



PRE-ORIENTATION PROGRAMS

2014

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20
WASHINGTON COLLEGE, CHESTERTOWN, MD

Our unique pre-orientation programs offer an exciting and inspiring start to your first year at Washington College.

Each pre-orientation experience provides an opportunity to gain valuable leadership skills, get a jump-start on getting involved on campus, and meet other students with similar interests. You also will be able to move in early and become familiar with the Washington College campus before the formal new student orientation program begins on August 21, 2014.

We believe that a positive college experience for students, rich with opportunities for personal development, will help you to achieve the following results:

1. Intellectual growth and appreciation for the liberal arts;
2. Sense of responsibility and beginning independence;
3. Appreciation for diversity;
4. Knowledge of Chestertown and the Eastern Shore region.

Additionally, we believe that involvement in the pre-orientation programs increases engagement among small groups of first-year students, helping to develop a strong network with both peers and staff members at the College.

If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to call Heather Morris, Director of Student Activities, at 410-810-7146.

Cost for all pre-orientation programs includes housing, meals, program events and extras. All programs have a limited number of participant slots that are filled on a first come, first served basis.

For more details and registration information, visit:

washcoll.edu/preorientation

Registration goes live on July 1st.

SAIL THE SULTANA

History on the Water

7 Participants

\$475

On a voyage aboard the 18th-century Royal Navy schooner *Sultana*, students will explore the rich history of the Chesapeake Bay region. Participants will try their hand at the ship's tiller, meet a pirate, and face off against each other in an epic naval battle. In the evenings, *Sultana* will dock at two historic estates on the Chester River waterfront for cookouts and games with Washington College upperclassmen and faculty members, sunset canoe expeditions and opportunities for swimming and relaxing. 18th-century baseball, Eastern Shore music, and a field trip to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum will round out the trip. Participants will sleep in tents near the water or in the ship's historic crew quarters. The program is geared toward students with an interest in history or American studies, although all are welcome to participate.



FILMMAKING AND PHOTOGRAPHY BOOT CAMPS

8 Participants Each

\$450

A Crash Course in Artistic Expression

Are you interested in photography or digital filmmaking? These two parallel workshops will take you from the basics to intermediate and advanced photo and video topics. Welcome to our Boot Camps!

Workshop topics include HD video production, storyboarding, sound capture, studio and location lighting, GoPro & DSLR cameras, editing and effects, software (including Final Cut Pro, After Effects, Photoshop, Photomatix, and smart phone apps), photojournalism, underwater photography, time lapse and motion control, high dynamic range (HDR), wildlife and landscape photography, macro photography, and much more!

You'll get your hands on cutting edge professional equipment, and learn to push the limits of your own gear. During the week, time will be split between in-studio workshops, location productions, and shoots around campus and Chestertown. You will also spend time on the Chester River and Chesapeake Bay for unique and breathtaking creative opportunities.

EXPLORE THE CHESTER RIVER

24 Participants

\$475

Eastern Shore Style with Echo Hill Outdoor School

Explore the Chester River aboard the historic skipjack *Elsworth* and the buy-boat *Annie D*, two of Echo Hill Outdoor School's (EHOS) Chesapeake Bay workboats. Experience the thrill of sailing a National Treasure. Skipjacks are the last remaining sailing workboats in North America! Spend time on the Chester River swimming, crabbing, and piloting these two grand vessels with Captain Andy McCown, a Chestertown native and Washington College Alumnus.

Participate in a county-wide geocaching scavenger hunt, culminating in Chestertown with an Eastern Shore-style dinner on the historic boats. Captain William Rudek, a geocaching veteran from the Hudson River Valley of New York, will lead this scavenger hunt.

Spend time with Echo Hill Outdoor School leaders on the school's exciting challenge course! Climb the forty-foot *Giant's Ladder*, soar down the 100 yard Zipline, release yourself on an exhilarating *Giant Swing*, or climb and belay on the fifty-foot Alpine Tower. The individual and group challenges are yours to choose from. New and challenging events help participants discover new things about themselves and each other.

