

Nature Lore

HANTE ADVENTURES

Trip Description:

One of Eagle's Nest Camp's most popular activities, Nature Lore, is spreading its wings beyond the confines of the Nest this summer. Join us to discover the roots of this unique and diverse class, traveling across a wide expanse of Western North Carolina to learn about the local history, ecology, and artwork from former Eagle's Nest Camp Director Paige Lester-Niles! As your group explores these vital connections, you will camp and trek through dense forests, paddle and climb on nearby lakes and boulders, and navigate and forage amongst one of the most biodiverse ecosystems in the world. You will return to Camp at the end of your journey to share the learnings from your experience, serving in an important role to support the long term well being and character of this community.

Trip Highlights:

- Spend weeks exploring the biodiverse ecosystems of Western North Carolina with former Eagle's Nest Camp Director Paige Lester-Niles!
- Actively engage with and learn from indigenous peoples and culture of Western North Carolina
- Enhance understanding about the ecology and conservation practices that make the Appalachians globally unique
- Practice craft skills through the structure of a multi-week-long project, learning from professionals and one another
- Sharpen leadership skills and form long lasting bonds through traveling as a group
- Develop competence in backpacking, paddling, rock climbing, campcraft, navigation, backcountry cooking and more!

Community:

The most important aspect of the Hante Adventures program is the well-being of your group, and your unique contribution to it. To cultivate a sincerely positive experience, we ask you to commit to living and working together with your other expedition members. Everyone will have different strengths, and your instructors will help create and nurture a community in which you will feel the support necessary to succeed. As a member of the community, you will be responsible to the group in which you will be living, working, learning, playing, sharing, and laughing for three weeks. This takes commitment from everyone to be group-oriented. At times, you may have to put individual needs behind the needs of the group - this can be difficult to understand in the moment, but be assured that your and others' selflessness will be the reason for the joy you all collectively experience both during and after the trip.

Planning, Preparation, and the Why:

Spending three weeks living simply 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 any information sent over the following months. In order to have a successful trip, everyone must be prepared to travel, practice patience, and bring energy. Beyond the basic camping skills that you know or will learn, there will also be diverse environmental factors that will require you to work and communicate effectively as a group. Your instructors will empower you and your group to embrace the beautiful unknown of moving through these spaces, all the while cherishing every moment. As a result of your careful preparation and prolonged commitment to this adventure, you will walk away with a confidence for new experiences, an appreciation for different perspectives, a greater understanding of how to function within a group, and a deeper connection to the natural world.

There are noble people who challenge themselves and others for the purpose of betterment and unity - you are one of them.

