

OREGON

Teen Adventure Camp

BACKPACKING & WHITEWATER RAFTING

DATES: JULY 14 – 23, 2026

DURATION: 10 DAYS

TUITION: \$3,150

AGES: 15 – 17

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Outdoor Leadership Certification
- Leave No Trace (LNT) training
- Backpacking & Camping
- Backcountry & River Navigation skills
- Teambuilding & Outdoor Leadership
- Explore the Deschutes River

WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

- Gain rafting, kayaking, camping, navigation, and backcountry cooking skills
- Challenge yourself in new and rewarding ways
- Gain the skills necessary to explore the wilderness

WHERE YOU'LL BE:

- Deschutes River
- Willamette National Forest
- Central Oregon

TRIP INCLUDES:

- All lodging and transportation during the trip
- Equipment for all activities
- Up to two (2) dedicated NCOAE field instructors
- All meals, admissions, and gratuities
- Shuttle to/from PDX airport (If driving, contact NCOAE for drop-off/pick-up locations)

** NCOAE recommends students bring a small amount of spending money for extra snacks and souvenirs.*



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*Flights to / from destinations
not included in tuition.

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Oregon – Teen Adventure Camp: Backpacking and Whitewater Rafting

The setting for this adventure is the Willamette National Forest & the Deschutes River — which runs hundreds of miles from the mountains near Bend, Oregon to the confluence of the Columbia River. Explore stunning mountains and gorges, as you learn the basics of backpacking, kayaking, and whitewater rafting!

- ▶ **Day 1: Maupin, OR – Basecamp.** Begin your journey with a morning airport pickup, followed by a scenic drive to our basecamp in Maupin, Oregon. Get acquainted with fellow students as we kick off our focus on community and personal growth. We'll learn principles of Outdoor Leadership and how to apply them on the trail. Familiarize yourself with expedition equipment and immerse yourself in the expedition mentality.
- ▶ **Days 2 – 5: Deschutes River Paddling.** Students will dive deep into leadership development, technical skills, environmental stewardship, and risk management throughout the expedition. Gain conscious competence by applying outdoor leadership theories to real-life scenarios while paddling down this iconic Oregon river.

Students will be introduced to NCOAE's Educator's Handbook focusing on primarily on our basic field curriculum. Students will learn necessary skills to camp and travel comfortably in the backcountry in order to advance their ability to develop a personal connection to the natural world. These skills include: paddling skills, basic camp craft, navigation and map reading, self care in changing environments, expedition mentality (teamwork, group dynamics, cooking, etc.).

- ▶ **Days 6 – 9: Multi-day Backpacking Trip.** Students will be immersed in the NCOAE Educational Framework through comprehensive instruction and delivery of curriculum spanning Leadership and Community, Environmental Stewardship, Outdoor Technical Skills, and Risk Management.

Students will hike along rugged ridges, scramble through lava fields, and discover waterfalls, alpine meadows, and rushing streams as we travel through the majestic forest landscape.

- ▶ **Day 10: Goodbyes Are Hard!** After our final breakfast together and a closing circle, participants who are driving may be picked up at the arranged location by 10:00 a.m.

For those flying or meeting at Portland International Airport (PDX), NCOAE will arrive between 1:00–2:00 p.m. for pick-up. Departure flights should be scheduled no earlier than 4:00 p.m.