SUMMER OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM IN WALES

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An HWS affiliate program based at University of Wales Trinity Saint David
Teaching Format

The course will be a combination of academic theory and hands-on outdoor activities, including hiking, camping, caving, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, mine exploration, rock climbing and mountain biking. There will be structured and informal reviews of activities and experiences in addition to an autobiography assignment, an essay and several personal reflective journal assignments.

About Carmarthen

The University of Wales Trinity Saint David is surrounded by green fields and hills on the outskirts of Carmarthen, a market town and commercial center that is about 15 minutes' walk from campus. Carmarthen has many stores, supermarkets, restaurants, a multiplex cinema, art venues and cultural sites.

Itinerary

Day and/or overnight trips are planned to the Brecon Beacons National Park and the Pembrokeshire coast and there will be a week-long excursion to Snowdonia National Park, in North West Wales.

Program Dates

This is a 3-week program running from May 28 – June 18, 2011 at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David.

Deadline to Apply

November 1, 2010 by 5pm. Applications should be handed in at the main office of the HWS Center for Global Education, Trinity Hall, Third floor.

Students learn water safety

Brecon Beacons waterfall walk
GPA requirement

Students applying for this program should have a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA for courses taken at HWS. In the case of first-year students, a high school transcript should be provided, since the application will be due before the release of grades from their first semester. First years should also submit a note of endorsement from their advisor.

Eligibility

Qualified first-years, sophomores and juniors will have priority. Seniors will be admitted on a space-available basis. Note that the program is limited to 12 participants in summer 2011 but will allow more in future summers.

Fitness/Health Expectations

Students accepted to this program need to be reasonably active and able to walk at least 6 miles comfortably. They will also need to be comfortable around water and with heights (or willing to be bold!)

Credits

This course will be worth one HWS general credit. Advisors in related fields may allow you to count the course for major/minor credit, but students should discuss this with their advisor and department Chair in advance.

Housing and Meals

Students will stay in residence halls while on campus. You will have shared kitchens in which to prepare meals. Trips will also be self-catering, and students will be able to buy groceries for packed lunches and other meals.
**Medical Insurance**

Students will be required to purchase a three-week medical policy through HTH Worldwide for $26.50. If you are accepted to the program, the CGE will give you more information about this. This insurance will give you comprehensive coverage while abroad, as well as emergency evacuation insurance and travel emergency services.

**Costs**

Program fees will be approximately $2475 for the 3-week program, which will cover tuition, self-catered accommodation on campus, trips and expedition costs (except for meals) and all equipment. Students will need to budget approximately an extra $300 above and beyond the program costs for meals. Students will also need to budget for roundtrip airfare at approximately $800-$1000 from New York City and $26.50 for medical insurance. There are no required books to purchase – all texts will be available online or in the campus library.

**Passports and Visas**

All students will need a passport valid until at least December 18, 2011 to participate in this program. Visas are not required but accepted students will be given information about how to enter the UK as a student visitor.

**Flights**

Flights will cost approximately $800-$1000 from New York City. We will provide suggested flights for the group for those who wish to fly over together, although you are welcome to make your own arrangements after we have notified you about the group flight. Students who choose to take the group flight will be met at the airport in London and transported by bus directly to the campus in Wales. Students will leave the U.S. on Saturday, May 28th and will arrive in Wales on Sunday, May 29th. On Monday, May 30th there will be an orientation and time for students to settle in. Classes begin on Tuesday, May 31st (Monday the 30th is a holiday in the U.K.). Students will fly back to the U.S. on Saturday, June 18th.

**Note:** David Mapstone, Assistant Dean at Hobart, will accompany students on the group flight and will spend the first week with them in Wales.

**Funding**

The CGE has a limited amount of funding available for students in financial need. You will be invited to apply for funding if you are accepted to the program. You will know whether you have been awarded funding before the deadline by which you are required to put down a deposit for your place on the program.