

WAR EAGLE WILDERNESS

A First Year Experience For Incoming
Auburn University Students

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Outdoor Adventure Trips

05.30 | Canoe Cahaba

Join us for Canoe Cahaba, an unforgettable weekend adventure designed to connect you with fellow Auburn students and the great outdoors! Enjoy Oak Mountain State Park, a campsite cookout, and the Montgomery Whitewater Center.

06.06 | Raft Ocoee

Kick things off with a catered dinner, team activities like crate stacking or the pamper pole, and an evening of connecting with new friends. Get ready for an adventure-packed weekend rafting the Ocoee!

06.06 | Backpack Pine Mountain Trail

Embark on a journey of discovery as we backpack Pine Mountain Trail! Start with a fun evening of team-building and a catered dinner before heading out for a scenic backpacking adventure at FDR State Park.

07.13 | Zipline Banning Mills

Soar to new heights with War Eagle Wilderness: Zipline Banning Mills! Start your day with breakfast and team-building at Auburn Outdoors before heading to world's longest canopy tour.

Fast Facts

All War Eagle Wilderness first-year student trips are designed to meet you where you are in your transition to college. You'll step outside of your comfort zone, learn what it means to be a part of the Auburn family, and find community. Regardless of the trip you go on, all WEW Trips are common at their core:

- Trips are \$200 or less
- No experience necessary
- Trip activities are designed with the beginner in mind
- Whether you're new to the activity or a seasoned pro, you'll find community on a War Eagle Wilderness Trip
- An inclusive, small group experience that welcomes you to the Auburn community
- Include connection to student life at Auburn through meaningful discussions
- An immersive and accessible outdoor experience that invites you to explore existing or budding interests that you can continue to foster in your time at Auburn
- Peer-led by Auburn students
- All camping and activity equipment is provided



As an international student, participating in Auburn Outdoors trips has been a truly enriching part of my journey at Auburn University. The staff's dedication, thoughtful planning, and warm approach created an inviting environment that made each trip both enjoyable and memorable.

Get ready for an unforgettable summer adventure with War Eagle Wilderness, a series of exciting outdoor trips designed to connect you with fellow Auburn students while exploring some of the Southeast's most incredible destinations!



**A First Year Experience
for Incoming Freshmen**



Whether you're paddling down the scenic Cahaba River, conquering rapids on the Ocoee, backpacking the beautiful Pine Mountain Trail, or soaring through the trees at Banning Mills, each weekend offers a unique opportunity to challenge yourself, make new friends, and create lasting memories.

Enjoy delicious campfire cookouts, team-building activities, and plenty of time to unwind under the stars. No experience is needed — just a sense of adventure and a willingness to step outside your comfort zone. Join us for War Eagle Wilderness and start your Auburn journey with an experience you'll never forget!



Canoe Cahaba

Friday, May 30

- 4:30 p.m. Check-in
- 5:30 p.m. Catered Dinner
Pre-Trip Meeting
Meet & Greet
- 6:30 p.m. Pack and head to Oak Mountain State Park
- 10:00 p.m. Arrive at Oak Mountain State Park
Set up camp and tents Out

Saturday, May 31

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Depart Oak Mountain State Park
- 10:00 a.m. Arrive at Cahaba River National Wildlife
Paddle Talk
- 11:00 p.m. Launch canoes and paddle 7.3 miles.
Lunch (midway)
- 5:00 p.m. Takeout at Pratt's Ferry Cahaba River Preserve
Depart for Oak Mountain State Park
- 6:30 p.m. Arrive at Oak Mountain State Park
- 6:30 p.m. Campsite Cookout
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire Chat
- 10:00 p.m. Tents out

Sunday, June 1

- 7:30 a.m. Wake up
Breakfast
Pack out camp
- 9:00 a.m. Depart Oak Mountain State Park
- 11:30 a.m. Arrive at Montgomery White Water Center
- 11:30 a.m. Check-in and set up base camp
Boxed lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Duckie paddling or rafting
- 4:00 p.m. Depart Montgomery Whitewater Center
- 5:30 p.m. Arrive at Auburn Outdoors





Experience Two Iconic Rivers: Cahaba and Ocoee

This unforgettable weekend adventure is designed to connect you with fellow Auburn students and the great outdoors! Kick off the trip with a catered dinner and pre-trip social before heading to Oak Mountain State Park. On Saturday, paddle 7.3 scenic miles down the Cahaba River, complete with a riverside lunch and an evening cookout back at camp. Cap off the weekend with thrilling paddling adventures at the Montgomery Whitewater Center before returning to campus with new friends and lasting memories. Don't miss this epic introduction to your outdoor experience at Auburn!