Explore the EHOS Nature Preserve, a 172-acre fresh water swamp at night by canoe. Enjoy S'mores and a bonfire on the pristine beach on the Chesapeake Bay.

Venture back onto the Chester River aboard the workboats *Spirit* and *Twilight* to meet a local waterman harvesting his catch and enjoy the crab feast that will follow this morning excursion.

Participants will reside in rustic, air-conditioned EHOS dormitories with family-style meals provided in the Harris Hall dining hall.

For more information on the Echo Hill Outdoor School visit www.ehos.org

INTO THE STREETS

12 Participants

\$450

Serving our Community

Join us for our community service pre-orientation program that introduces new students to their peers and the College, while enabling them to serve and explore their new host community. Into the Streets gives participants the opportunity to fall in love with Chestertown and the Eastern Shore community, and form long-lasting relationships with a diverse group of fellow students.

Participants will volunteer at Summer Wind Stables, a rescue and sanctuary for abused, injured, homeless, and retired horses; participate in shore clean up and experience nature in our backyard at the Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge; assist with Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) at Colchester Farm; spend time with furry friends at the Humane Society of Kent County; serve a meal to clients at the Annapolis Lighthouse homeless shelter and transitional living facility; and end their week serving Anne Arundel County residents at the Anne Arundel County Food Bank.

Join us and get a jump-start on your involvement with community service at Washington College.

LAND AND SEA ADVENTURE

13 Participants

\$475

Eastern Shore Exploration

The Chester River provides an array of activities for individuals to enjoy the beauty of the Eastern Shore. The four-day adventure begins with an Eastern Shore tradition. Crabbing has been an essential part of the Eastern Shore lifestyle for hundreds of years and now students get to experience the thrill of the catch! You'll learn how to dip, steam, and pick this Eastern Shore delicacy. Teaming up with Eastern Shore native and Washington College alum Brant Nordhoff '07, students will travel to the town of Rock Hall for a day of crabbing, steaming, and picking—a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Enjoying the taste of dry land on Monday, students will travel to the Echo Hill Outdoor School's Adventure Course. You will have the opportunity to climb the forty foot Giant's Ladder, soar down the Zip Line or embark into a team belay system on the giant Swing. Then experience the Alpine Tower, a triangular "jungle-gym" with hanging elements leading up to a platform over fifty feet from the ground, allows climbers of different abilities to challenge themselves and overcome their fears. For those who might find the ground more enticing, you can stand below and cheer on the group!

On Tuesday, you will set out on the College's wakeboarding boat to enjoy the thrills and spills of the Chester River. You can try tubing, wakeboarding, or waterskiing. For those not looking to get wet, a separate boat will cast off, allowing students to find the fishing hot spot for the day, before enjoying a final cruise down the Chester River.

Finally, you will complete your outdoor adventures with a kayaking trip from Morgnec Creek to the Washington College boathouse. During the trip, you will explore the beautiful Eastern Shore wildlife and ecosystems. After launching from Morgnec Creek, you will make your way to the Chester River. Choose either a single or double kayak and set sail (or paddle)! This is the ultimate conclusion to the Washington College's Land and Sea Eastern Shore Adventure.

EXPLORING THE WATERWAYS

12 Participants

\$475

Kent County by Kayak

Come explore the pristine rivers, creeks, and streams of Maryland's Eastern Shore with your fellow students on this four-day kayak program. The first two days will be spent exploring the Chester River, home to bald eagles, Atlantic blue crabs, and some of the most unspoiled scenery in the Chesapeake region. The second half of the trip will feature a two-day, one-night camping excursion at Sassafras Natural Resource Management Area, a 1,000 acre nature preserve that features spectacular views of the Sassafras River. During the overnight program, participants will explore the sandy beaches of the Sassafras, pull seine nets to sample marine life, paddle through wetland habitats, fish with a hook and line, cook over an open fire, and view the upper Bay from atop the 70 foot cliffs lining the lower Sassafras River. Along the way, local guides will provide students with information about the history of Kent County and its many local waterways. Of course, there will also be plenty of time to relax and meet new friends.

