Nantahala Orientation Raft Trip Information Sheet

When & Where to Meet:
Check in is 11am-Noon at Scott Hall. During check in time, you will receive keys to your room and complete any last minute paperwork. At 12:30pm, meet back at the front lobby of Scott Hall. The outdoor program staff – Base Camp Cullowhee will meet you there. The Base Camp Bus will pick you up at Scott Hall to transport you to the river. Plan to return to Scott around 7:00pm. Make sure to eat lunch prior to coming to meeting for your rafting trip or bring lunch with you eat on the way. You will need the energy!

What to Bring: Clothing: Come dressed in what you will wear on the river! Participants should wear shorts, or bathing suit, T-shirt, tennis shoes, Tevas or river shoes (NO FLIPFLOPS OR SANDALS). Any type of cotton blue jeans, sweat pants or long pants are not recommended. Any synthetic fabric type clothing such as nylon, polyester, or polypropylene, is recommended. If you wear glasses, bring something to secure them such as “Croakies”, string, or rubber bands. Please, bring a dry change of clothes and a towel in a small bag to take with you to the river to change into after we get off the water. Rafting Equipment: Base Camp Cullowhee will provide the participants with all the rafting equipment they will need. Participants have the option of borrowing a nylon paddling jacket or wet suit depending on temperature. Other: You may also want to bring some cash for a treat on the way home.

What to Expect: After meeting with Base Camp Cullowhee, there will be a “trip talk” to inform you of the safety precautions for whitewater rafting. After the trip talk, participants will be issued gear, load into our rafting buses, and drive to the river (30min drive). The Nantahala River is 9 miles of class I to III rapids. This river is very appropriate for individuals and families with no rafting experience. You will receive a paddle and instruction on how to assist your guide in maneuvering your raft down the river. Also, participants will assist with carrying rafts and equipment to and from the river. Everyone on the trip will receive a life jacket and will be expected to wear it while on the river. You should be in good physical health.

NOTICE: You are responsible for keeping up with your own equipment and any equipment assigned to you by the Base Camp Cullowhee instructors or guides. You must immediately report medical problems to your guide—both existing and ones that develop while on the trip. The most common injuries are bumps and bruises, however serious injuries can occur such as dislocations, fractures, sprains, or death can occur. We take all precautions and with your help we can minimize these risks. Please remember that you are accepting responsibility for your participation in this activity. Base Camp Cullowhee also reserves the right to change times and prices (only in extreme circumstances). We also reserve the right to cancel the trip in case of emergency or unforeseen incident.

See you there RAIN or SHINE!