

From the desk of Gus Denzik... but for the Grace of God go I.

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Dear People going on the trip formerly known as the Canadian Outback,

I will just jump right in here. We met last night after talks and research and have come up with the perfect week of camp! We are going to the RoundLake Wilderness Camp. We will base out of there and do two river canoe trips and one day of rappelling and some other adventure days. The staff is Jay Humpheries, Josh Matthews, Grace Larrick and myself. We are working to make this a memorable opportunity and make something amazing.

We have been asked about a cost difference. That is truly a management question but as we have yet to ever do this trip and with costs not normal for the camp as well as this trip we have decided to keep it as is. If we are over budget or if the cost is a problem during this season of insanity please contact the camp. With so few camps even functioning we would not want anyone not to go because of funding.

The packing list is attached. It is about the same as usual with the addition of a travel bag to go on the water as we explore each day. We will have opportunity to fish but you will need a valid Ohio fishing license if you are 16 or older.

The week will be themed Faith Over Fear. I hope that you are ready for whatever gets thrown at you in life but there are so many things that we have learned that are out of our control. We exist during those moments on Faith. We as Christians do not look at things as the rest of the world. If you get a chance read Matthew 6:25-34. It will give you a good foundation for what we will talk about each day in our lessons.

Covid-19: We will follow and recommend practices that limit our exposure. We can not guarantee anything. We will be near and around each other and come into contact with the public at some points along our journey. We will make hand sanitizer available although bringing a small personal bottle would be advised. Everyone please bring a mask. We will do the best we can. If you are at all concerned about the potential exposure remember the camp will do a full refund if you choose not to go and we will be back on track to go to Canada next year Lord willing.

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Outback List of Important Things!

1. Ohio Fishing License if desired or necessary (16 or older)
2. Backpack – Shoulder Straps and a Waist belt adjusted to fit comfortably. (Must hold all of your gear for the trail and your share of group gear and food) Camp has some packs that are reserved on a first come first serve basis. We have also used some water tight buckets. Bring what you have and camp can help supplement to find a combo that works for you and your canoe partner. We divide up into partners when we get started so don't worry about that.
3. Spare duffle bag – for day tripping...Put your name on everything.
4. Full foot latching sandal (not flip flops!). Durability is important!, Spare shoes for hiking, exploring etc. Socks as you like them.
5. Sleep Gear – Camp sleeping pad, sleeping bag.
6. Fork, Spoon, bowl, cup. No sense in taking anything else. This is all you need!
7. 4 Water bottles, small Gatorade bottles (24 oz or 32 oz) work fine.
8. Clothing: 3 pair of light shorts to wear and one swim suit, sock combo(even if you just bring sandals socks feel good at night!), 6 tee shirt to wear and one to pack, a wash clothe, underwear as necessary, light weight rain jacket and pants (it can be cool at night and in the mornings)
9. Other Necessary Items
Backpacking style small tent (we partner up and put people together so that we take only what we need, foam sleeping pad, Towel, hat, toothbrush and small tooth paste, hair brush, deodorant – small dry, soap, Personal supply of TP, Bug cream, Sun Screen, light first aid needs – the staff will carry a more comprehensive kit, flash light, matches or a safety lighter.
10. Still Other Potential Items:
Sunglasses, hammock, small amount of cash
11. Items not to bring:
Hunting knives (folding pocket knives are okay), Electronic stuff – (These are usually valuable and would be left at the trail head in the vans which get very hot and could be broken into), illegal things or medications not prescribed for you (All meds should be left in their original bottles), large sums of money, everything else that you know better than to bring!
12. Pack all gear to be carried in Gallon size Ziplocs. This insures them being dry and fresh when you want to use them.