What is Mission Adven-SOAR (M:A)?

SOAR (Student Outdoor Adventure & Recreation) sponsors 3 summer pre-orientation programs to introduce incoming first-year students to the adventures that Misericordia University has to offer. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know some fellow students, some upper-class student leaders, and have an adventure in the outdoors before your academic career begins! Each program offers a unique outdoor experience and memories. Don’t forget your camera!

What does it include?

Each trip is packed with a different type of adventure. All meals and snacks are taken care of, as is group gear such as tents and stoves. SOAR does have a limited amount of personal gear (such as sleeping bags and pads) that are available for rent at no cost.

Who are the leaders?

Trained SOAR leaders are students and staff that have been through an intensive 140 hour outdoor training program that is conducted during the academic year. This program includes certification in Wilderness First Aid, training in soft and hard skills, and 2 overnight camping trips. The SOAR Leaders will be teaching you skills along the way as well as introducing you to aspects that make up the Misericordia community. They are all members of the Misericordia community that are excited by your interest in the outdoors as well as getting to know you as an incoming student.

What is the cost?

The cost of the program is $295. This includes your meals, wear/tear and use of all group gear, transportation, and special programs.

What are the trips Offered?

For 2014, SOAR is offering three adventure-packed 3-day expeditions.


**August 10th – August 13th - HCCAP** A multi-adventure trip that includes hiking, climbing, camping, and paddling. See page 4.

General Itinerary

- **Day 1, 1pm** Arrival at Misericordia University, participant meeting (parents welcome) team building, trip review, opening BBQ, gear check
- **Day 2** Departure for M:A
- **Day 4** Return for closing BBQ and departure
Special Notes

- NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. These trips all are geared towards fun and successful completion by participants of all levels.
- Each trip is capped at 10 participants with a minimum of 6 participants needed to roster. If a trip does not roster, you will get offered a slot on a different AdvenSOAR.
- You will have lodging on campus for the first day of your adventure, however, be prepared to have very little time as you will be highly involved in preparation for your adventure.
- Gear lists, full itinerary, forms, and pertinent information will be emailed to you following your registration for your particular M:A adventure.
- Paperwork – All college housing and medical paperwork must be submitted prior to, or day of arrival to Misericordia for your M:A adventure. Additionally, your SOAR medical paperwork will be collected when you arrive. Do not allow your parents/guardians to leave until you complete check-in.

TO REGISTER, SIMPLY CONTACT SOAR AT

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Delaware Paddle

*Sunday July 6th – Wednesday, July 9th*

The Delaware River separates the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from the State of New Jersey. This riverway was a thriving summer retreat for many sections of the population, today it is a National Park Recreation Area. This area, with wilderness, homes, and towns along the banks, will remind participants of both the peace of the water, and the vibrant community of Northeast Pennsylvania.

This adventure will travel the roughly 45 miles along the Delaware River from Lackawaxen, PA (along the New York state border) down to the pull-out at the Delaware Water Gap. Enjoy the scenic views, look for various water fowl, and camp along the riverside and island camping. We will be paddling both canoes and kayaks. Dry-bags are available for all participants.

Keep that extra eye out for a bald eagle!

**HOW DO I REGISTER?**

Registering is simple! Simply contact Student Activities by email (pmckamy@misericordia.edu) or (570) 674 -6411 and commit your interest. You will then receive the registration packet and payment schedule via your Misericordia email.

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HCCAP

*Sunday August 10th – Wednesday August 13th*

What exactly is HCCAP (its pronounced “H-CAP)? Well, its “Hike-Climb-Camp-Adventure-Paddle”… really, when is one Acronym enough?! Not quite sure you want to go for the solid one adventure? Want to get a flavor of all the adventure that SOAR has to offer? Join us for some of the best that Northeastern Pennsylvania has to offer!

These adventures will include a white-water rafting trip down the Lehigh River, Rock climbing at nearby Mocanaqua, and a hike to Rickets Glen State Park (full of waterfalls!). Enjoy learning some wilderness basics while enjoying a one-night camping trip under the stars. Experience it all, and get to know some fellow classmates!

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