progression from Class I – III whitewater rapids. Famous local rivers such as the Tuckaseegee, Nantahala, French Broad, and Green will be utilized. Evenings will be spent camping under the stars, preparing delicious food, debriefing the day's activities, and enjoying time together.

July 5th – July 9th: *Climbing the world-class crags of Western North Carolina.* Participants will spend 5 days building their climbing strength and knowledge of some of the best climbs in the Southeast. Progressing from bouldering to multi-pitch climbing, participants may experience routes on Table Rock, Cedar Rock, Looking Glass Rock and Rumbling Bald. The group will spend evenings camping in beautiful Pisgah National Forest.

July 10th – July 15th: *Participant-planned backpacking trip.* With two weeks of wilderness experience, participants progress to the point on the trip where they will have the opportunity to take ownership of the remaining 5 days. With staff guidance, the group will map out and plan their final 5-day backpacking trip among the 6,000+ft. peaks, cascading waterfalls, and peaceful backcountry of Pisgah National Forest.

July 16th: *Group returns to Eagle's Nest Camp.* After their long journey, participants return to a hero's welcome on campus. They'll celebrate their achievements with a special dinner and closing celebration.

July 17th: *Parents arrive! Participants depart and spread their leadership knowledge to the greater world.*