

# Senior Survival 2014-15

What does 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.

As some of you may know, we had an accident with one of our young men last year because he was involved in an activity which we knew nothing about, and would not have authorized. Even though we have always briefed the Seniors about safety issues while camping, we, and the students, are more aware this year of the need for caution. In light of this, I am making up 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 that the class is able to bond before the year is too far along. This year's Senior Survival takes place from *September 14-19, 2014*, and will require the Seniors to bring a few extra things along to school. I have included the list of what to bring to Senior Survival so that 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 so that as we plan for next year God's Spirit would fill us, lead us, and accomplish His purposes for the Class of 2015.

If you have any further questions regarding Senior Survival, please e-mail me at [dlkravigs@gmail.com](mailto: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 2 pairs)

Underwear for 6 days

Socks (at least 4 pairs)

Shoes (2 pairs helpful)

Shirts (at least 4) (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 (2)

Water bottle or CamelBak

Positive attitude and spirit of adventure