Raft Ocoee

Friday, June 6

4:30 p.m. Check-in at Auburn Outdoors

5:30 p.m. Catered dinner
Pre-trip meeting
Meet & Greet

6:30 p.m. Teambuilding
Pamper pole or crate stacking

8:30 p.m. Debrief
Team-building session

9:00 p.m. Pack for the trip
Snack

11:30 p.m. Lights out

Saturday, June 7

7:30 a.m. Pack-out of Villages

8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Auburn Outdoors
Pack trail lunch
Finish loading vehicles

9:30 a.m. Depart Auburn Outdoors
Trail lunch on the way

2:30 p.m. Arrive at Parksville Lake RV Campground
Set-up camp
Snack

3:30 p.m. Activity Time - Participant's Choice
Day hike to Rainbow Falls or
Swim at Blue Hole Ocoee River or
Explore the Ocoee Whitewater Center Bridge
or Stand up paddle Ocoee Lake

6:30 p.m. Campsite cookout

8:00 p.m. Campfire Chat
Debrief day

10 p.m. Tents Out

Sunday, June 8

7:00 a.m. Breakfast
Pack-out camp

8:30 a.m. Depart Parksville Lake RV Campground

9:00 a.m. Arrive at Wildwater: Middle Ocoee River

9:30 a.m. Raft the Ocoee

12:00 p.m. Trail Lunch at Wildwater

1 p.m. Depart Wildwater

5:30 p.m. Arrive at Auburn Outdoors



Perfect for Freshmen Looking to Connect

Get ready for an adventure-packed weekend with War Eagle Wilderness: Raft Ocoee! Kick things off with a catered dinner, team activities like crate stacking or the pamper pole, and an evening of connecting with new friends. After camping at Auburn, you'll head to Parksville Lake RV Campground for a day filled with exciting options — hike to Rainbow Falls, swim at Blue Hole, explore the Ocoee Whitewater Center, or try stand-up paddleboarding. End the night with a cozy cookout and campfire chat. On Sunday, experience the thrill of rafting the iconic Middle Ocoee River before returning to Auburn with memories to last a lifetime.

Backpack Pine Mountain Trail

Friday, June 6

- 4:30 p.m. Check-in at Auburn Outdoors
- 5:30 p.m. Catered dinner at Auburn Outdoors
 - Pre-trip meeting
 - Meet & Greet
- 6:30 p.m. Teambuilding
 - Pamper pole or crate stacking
- 8:30 p.m. Teambuilding
- 9:00 p.m. Pack at Auburn Outdoors
 - Snack
- 11:30 p.m. Lights out

Saturday, June 7

- 7:30 a.m. Pack-out of Villages
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Auburn Outdoors
 - Pack trail lunch
 - Finish loading vehicles
- 9:30 a.m. Depart Auburn Outdoors

Begin Eastern Time

- 11:45 a.m. Arrive at FDR State Park Visitor's Center
 - Photos at lookout, souvenir shop, and lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Depart FDR State Park Visitor's Center
- 1:00 p.m. Arrive at WJSP-TV Tower
 - Hike 7.4 miles to Sparks Creek
 - Break at Dowdell Knob
- 5:30 p.m. Set up camp
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire Chat
- 10:00 p.m. Tents out

Sunday, June 8

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast and pack out camp
- 9:00 a.m. Hike 4.8 miles to Cascade Falls
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch and swim
- 1:00 p.m. Hike 1.8 miles to WJSP-TV Tower (trailhead)
- 3:30 p.m. Depart trailhead
 - Stop for ice cream
- 5:30 p.m. Arrive at Auburn Outdoors 5:30 p.m.
Central Time



Backpack Nearly 14 Miles Through FDR State Park

Hike 7.4 miles along the Pine Mountain Trail, stopping at Dowdell Knob for breathtaking views before camping under the stars. On Sunday, trek to the stunning Cascade Falls for lunch and a refreshing swim, followed by a final hike back to the trailhead. Wrap up the weekend with an ice cream stop and unforgettable memories with new friends. This is your chance to explore, connect, and embrace the great outdoors!

Zipline Banning Mills

Sunday, July 13

8:00 a.m. Check-in at Auburn Outdoors
Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Teambuilding
10:00 a.m. Depart Auburn Outdoors
12:30 p.m. Arrive at Banning Mills

12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Zip Line Tour (Level 3)
5:00 p.m. Depart Banning Mills
5:30 p.m. Arrive at Auburn Outdoors

“ One of the most professionally organized trips, and so inexpensive that I am guaranteed to do at least one experience a semester. It’s also a great way to learn skills to run your own trip and connect with those who are excited with all things outdoors. The rental center will even let me rent that same equipment.



Zipline at the World's Longest Canopy Tour

Soar to new heights with War Eagle Wilderness: Zipline Banning Mills! Start your day with breakfast and team-building at Auburn Outdoors before heading to Historic Banning Mills, home to the world's longest zipline canopy tour. After a scenic lunch, gear up for an exhilarating Level 3 Zip Line Tour, featuring sky-high thrills and breathtaking views. It's the perfect one-day adventure packed with excitement, teamwork, and unforgettable memories!

