



March 2009,

Dear Immersion Semester Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Montreat College Outdoor Education Immersion Semester program for Spring 2010. The purpose of the Immersion Semester is to package courses together in semester format that will allow students the opportunity to spend increased time away from the Montreat campus, live in an intentional community and focus on developing as Christian leaders. The program is open to current Montreat College students who meet the pre-requisite requirements and to others interested in attending the College for the semester program only. Montreat College is able to offer a Certificate in Wilderness Leadership for those who successfully complete all portions of the program.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the application process to be considered for the Immersion Semester. Application to the program does not guarantee acceptance. Because of the intense nature of the living/learning environment, the physical demands of the wilderness expeditions, and the academic requirements – interested students need to articulate, through written application and interview, their “readiness” for the program.

Please reference the enclosed informational sheet describing the key components of the program and the dates when the application and deposits are due. Also enclosed is a “tentative” schedule for the spring 2010 Semester. This schedule may change but will provide you with a basic understanding of how the semester will be formatted as you consider applying.

Finally, please **complete and return the enclosed application by April 7, 2009** to Dr. Andrew Bobilya, Montreat College, Box 818, Montreat, NC 28757. **You will then be contacted for an interview to be completed by May 8.** Please set aside time during those days when you could meet for an hour interview. **You will be notified by May 8 of your acceptance** in the program and your **non-refundable deposit of \$600 and other application materials are due on May 15** to secure a space in the program. More detailed information and application materials will follow once you have been accepted in the program. Should you or your parents have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 828-669-8012 ext. 3412 or via email at: [abobilya@montreat.edu](mailto:abobilya@montreat.edu).

Thank you for your interest in the program! I encourage you to spend time in thought and prayer determining whether this is how you might spend the Spring of 2010.

Sincerely,

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