

Spring, 2017

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to your child's upcoming field study at Experience Learning's Spruce Knob Mountain Center!

Your child will be acting as a field scientist for our Appalachian Watershed and Stream Monitors (AWSM) program. The AWSM program is an outdoor learning experience that includes walking woodland trails to study the streams, forests, and geology of Spruce Knob, West Virginia's highest peak. We will return to our warm buildings in the evening, but we will be outside during most of the day. There is a good chance that your child may get wet at some point, whether due to rain, puddles, or streams. Please refer to the pack list below to ensure your child will be comfortable no matter the conditions.

If you'd like to check the weather forecast, go to this website: www.wunderground.com and search for Spruce Knob to see results from our weather station. Temperatures tend to be about 10 degrees cooler here than in nearby areas at lower elevations, so it's a good idea to pack extra warm clothing. We do have waterproof hip waders, extra warm clothes, and extra rain coats students can borrow if they need additional layers to stay warm and dry while outside.

All technical equipment, bedding and meals are provided by Experience Learning. Food and snacks are not necessary, and we are a nut-free facility, so please leave snacks at home, or on the bus.

Please call 304/567-2632 or email me at kwaddell@experience-learning.org if you have additional questions. I hope to see you on the mountain real soon!

Sincerely,
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Appalachian Watershed and Stream Monitoring (AWSM)
Packing List

Clothing (wool or synthetic materials are preferable to cotton):

- Long underwear top (1)
- Long underwear bottom (1)
- T-shirts (2)
- Lightweight sweater/sweatshirt (1-2)
- Warm sweater/jacket (1)
- Warm pants (2)
- Warm socks (2-3 pair)
- Warm hat (1)
- Sun visor/baseball hat/sunglasses (1)
- Gloves or mittens (1)
- Rain coat (1)
- Rain pants (1)
- Hiking boots/sturdy shoes (1)
- Sneakers (1) *Dry shoes for the evening.*

Toiletries:

- Toothpaste and toothbrush
- Small towel
- Sunscreen and lip balm
- Medications. *Medications will be administered by teacher, not ExL staff.*

Gear:

- Backpack *To carry rain gear, extra layers, journal, and lunch during day trips.*
- Water bottle (32 oz or more)
- Garbage bag *Helps keep belongings dry and separate dirty/ wet clothing*
- Flashlight/headlamp
- Journal
- Pen and/or pencil

Optional Gear:

- Camera
- Waders

DO NOT BRING (or leave on the bus):

- × Snacks/Food
- × Cellular Phones
- × Electronics
- × Money or other valuables