How To Register

Register for the Lottery:

- Complete the registration form on the Recreation and Wellness website by April 13th to enter the trip lottery.

Selection Process:

- War Eagle Wilderness participants will be randomly selected from the lottery.
- Auburn Outdoors will communicate with you exclusively through your @auburn.edu email address for all War Eagle Wilderness Trips.

Notification:

- Selected WEW participants will be notified via email by May 9th with details on how to confirm their spot and pay.
- If you are not selected, you will also receive an email encouraging you to join an Auburn Outdoors adventure in the fall.

Confirm Your Spot:

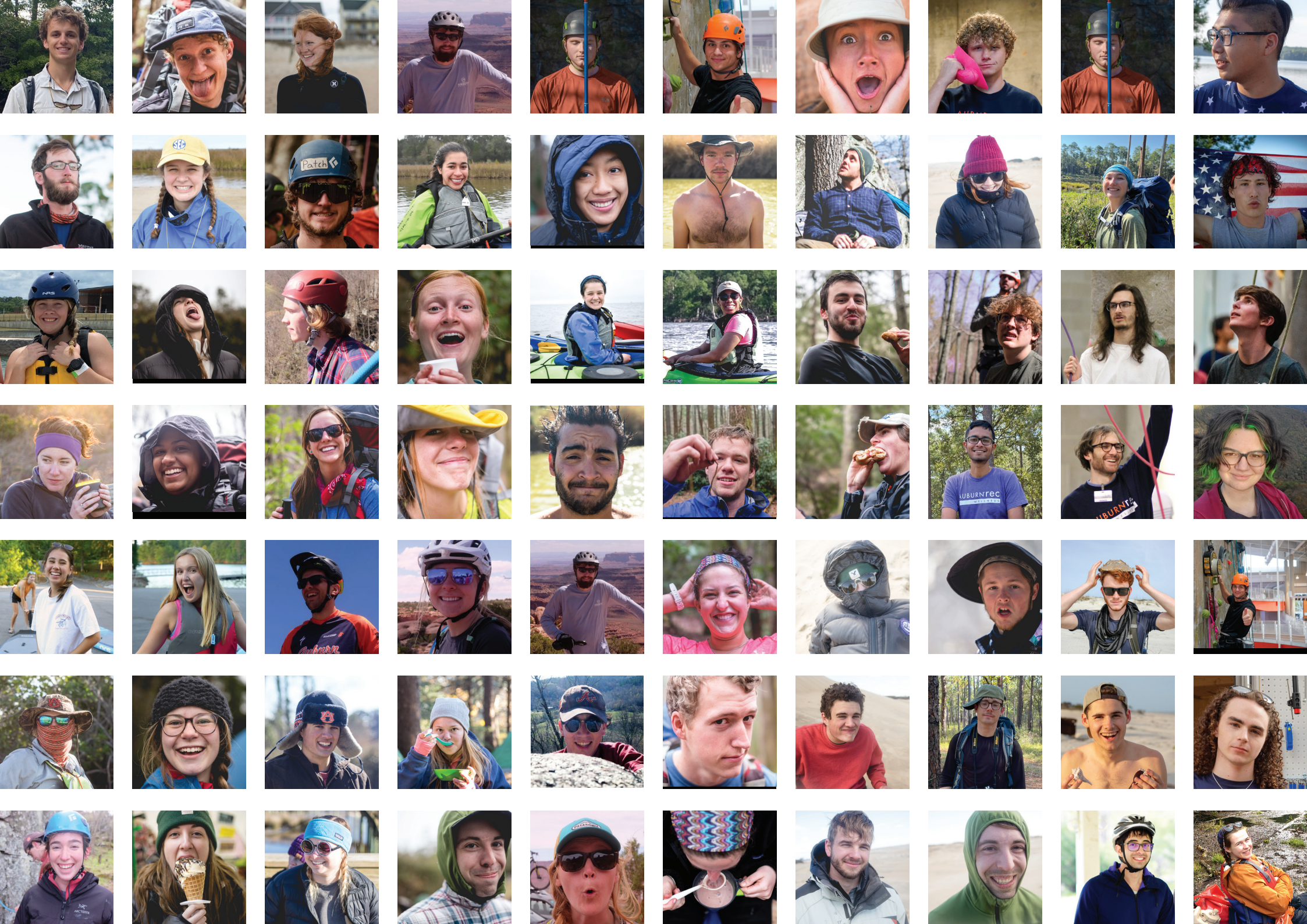
- If selected, follow the instructions in your email to pay the full trip cost through the provided registration link.

Cancellation Policy:

- If you decide not to participate after registering for the lottery, you must cancel by May 18th at 11:59 p.m. by emailing auburnoutdoors@auburn.edu.
- Failure to cancel by this deadline will result in a \$100 charge to your e-bill during your first semester.



Scan the QR code for the War Eagle Wilderness website and registration information.



Don't miss this exciting opportunity to kick off your Auburn journey with an unforgettable outdoor adventure!

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