

Senior Survival 2015-16

What do a week in the woods, cooking over campfires, sleeping in makeshift shelters, bathing in cold streams, and enduring below-freezing nights all have in common? They are all part of the most powerful experience of the Senior year here at UCA.

Senior Survival is a spiritually power-packed time of connecting with God and with each other that sets the tone for the entire year. As students leave behind all those things that bombard our senses each day and spend a few days in the quiet of nature, they experience God in such a new and meaningful way. Senior Survival is the highlight of the year for students, counselors, and instructors.

Our highly trained and committed team of teachers imparts knowledge and skills in spiritual survival, camping & survival skills, wild edibles, and initiative problem-solving games that demonstrate unity in the body of Christ.

In case you are wondering about safety, we have put together quite a comprehensive list of forbidden activities, which we will go over in detail with the Seniors before leaving UCA and upon our arrival at the Senior Survival site. Even with this precaution, I'm telling the students to check with either myself or one of the other UCA staff before doing *anything* that seems questionable.

We schedule Senior Survival early in the year so the class is able to bond before the year is too far along. This year's Senior Survival takes place *September 13-18, 2015*, and will require the Seniors to bring a few extra things to school. I have included the list of what to bring to Senior Survival so if you need to you can purchase items over the summer that you don't yet have. **The list is on the back of this page.**

Please pray for the staff here at UCA and those of us specifically involved in Senior Survival that as we plan for next year, God's Spirit will fill us, lead us, and accomplish His purposes for the Class of 2016.

If you have any further questions regarding Senior Survival, please e-mail me at dlkravigs@gmail.com, or call me at (509) 994-2676.

May God bless you and your family during the summer ahead!

In His Service,

Dean Kravig
UCA Senior Survival Director

What to Bring to Senior Survival

Sleeping bag (a warm one – a 0-degree bag is best)

Pillow (optional)

Pad or air mattress (essential – the earth sucks your warmth without it!)

Jeans (at least two pairs)

Underwear for 6 days

Socks (at least 4 pairs)

Shoes (two pairs helpful)

Shirts (at least four) (one long-sleeve for trust-fall catching)

Jacket (should be warm and waterproof)

Towel

Soap (please!)

Toothbrush/Toothpaste

Comb or brush

Small mirror (for those who care about their looks)

Bible

Knife, fork, and spoon

Mess kit or plate, cup, and bowl

Flashlight

Ski hat (something warm for your head since 2/3 of body heat is lost through head when sleeping)

Rain gear (poncho)

Sunscreen (optional but recommended for lighter-skinned students)

Sunglasses (optional)

Insect repellent (optional)

Swimsuit

Pencils (two)

Water bottle or CamelBak

Positive attitude and spirit of adventure