

Name _____

2010 Immersion Semester Application

Thank you for your interest in the Immersion Semester Program. Please spend time thinking about and responding to the following questions. Acceptance into the program is based on the following criteria:

- ✓ *Sophomores - Seniors are accepted - preference give to students who demonstrate "readiness" for the program (all students must have completed OE 180, 181 or 182 or a comparable wilderness expedition)*
- ✓ *Documented proof of completion of all pre-requisite courses (OE 103, OE 104, OE 190, (OE 340, ES 201 preferred) – Please attach a copy of your academic transcript(s)*
- ✓ *Students currently in good standing with Montreat College and who will enhance the Immersion Semester Community on campus and while traveling*
- ✓ *Appropriate physical condition and ability required for participation in the program*
- ✓ *Completion of College's Medical History and Physician's Physical within a year*
- ✓ *Completed Application with all supporting documents attached*
- ✓ *Completed Interview by May 8, 2009*

Please type your responses to the following questions and submit them to Dr. Andrew Bobilya, Box 818, Montreat College, Montreat, NC 28757 before April 7, 2009. Don't forget to attach all supporting documents to enhance your application. Please be as specific as possible in your responses. **Applications should not exceed 5 double-spaced, type-written pages plus attachments.**

1. Please explain your understanding of the program and why you want to participate in the Immersion Semester Program? What would you specifically hope to gain from this experience? (ie. - physical, mental, emotional, social, spiritual and professional goals)
2. How do you feel about living (sleeping, cooking, etc.) with a group of 8-10 people for the entire semester in an intentional community located in small cabins on campus and in tarps/ tents while in the wilderness? Please explain specific areas that you think might be most enjoyable and those that might be challenging. Finally, share strategies you might use to overcome the challenges of community living.
3. Please provide a background of your wilderness and adventure education experience. Include significant trips you have taken, trainings you have attended, courses taken, volunteer and paid positions, etc. You should attach a copy of your resume and/or outdoor trip resume in addition to your type-written responses. This program is intended for those getting started in the field of wilderness leadership; however detailed information regarding your past experience is helpful.
4. Describe your expectations for this program. At this point, what do you think you would most enjoy and find most challenging about this course? What do you see yourself contributing to the group experience? (In addition to any comments already shared on questions 1 & 2)
5. Describe your faith background and relationship with Jesus Christ?
6. This program is physically challenging. We will train and travel in remote areas, carrying heavy packs and engaged in rigorous activity. What are you doing to get yourself in good physical condition for this program and/or what do you commit to doing in the next 9 months?
7. Please share any questions or concerns based on what you know of the program at this point. Is there anything else that you wish to share with us as it relates to this program?

Please submit the following information with your responses to the application questions:

- Unofficial copies of all undergraduate studies completed
- List three references (one from a current professor outside of O.E.): please list their name, contact information and relationship to you. In addition, please ask each reference to complete the Immersion Program Reference Form.