

2018 Union College Outdoor Pre-Orientation – Environmental Science in the Adirondacks Itinerary

Canoe camping – Schedule at a glance (subject to change due to weather)

All students will move into their residence hall room between 9-12pm on Wednesday (8/29) and will leave for Forked Lake by 1:00pm with two professor and three Union Students. On Friday (8/31) afternoon we will return to campus to regroup and then spend the evening at the Kelley Adirondack Center for a tour, dinner, and other activities. The Outdoor Pre-Orientation group will spend the day with all of the other Pre-Orientation groups doing an off campus activity on Saturday (9/1). *All activities are mandatory – students are required to attend all parts of the Outdoor Pre-Orientation Experience if they register for this program. Regular Orientation will begin on Sunday, September 2nd.

Contact the Minerva Office (outdoor@union.edu) for questions or more information.

Wednesday (8/29)	Thursday (8/30)	Friday (8/31)	Saturday (9/1)
-	Breakfast at campsite	Breakfast at campsite	Sleep in!
3PM: Arrive at Forked Lake; trip orientation; Load Canoes. Practice paddle and safety skills. Paddle to campsites & set up camp. Swimming from the campsite. Informal chat with three rising seniors.	Paddle to center of lake and analyze water chemistry and take a sediment core. Return to camp to investigate core and reconstruct environmental history. Lunch at campsite. Paddle to explore the west end of the lake. Return to campsite for late afternoon swim.	Early AM Paddle to spot loons in the mist. Return to campsite to break camp and swim at campsite. Paddle out to van and drive to Buttermilk Falls for lunch. Swim and explore local geology at Buttermilk Falls. Depart for Union at 3:00pm.	We'll join the other Pre-Orientation groups for an all day trip off campus to meet and bond with other incoming first year students. (~11:00AM-11:00PM).
Dinner at campsites.	Dinner at campsites.	Dinner at the Kelley Adirondack Center.	
Evening: Star Gazing & campfire chat with students and professors.	Evening: discuss environmental data & campfire chat with students and professors.	Evening activity off campus.	