



Leadership & College Readiness in Asheville, NC

Week 1 - Orientation

Our journey kicks off at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina. During the initial week, we will build connections with the group and familiarize ourselves with key aspects of the program. Activities such as tubing and hiking excursions will strengthen our bonds, and we'll meet the executive functioning coach while embarking on the self-reflection process that remains a constant throughout the program.

Furthermore, we'll delve into the program's core themes - Leadership and College Readiness. We'll explore the various facets of our leadership projects and become acquainted with the partner organizations involved in the program. Additionally, we'll be introduced to our host city, experience student-led days, and initiate the exploration of different college campus resources.

Week 2 - Finalization of Leadership Projects

After the orientation phase, a seamless transition awaits as we settle into the campus environment, adhering to a structured schedule and routine. This period marks the commencement of our involvement in the group's ingeniously devised leadership project. Following an initial week dedicated to familiarizing ourselves with the intricacies of our chosen non-profit and project, we collaborate with our designated partner to refine and conclude our 2-day leadership endeavor during the last three weeks of the program.

In parallel with the advancement of our leadership projects, a continual focus on enhancing college readiness skills persists. This week specifically centers on the exploration of student support services. Culminating our endeavors, we conclude the week with an excursion beyond Asheville, engaging in the exhilarating pursuits of hiking and navigating the thrilling rapids through white water rafting.

Week 3 - River Camping Trip

Next, our journey takes us to the French Broad River. Over the course of two to three days, we'll engage in camping, fostering teamwork, communication, and executive functioning skills. The experience provides an introduction to the diverse flora, fauna, and the rugged, remote environment of western North Carolina. With a bit of luck, we may even encounter wildlife along the way. Alternatively, we might try our hand at fishing in the river, aiming to catch dinner. To cap off the river trip, we'll conclude with a celebratory group lunch.

The remainder of the week will be spent learning about health and safety campus resources, which will be done through a variety of approaches. Also, the first leadership group will implement their leadership project!

Week 4 - Mountain Biking in Brevard

Following a week filled with camping and dedicated leadership projects, we will transition back to Warren Wilson, embracing a structured weekly routine for the final two weeks. Our days will be occupied with diverse campus resource activities, encompassing aspects like housing and residence life, alumni interviews, and the exploration of Asheville. Evenings shall afford opportunities for group activities and moments of relaxation. The second group will undertake the culmination of their group leadership project, spanning two days, and our week will conclude with an excursion to Brevard for an invigorating bout of mountain biking.

Week 5 - Kayaking and Canoeing the French Broad River

Over our final week, our focus will persist on leadership projects, with the last group embarking on the implementation phase. Simultaneously, we will initiate our transition planning. There will be ample opportunities to delve into the local surroundings and relish the summer climate of Asheville. Capping off our outdoor escapades, the ultimate group adventure awaits as we navigate the waters through kayaking and canoeing on the French Broad River.

As the program draws to a close, we reflect on the rich experiences gained and the bonds forged throughout our journey together.

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