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We are excited to announce our Venture Camp 2020 program. This program will continue with our traditional blending of outdoor adventure activities with an extended orientation experience for incoming students to Texas A&M University. Participants, once registered, will take part in virtual activities throughout the summer and into the fall. During the fall, Venture Camp staff will facilitate small group experiences (in person and virtually) where participants will be able to learn about traditions, campus resources, learning how to navigate the first semester at Texas A&M, and for opportunities to build relationships with other incoming students.

During the fall semester, participants will be able to choose a field-based program to participate in at the end of the fall semester. There will be two opportunities for participants to select from:

**Base Camp** – Camping for 3 days in the Texas Hill Country near San Marcos, TX, taking part in day trips paddling, hiking, and rock climbing at various locations in the Hill Country.

**Backpack** – Backpacking for 3 days on Goodwater Loop Trail near Georgetown, TX.

Outdoor Adventures staff and student facilitators from the Department of Recreational Sports will serve as your guides for trip activities during the day. Throughout the day, students will participate in large and small group activities and discussions about college life at Texas A&M. No prior outdoor recreation experience is required, but a willingness to be an active participant, is.

No matter which trip participants select, they will certainly learn skills, gain knowledge, and build relationships with other incoming Aggies while getting to experience the Texas outdoors.

Please contact Andrew Carruth at [acarruth@stuact.tamu.edu](mailto:acarruth@stuact.tamu.edu) with any questions or if you encounter any issues during the registration process.

### **Program Information**

Registration Cost: \$223

- This cost will cover:
  - Program activities during the fall semester.
  - Travel, meals, technical equipment use, lodging, program materials, outdoor recreation equipment,
  - Fees for certified staff to facilitate program activities.
  - Access to activity sites during the end of semester program trips.
  
- Refund Policy
  - Date of Registration through August 15<sup>th</sup>: 100% refund
  - After October 15<sup>th</sup> : 90% refund
  - After December 1<sup>st</sup>: 50% refund



### **How to sign up!**

- Registration for the Venture Camp programs will open on **Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM.** Participants will need to be admitted to Texas A&M University as an entering freshman or transfer student for the 2020 summer or fall semesters. You will need to have your University Identification Number (UIN), Net ID login information, and a method of payment to successfully complete the registration process.
- To register for Venture Camps on [MaroonLink](#), click [here!](#)

### **COVID-19 Response and Planning**

Our team has continued to monitor the COVID-19 situation at the local, state, and national levels. We have, and will continue to seek guidance from experts as we move forward with our 2020 programs. We will be mindful throughout to aligns our programs' practices with Texas A&M University, local, state, and national guidelines and requirements. Our current programs' designs incorporate these guidelines and requirements, and will be adjusted throughout the semester as appropriate. In the event that any part of our programs have to be modified or cancelled, we will communicate directly with participants regarding these changes and their impact on the Venture Camp programs.