



FURMAN UNIVERSITY SUMMER OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE 2009

WELCOME TO FURMAN UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 2013

As part of the select group of students enrolling at Furman this fall, you are invited to participate in Summer Outdoor Experience 2009. A program created by Furman's Office of Student Life and hosted by current Furman students, faculty and staff, Summer Outdoor Experience introduces you to future classmates and prepares you for college life. Plus, you'll have a lot of fun along the way.

This summer, there are two separate trips: Earthshine Lodge and the Nantahala River, located in the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina; and the coastal city of Charleston, South Carolina. Each program is limited to 25 people on a first-come, first-served basis.

\$500 per person fee includes accommodations, meals, activities, a t-shirt and transportation to and from scheduled activities. (Check payable to Furman University.) Although some SOE activities may seem rigorous, they are suitable for all skill levels.

The Earthshine/Nantahala trip begins at Earthshine Mountain Lodge with a zip line course that boasts not only six zip lines but a mind-boggling 425-foot line across a ravine. Also at Earthshine, students will build group skills by exercising teamwork on the high-ropes challenges. The following morning, we will travel the white water of the Nantahala River on five-person rafts, and in the afternoon, we will take

two-person duckyes (inflatable kayaks) down an eight-mile stretch of the river through the picturesque Nantahala Gorge.

The Charleston trip features a sea-kayaking expedition to an undeveloped barrier island. Along the kayaking route, students can explore coastal ecosystems and encounter maritime wildlife species. While on the island, students will play beach games, swim in the ocean, or relax on the beach. Prior to the sea-kayaking expedition, students will enjoy a water park in North Charleston and take an evening cruise on Charleston Harbor.



EARTHSHINE/ NANTAHALA

(July 26–29 • July 29–August 1)

- DAY 1: Arrive at Furman between 1–2 p.m. Pool party at the president's house, group initiatives and games. Stay overnight on campus.
- DAY 2: After breakfast at Tommy's Ham House (an FU favorite), depart for Earthshine Mountain Lodge on a chartered bus. Zip line course and high ropes course challenges through the scenic mountains of western North Carolina. Dinner at Earthshine. Travel to Franklin, North Carolina to stay in a hotel.
- DAY 3: Breakfast at hotel. Travel to the Nantahala River for two whitewater rafting trips—a five-person rafting trip in the morning and a two-person ducky ride in the afternoon— followed by dinner at River's End. Return for overnight stay at Furman.
- DAY 4: Breakfast and departure.



CHARLESTON

(July 19–22 • July 22–25)

- DAY 1: Arrive at Furman between 1–2 p.m. Pool party at the president's house, group initiatives and games. Stay overnight on campus.
- DAY 2: After breakfast at Tommy's Ham House (an FU favorite), depart for Charleston on a chartered bus. Slip and slide to fun at the Whirlin' Waters Adventure Water Park, enjoy dinner at T-Bonz, and take an after-dinner Charleston Harbor cruise with Sandlapper Water Tours.
- DAY 3: Breakfast at hotel. Sea-kayaking to barrier island for lunch, swimming, beach games, and island exploration. Return to mainland for dinner at Andolini's Pizza. Return for overnight stay at Furman.
- DAY 4: Breakfast and departure.

Application and Questionnaire PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Preferred Name _____ Sex _____ T-shirt size: XXL XL L M S

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Indicate your top three session choices using #1 for the most desirable:

EARTHSHINE/NANTAHALA

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Person to be contacted in the event of an emergency:

Name _____

Phone (_____) _____ Relationship to student _____

Medical Information **Yes** **No**

Do you have any allergies?

If yes, describe: _____

Are you asthmatic?

Do you carry any medications?

If yes, for what condition(s) _____

Do you require a special diet?

If yes, describe: _____

Please describe any conditions you may have which could hinder your participation in an Outdoor Experience.

Swimming: Rate your swimming ability (include courses, certificates, etc.)

Will you be celebrating a birthday during your trip? _____ Date: _____

INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT

I, the UNDERSIGNED, certify that I have taken every precaution to ensure that my medical condition will not cause problems for myself, others or the school on the Furman University Summer Outdoor Experience trip, and that the information is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I must report any changes in my physical, mental or emotional condition, from the time of my application to the evening I arrive on Furman's campus, which might hinder my safe participation in this program. This confidential information will be provided to the Director of Recreational Sports. Furthermore, I hereby acknowledge that certain RISKS OF INJURY are inherent to participation in recreational sports activities. These types of injuries may be minor or serious and may result from one's actions, or the actions or inactions of others, or a combination of both. I understand that RULES AND REGULATIONS are designed for the safety and protection of participants and hereby undertake to abide by any rules and regulations. I understand that certain activities require a minimum LEVEL OF FITNESS AND HEALTH (physical, mental and emotional) and that each person has a different capacity for participating in these activities. I hereby WARRANT being physically fit to participate and understand that the VOLUNTARY CHOICE to participate brings with it the ASSUMPTION OF THOSE RISKS AND RESULTS which are part of these activities. I agree that the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FURMAN UNIVERSITY or its employees, servants or agents shall not be liable for any injury to my person or loss or damage to my personal property arising from, in any way resulting from, my participation in these activities. I declare having read and understood the above INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT in its entirety and hereby consent to participate acknowledging all of the foregoing.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
(of student under 18 years of age)

Please return application and check to:

Owen McFadden, Director of Recreational Sports
Furman University, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, S.C.
29613

Applications may be faxed to 864.294.2942. The deposit must be received within five days of the faxed application or it will be void.

Applications are on a first-come, first-served basis and space is limited. A full refund is available until July 1. After this date, 50 percent of the cost will be refunded. The cost for each student is \$500. A check payable to Furman University must accompany each application.

Participants will not be allowed to leave campus unless accompanied by official SOE staff member.

If you plan to arrive by airplane, please try to schedule your arrival one day before your trip begins. If you would like to be met at the airport by university personnel, please call Owen McFadden with flight information. Departing flights should be scheduled after 11 a.m. on the last day if possible.

Contact: Owen McFadden, Director of Recreational Sports at 864.294.2102, or <owen.mcfadden@furman.edu>.