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2023

OUTDOORS
SUMMER

HIKE & CANOE

PACKET

What is it?

Navigate Outdoors is The Compass's outdoor program for youth. There will be four adult leaders on each day trip to guide, lead, and supervise participating youth. We will be exploring the outdoor areas of the Kenai Peninsula and beyond.

Who can go on Navigate Outdoor trips?

All Compass students 6-12th grade (including incoming 6th graders) unless otherwise specified.

When are we doing these trips?

Trips are specified and described with details in summer schedule included in the packet.

Why are we doing Navigate Outdoors Summer Programming?

"Some journeys take us far from home. Some adventures lead us to our destiny." - C.S. Lewis

We believe in living life to the fullest with adventure and exploring. We want the next generation to learn to enjoy and appreciate the amazing opportunities the great outdoors offer. Navigate Outdoors include hiking, fishing, canoeing, camping, and many more adventures. Some key areas we aim to develop through our journey are Leadership, Teamwork, Courage, Confidence and much more.

How does it work?

Every Wednesday, there will be a sign-up sheet and trip description at The Compass building. There is no cost for students to go on Navigate Outdoors trips this summer unless otherwise specified in schedule. Each event will have 15 student spaces and 4 adult (volunteer and or staff) spaces. These scheduled events will have detailed information concerning how to prep, what youth need to bring, and what will be provided by compass. Attached to this packet, there is a list of basic items to bring on each Hiking Club hike. Please make sure to read each hikes' detailed information as they will change to fit each level of distance and endurance. Sign-up sheets at the Compass Bldg. will be available prior to the trip for those who want to secure a spot on a specific day. Students MUST have completed the registration paperwork to attend any and all programs for the summer.

Our expectation of Participant Behavior?

Participants on any Navigate Outdoor programs are expected to abide by all of the Compass rules and guidelines. On outdoor trips, it is especially important to respect and listen to the leaders, watch out for and be proactive in the safety of others, and to respect and take care of the surrounding environment. Ultimately, the Compass leaders have the authority and right to suspend students for unsafe, disrespectful, and disobedient behavior on trips. Absolutely no kind of drug or alcohol use or sexual harassment will be tolerated. These behaviors are grounds for permanent/indefinite suspension from future of any and all Compass activities. In the case that we are travelling through bear country, leaders may carry a firearm. If any student makes any gesture towards touching, taking, or using the firearm, he or she may be banned from future trips.

We will follow Leave No Trace principles to respect and preserve our environment. If students are found consistently leaving trash, destroying any part of the environment, or harassing wildlife, they will be subject to suspension. An important part of safety in outdoor travel is to stay together as a group. Any student that chooses to disobey leaders and leave the group will be subject to suspension. We thank you for supporting our mission to keep kids safe

What about emergencies or injuries on trips?

On each trip, leaders will carry a Garmin Inreach satellite communication device. We will be able to communicate any emergencies and our location to emergency services, if needed. Also, we can update any change of times of arrival back at the Compass bldg. for parent pick up.

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Summer 2023

Hikes

- **June 16 – Russian River Falls**
 - Distance: 5 Miles
 - Difficulty: Easy
- **June 30 – Slaughter Gulch**
 - Distance: __ Miles
 - Difficulty: Challenging
- **July 14 – Hope Point**
 - Distance: 6 Miles
 - Difficulty: Challenging
- **Aug 11–12 – Carter Lake**
 - Distance: 6 Miles
 - Difficulty: Challenging

What to Bring

- Tennis shoes or Hiking shoes
- Water
- Lunch &/or Snacks
- Backpack
- Raincoat
- Bug spray & Sunscreen

Canoe & Kayak Events

- **June 23 – Johnson Lake**
- **July 21 – Summit Lake**
- **August 4 – Daniel's Lake**

What to Bring

- Life Jacket (if you have one)
- Water
- Lunch &/or Snacks
- Backpack
- Raincoat
- Waterproof bag for electronics
 - or don't bring electronics