

3-Day Camp Out FAQ's

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

- WHAT:** A scholarship package from Education Without Walls includes a 3-day camp out with our affiliates at [The National Center for Outdoor & Adventure Education \(NCOAE\)](#).
- WHERE:** Student check-in and pick-up will be at The National Center for Outdoor & Adventure Education / Education Without Walls campus at:
9809 River Rd., Wilmington, NC 28412.
The check-in table will be located in the main parking area.
- WHEN:** **Check-in will be between 8:30am – 8:50am.**
Programming will begin promptly at 9:00am. NCOAE staff will sign your student in, collect any medication, and do a bag check to ensure your student has all needed items for the trip. After check-in is complete, you may depart. If NCOAE is providing transportation, pick up is between 7:00 – 8:30 am.
If transportation is needed, please contact EWOW at (910) 515-9157 or info@educationwithoutwalls.net to arrange pick-up for your student. All transportation will be provided by The National Center for Outdoor & Adventure Education (NCOAE).
- IF DELAYED:** If it becomes evident that you will not be on time for check-in or pick-up, please contact the EWOW office at (910) 515-9157 immediately.
- THE FIRST DAY:** After check-in, NCOAE staff will share final trip details, distribute group equipment and food, and assist students with packing their backpacking packs. Then the real fun begins when we hit the trail!
- THE LAST DAY:** NCOAE will drop your student off at your house between 4:00 and 5:45.
- EQUIPMENT & PERSONAL EXPENSES:** Please see the trip pack list for information on what to bring (and what not to bring) on your trip, as well as what equipment will be provided by NCOAE. EWOW and NCOAE cover all costs related the trip, so there is no need to send money with your student.

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FAQ'S:

Q: *What is the Education Without Walls 3-Day Camp Out?*

A: The EWOW 3-Day Trip is an introductory course that teaches students the basic camp skills needed on the 10- day summer expedition. Student will either be backpacking or rock-climbing depending on weather conditions.

Q: *Do I need to have any previous experience in camping or backpacking?*

A: No. Previous experience is not required. NCOAE will teach you all the basics you need to know to thrive in the backcountry and then you'll have time to practice them throughout the trip.

Q: *What activities will I be engaging in?*

A: You will engage in a wide range of experiential activities, including backpacking or rock climbing, camp craft, map & compass, backcountry cooking, decision-making, leadership, environmental responsibility, and teamwork.

Q: *How far will I be hiking and what will I be carrying?*

A: Students hike 1 mile to camp and base camp there for the rest of the trip. Each student carries their own backpacking pack, with their own gear and some of the group food & gear. Your pack will weigh between 20-25 pounds at any given time.

Q: *Where will I be staying?*

A: We'll be living in tents (separated by gender) and setting up camp at the one campsite for the 2 nights. We'll enjoy evenings around the campfire: roasting s'mores, identifying the stars, and sharing highlights of the day.

Q: *What is the average group size and instructor/student ratio?*

A: Each group has two NCOAE field instructors with 8-12 students. We maintain an instructor-to-student ratio of no less than one instructor for every six students.

Q: *What gear and equipment do I need?*

A: NCOAE provides all necessary group gear and trail food, but you will be required to bring certain items for yourself. We encourage you to contact NCOAE with all your packing list questions as early as possible. Start planning now by reviewing the attached trip pack list.

Q: *What kind of food will I be eating?*

A: Expect meat, vegetables, fruits, grains, and even fresh baked bread and pizza! Of course, you'll be making them all from scratch — learning to cook backcountry meals on the trail.

If you have any allergies and/or dietary restriction, be sure to note it on your health form. NCOAE can accommodate most dietary restrictions and preferences.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? Please call the NCOAE office at (910) 399-8090 anytime between 8:30am – 4:30pm with any questions.