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Course: **Great Smoky Mountains National Park** (GSMNP)

Description: Students will be immersed in nature, American Pioneer and Native American history and the culture of GSMNP! Animals, waterfalls, scavenger hunt nature hikes, there is so much to see, do and learn for the whole family.

* Minimum of 4 students needed to hold trip
* Counts as 2 community class choices
* Appropriate for all age
* Diverse activities
* Online learning link provided below.

This is a family outdoor education class leading up to a four day exploration of Smoky Mountain National park.  Pre-trip classes will include preparation for camping, hiking and safety in nature/park.  At GSMNP activities will include walking and automobile explorations, human history and culture, rivers, trails and forests. We will camp in a park campground and cook our meals outdoors.  Student gear provided will include firewood, stoves, pots and mess kit.  This is a front country, car camping trip.  Food preparation and clean-up will be group activities.

Per parent rate is $200.00 for this four day trip. The fee per child ages1 to 4 is $100. All children of partnership age should be registered for the class. All tours, entrance fees, guided hikes and tuition is included and most food\*. Parents are responsible for providing transportation to/from and within GSMNP (about 9.5 hours from Berrien Springs/Niles), personal clothing, sleeping bag and tent. (\*Two evenings there will be free-time for families to explore the area on their own. All expenses incurred during this time will need to be provided by the parent/guardian.)

Virtual Link to the GSMNP <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/index.htm>

Pre/Post Evaluation details: A multiple choice, and True and False test is given the first and last class.

Attendance: You are **required to attend 100%** of the dates and times your course meets unless prearranged. 10% of your overall grade will be calculated based on your attendance.

**Smoky Mountain National Park**

*Pre-Trip Classes* Thursday, 6:15PM – 7:15PM

September 21, 28, & October 5

*Trip* June 8-13, 2017

Course Outline

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| Sept. 21 | Pre-Test, Preparation Class |
| Sept. 28 | Preparation Class |
| Oct. 5 | Preparation Class |
| Oct. 8-12 | **Trip** Smoky Mountain National Park(SMNP)865-436-1262  |
| Oct. 8 | Sunday, Travel with your family/guardian to SMNP |
| Oct. 9 | Monday, Sugarlands Visitor Center, Laurel Falls Trail, Roaring Fork Motor Trail, Family Time in Gatlinburg |
| Oct. 10 | Tuesday, Scenic HWY 441: Breakfast @ Chimney Tops Picnic Area, scenic overlooks between Gatlinburg and New Found Gap, Cherokee Indian Village, Oconaluftee Visitors Center/Mountain Farm Museum, Sunset at Clingmans Dome |
| Oct. 11 | Wednesday, Mouse Creek Falls and Midnight Hole Trail, Greenbrier, and Family Time in Gatlinburg |
| Oct. 12 | Thursday, Cades Cove Auto Tour, Horse Ride, (Old School house if time permits) |
| June 13 | Friday, Final test, Travel home with parent/guardian |