Outdoor Rec. Summer Expedition to
Dinosaur National Monument &
Rocky Mountain National Park

July 18– 26, 2020

Vanderbilt Outdoor Rec. Program

**Cost:**  $845 plus airfare to Denver, CO

**Cost includes:**  Van transportation from DEN, hotel on both ends of the trip, camping fees and entrance fees, 1 day Whitewater Rafting, backcountry permits, food while camping (except 2 dinners), group equipment.

**Additional Costs:**  Airfare, individual equipment, travel food, souvenirs, etc.

**REGISTRATION:**  Sign up on-line (& pay in full) by Fri. Feb. 21
Pre-Trip Meeting: Thursday, March 26 at 5:30 pm in the ORC.

Payment Plan: If you do not want to pay all $845 at once, you can meet with Linda and pay $200 to register. Then you can pay the rest at least 30 days prior to the trip.
TRIP OVERVIEW:

For the Summer of 2020 Outdoor Rec. is travelling to the desert of Northern Utah and Dinosaur National Monument and to the Rocky Mountain National Park of Colorado. We will meet in Denver and then drive to Steamboat Springs, CO. We plan to spend 4 days at Dinosaur, camping and hiking and going whitewater rafting for one day. Besides the dinosaur fossils, this is a scenic park with spectacular canyons and rivers. The Rockies will be quite different, with cooler temperatures and lots more trees and mountains. We hope to go on an overnight backpack trip on the west side of the park, if we can get a permit. We will also drive through the park and go on a short hike or two. Total hiking for the week will be around 33 –37 miles, but we only plan to have our backpack on for 8 miles of this.

This is a good trip for the beginner backpacker, although experience is always welcome. *Everyone who goes must be in good physical shape by the time we leave.*

For your flight to DEN, arrive no later than 2:00 pm on 7/18 and leave no earlier than 9:00 am on 7/26.
HIKING, CAMPING, & BACKPACKING

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Trip Itinerary

Sat. 7/18    By 2:00 pm or earlier. Meet Linda at Denver Airport Baggage Claim 
            (or if on same flight, then hang at airport or go with to get van, etc. )
            Drive (3.5 hours) to hotel in Steamboat Springs. Re-pack. Eat Dinner out.
Sun. 7/19    7:00 am    Leave Hotel and drive to Dinosaur National Monument 
            Stop at Visitor Center with Dinosaur fossils.
            Go on a short hike on Mitten Park Trail, 3.0 miles there & back.
            Camp at Signal Mountain Campground
Mon. 7/20    Drive and then hike on Ruple Point Trail Hike, 9.5 miles there & back.
            Camp at Signal Mountain Campground
Tues. 7/21   Drive and then hike on Jones Hole Trail Hike, 8.5 miles there & back.
            Eat dinner out in Vernal
            Camp at Red Fleet State Park Campground
Wed. 7/22   Go on a 1-day Whitewater Rafting trip on the Green River.
            Eat dinner out in Dinosaur or Craig
            Camp at a Colorado State Park Campground
Thurs. 7/23  Drive (2 hours) to just outside Rocky Mountain NP
            Go for a short hike: 4.0 miles total
            Camp at Stillwater or Green Ridge Campground
Fri. 7/24    Begin the Backpacking Loop hike of 8 miles
            Camp at one or two sites, depending on group size
Sat. 7/25    Break camp and Backpack out
            Drive (2.5 hours) through the park and to a hotel in Denver
            Stop for short hike (4.0 miles or less) along the way
            Eat dinner out in Denver and stay at a hotel
Sun. 7/26    8:00 am    Drive to the Denver Airport. Fly back to Nashville.
More photos from Dinosaur National Monument
More photos from Rocky Mountain National Park
Interested?  *Registration begins at Noon on Mon. Jan. 6*

Sign up by midnight on **Fri. Feb. 21.**

Space is limited to the first 10 who sign up!

**Questions?**  Contact Linda at 615-343-7898 or linda.rosenkranz@vanderbilt.edu