

Do we need to provide our own gear?

No, tents, sleeping bags and cooking gear will all be provided. You only need to supply your own personal items such as clothing, shoes and personal hygiene items. You can bring your own sleeping bag if you have one you like.

Is the cost reduced if we provide our own gear?

No, the cost of the program is set for everyone so that everyone has the same buy in value. The staff, food, adventures and connections with other Anteaters are the real value in the program.

Is there any class credit that goes along with this Adventure program?

No, the Adventure is purely recreational for the purpose of building connections, learning about yourself, providing everyone with basic coping strategies for the college transition and getting you on solid footing at UCI.

Where do the other participants come from?

All over California and beyond.

What majors are the other participants from?

The participants have a wide range of majors.

Will any faculty be on this adventure?

No, the staff on this adventure will be student staff. You will meet your professors when classes start once we have returned from the Anteater Adventure.

Do I need to bring a journal or do any writing preparation for this Adventure?

Yes, we will do some journaling exercises during the adventure and you will receive instructions for any items to prepare prior to your arrival on the Anteater Adventure.

Do I need to participate in all the activities during the Anteater Adventure?

We understand that some of the activities involved might cause some participants to feel slightly uncomfortable. We operate under a Challenge by Choice model where if participants need to say they can't continue those choices will be honored by our staff and all the other participants.

What will the sleeping arrangements be during the camping sessions?

We will have female tents with female staff and male tents with male staff. Everyone will have adequate tent space with their own sleeping bag and sleeping pad. The campground has running water and bathrooms. We may or may not have showers every day. The paddling days will offer opportunities to get in the water and we may have time to swing by the Anteater Recreation Center mid program for a shower. That's part of the magic of the outdoors right? Everyone smells and it's all ok!