

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON • PE & REC • Outdoor Pursuits Program  
**Admittance, Attendance, Outing Participation and Refund Policies**

The policies of the Outdoor Pursuits Program are designed to ensure fair access to our courses, promote academic accountability and facilitate safe, high quality outdoor experiences. An understanding of our policies can help make your involvement in the Outdoor Pursuits Program (OPP) more enjoyable. The following is a summary of some of the most important policies.

**ADMITTANCE AND ATTENDANCE POLICIES**

1. Wilderness Survival is a prerequisite to participation in our backcountry outing courses. You will not be blocked from enrolling in a course on DuckWeb (unless a specific registration block is in effect), however, at the first class session you **WILL** be blocked from further participation if you have not passed Wilderness Survival (and/or any other listed course prerequisite).
2. Attendance at the first course session is mandatory. Absentees will be dropped from the course and replaced by qualified people who attend the first meeting. It is **YOUR** responsibility to drop the course on-line.
3. There are specific attendance requirements for OPP courses, which may include specific mandatory sessions and a maximum number of permitted absences.
4. It is imperative that you understand the importance of obtaining sufficient medical and accident insurance before participation in any course.

**OUTING PARTICIPATION POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS**

- A. *OUTING PARTICIPATION* is allowed if and only if you:
1. Attend the required preparation sessions, and
  2. Submit, on time, all required trip plan worksheets or other course assignments in acceptable (passing) form, and
  3. Meet the course fitness and/or water safety requirements (or meet director approved alternative criteria), and
  5. Submit a signed and dated copy of the Statement of Risks, Assumption or Risks and Release of Liability document, and
  6. Submit a signed and dated copy of the Health Information form, and
  7. Arrive at the outing departure point on time and with all of the required clothing and equipment. (It is your responsibility to meet the course instructor's gear and clothing specifications. We suggest that you verify the acceptability of each item well in advance of the departure date).

*Please note that the course instructor reserves the right to deny participation in an outing if:*

- ***In the instructor's opinion your participation compromises group safety.***
- ***You do not meet the above criteria.*** The instructors and leaders are under no obligation to conduct makeup tests (including fitness), grade late papers, or assist participants in meeting outing requirements.

B. *DURING THE OUTING*

- Alcohol, illegal drugs, firearms and pets are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**;
- We require that you wear a seat belt **AT ALL TIMES** while riding in State vehicles.

Please note that all of our outing participation policies regarding alcohol, illegal drugs and firearms are "zero tolerance". Do not anticipate lenience or exceptions. Failure to abide by these policies may result in a permanent grade of "F" or "NP" in the course and and/or a formal complaint registered with the Office of Student Life.

C. *IMPORTANT REMINDERS*

1. **MOST IMPORTANT!** Safety is our first concern and must be yours as well. Attend the outing only if you feel mentally and physically prepared and are willing and able to assume full responsibility for your own safety. Never assume that the leadership team knows everything, always make good decisions, or can solve every problem for you. Your safety depends upon your alertness and good sense.
2. Please remember that you are participating in a tax-supported public program. Help us maintain a good image by being sensible in attire and behavior when near members of the public.

**REFUND POLICIES**

1. Refunds are subject to the University fee refund schedule.
2. Course fees may be carried over to the next offering of the same outing course **ONLY** in cases of *officially documented medical or family emergencies*.
3. If participation is disallowed due to failure to meet the requirements for participation specified above, or because you chose not to participate in the outing for any reason other than a documented family or medical emergency, fees will **NOT** be carried over or refunded.

*I have read and understand the above statements, and agree to comply with the above policies.*

SIGNED: ..... DATE: .....

NAME (please print neatly): .....

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (if under 18 years): .....