WILDERNESS ORIENTATION BACKPACKING SAMPLE SCHEDULE

WO uses numbers to denote the days of the trip. The trip begins on DAY 1 and ends on DAY 11. The following is a rough schedule of how several of the key days will unfold. This schedule is meant to address questions regarding the beginning and the ending of your WO experience.

Sample DAY 1

***Travel to Santa Cruz***

12 NOON Registration begins. Session 1 students should arrive from 12 – 1pm to sign in. Session 2 students will need to arrive starting at 12 noon to move their school supplies into our storage facility and be ready for course start at 1pm.

1:00 PM –Welcome Circle and Introductions
3:30 PM Break into field groups, icebreaker games, talk about the schedule of the course
4 PM Duffle Shuffle—Instructors will review gear with each student, there will be gear to rent in case you need more warm layers or other gear. However, please come as prepared as possible or fill out a rental form prior to arriving and mail it in with your paperwork.
5 PM Catered Dinner
6 PM Field Group time
9:30 Sleeping on Campus

Sample DAY 2

7:30 am -Breakfast.
8:00 am –Load Vans and head for the Sierra Nevada Mountains

Eating Lunch and Dinner along the way

5 PM Camping at the Trailhead

DAYS 3-10

Our days in the backcountry are full, varied, and rewarding. Our itinerary for each day typically includes a group activity in the morning, backpacking on and off trails during the day, and setting up camp in the evening. Each evening typically concludes with a group circle where we have fun telling stories, play games, and discussing college. Our days may also include rock climbing, attempting a peak, and solo time.

DAY 11

6:15 am- Awake early after sleeping out on campus
7:00 am - WO Closing circle and skits with all participants
9:00 am - Last good-byes and group picture
   Last minute wrap up, **Session 1 ends at ~10:00 am** (at the earliest)
   Last minute wrap up, **Session 2 ends at ~10:00 am** (at the earliest)
*Session 1 only* – The WO Shuttle back to the San Jose Airport will depart at 10:30am
*Session 2 only* — For those that need assistance, WO staff will help you move your belongings to your college dorms.
3:00 PM - Items stored in WO storage (provided) will need to be removed.