

WILDERNESS ORIENTATION SAMPLE SCHEDULE

WO uses #'s to denote the days of the trip. The trip begins on DAY 1 and ends on DAY 10. The following is a rough schedule of how several of the key days will unfold. This schedule is meant to address questions regarding the beginning and the ending of your WO experience.

Sample DAY 0

Travel to Santa Cruz

3:00 PM -WO Hostel opens

* **Session 2 only:** move belongings into WO storage (provided)

* **Session 1 & 2:** afternoon spent meeting other WO students

* WO volunteers will provide activities for hostel students:

- hiking tours around campus

- frisbee games on the East Field (adjacent to Hostel)

- directions and suggestions for how to get downtown via the bus system

- dinner is on your own, there are plenty of inexpensive restaurants nearby

* Hostel participants sleep in the activities room on campus

Sample DAY 1

7:30 am -Informal breakfast offered for Hostel participants.

8:00 am -WO Registration begins.

9:00 am -WO Opening Circle with all participants

9:45 am - split up into 5 groups of 12,

meet your groups and Instructors

gear check and last minute gear rental

pay for all rental gear

load up vans and trailers

1:00 PM -Lunch catered

2:00 PM -Depart for the Sierra Nevada

6:30 PM -Eat dinner along the way (provided)

9:00 PM -Arrive at campground or trailhead

Unpack and sleep under the stars!

DAYS 2-9

Our days in the backcountry are full, varied, and rewarding.

Our itinerary for each day typically includes a group activity in the morning, a wilderness skills or natural history lesson, backpacking on and off trails and setting up camp. Each evening typically concludes with a group circle where we have fun telling stories, play games, and discussing college. Our days may also include rock climbing, attempting a peak, solo time, and journal activities.

Sample DAY 10

6:00 am- Awake early after sleeping out on campus

7:00 am- WO Closing circle and skits with all participants

9:00 am- Last good-byes and group picture

 Last minute wrap up, **Session 1 ends at ~10:00 am** (at the earliest)

 Last minute wrap up, **Session 2 ends at ~10:00 am** (at the earliest)

***Session 2 only**—For those that need assistance, WO staff will help you move your belongings to your college dorms.

3:00 PM- Items stored in WO storage (provided) will need to be removed.