

## Furman University Study Away Program: Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations

Program: Parks and People: Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Dates: May 11-June 1, 2022

Request accommodations through the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR)

Course Description: COMING SOON

**Program Description:** This program will explore connections between people, place, and resources in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, including impacts of tourism on the ecology of natural systems, the role of scientists in documenting and managing biological diversity in the park, and exploring the meaning of wilderness in the nation's most visited national park. Students will explore the three major areas impacting and influencing National Parks: the tourist experience in and around the Park, research within the Park, and the meaning of wilderness.

	Frequency						
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Optional	Recommended	Required
Course work in a foreign language	X						
Course work in English							X
Use of laptop						X	
Use of smart device						X	
Traditional Classroom		X					
Indoor Course Work		X					
Outdoor Course Work				X			X
Group Work							
Presentations							
Interactions with local residents			X				
Field Work				X			
Internship	X						
Research	X						
Comments:							

	Frequency				
HEALTH & DIET	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Vegetarian Options				X	
Vegan Options			X		
Food Allergy Accommodations					X
Group Meals				X	
Cooking for oneself			X		
Host family prepares meals	X				
Healthcare easily accessible					X
Comments:					

	Frequency				
STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Foreign Language Environment	X				
Mountainous				X	
Tropical	X				
Desert	X				
Urban		X			
Rural				X	
High Elevation				X	
Dusty			X		
Air Pollution		X			
Recent Terrorism	X				
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness		X			
Earthquakes		X			
Other Natural Disaster		X			
Comments:					

	Frequency				
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Always
Host Family	X				
Roommate				X	
Shared Apartment/House			X		
Dormitory			X		
Camping				X	
Hotel	X				
Cell phone signal available			X		
Internet signal available			X		
Comments:					

	Frequency				
PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Daily
Lifting luggage				X	
Carrying luggage up stairs			X		
Carrying equipment			X		
Carrying groceries		X			
Standing 30+ minutes					X
Walking 1+ miles				X	
Hiking (easy)				X	
Hiking (strenuous)			X		
Sitting 5+ hours		X			
Use of public transportation		X			
Flat terrain		X			
Hilly terrain				X	
Stairs			X		
Comments:					

	Frequency				
WATER ACTIVITIES	Never	Seldom	Often	Optional	Required
Swimming		X		X	
Snorkeling	X				
SCUBA	X				
Boating (speed boat)	X				
Rowing	X				
Comments:					

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