

Clinics and Seminars

Clinics and seminars held by the OAP are designed to provide a more educational experience in the outdoors. These programs focus on a variety of different topics, from survival in the backcountry to basic knots. These programs are designed to be low cost and also teach skills relevant for those spending time in the outdoors. Clinics include Wilderness First Responder, Leave No Trace Trainer, ACA Level 1-2 Kayak Instructor, and more!

Gear Rentals

Looking to get out and camp, boat, or bike, but don't have the equipment? Look no further! The OAP has plenty of gear available for students, faculty, staff, and community to rent at a relatively low cost. Our gear selection ranges from tents, backpacks, and sleeping bags to paddle boards, kayaks, and canoes, to hardtail and full-suspension mountain bikes.

Tent: \$10-\$22
Sleeping bag: \$4-\$10
Sleeping pad: \$2-\$6
Kayaks: \$20
Paddle board: \$30
Mountain bike: \$20-\$40

Canoe the Sturgeon

Located just 15 minutes from Michigan Tech, the Sturgeon River offers fresh air, amazing scenery, and great opportunities for wildlife viewing! The OAP leads regular paddle trips on this relaxing river and will coordinate all the details for your group or organizations. Cost varies depending on group size, but includes guides, transportation, and gear to make for a stress free paddling experience.



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Bigfoot Snowshoe Event

The OAP partners with Wellness to put on the Bigfoot Snowshoe Event! Bigfoot is a campus and community event that encourages everybody to try out snowshoeing and see the beautiful Tech Trails at Michigan Tech. All are welcome! Enjoy food, prizes, raffles, and maybe even a Bigfoot sighting all at this one event!

Breakers to Bridge Paddle Festival

Breakers to Bridge Paddle Festival, a weekend of events centering around paddling in the Keweenaw, was started in 2016 to commemorate the 10 year anniversary of the Outdoor Adventure Program and the 20 year anniversary of the Keweenaw Land trust. Featured events of the festival include dinner, live music, paddle demos, and a 10-mile paddling race from Breakers (the North Portage entry) to the Portage Lift Bridge!



Adventure Spring Break

Join the OAP for a week in the wilderness! Activities may include hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, canoeing, and snowshoeing. Definitely an ideal trip for those who don't want to be stuck inside over spring break! Past trips have included hiking in Yosemite National Park, mountain biking in Moab, Utah, canoeing the Buffalo River in Arkansas, and ziplining in Puerto Rico. Cost varies depending on the trip.



Challenge Course

Whether you're looking to improve communication among your group, develop leadership skills, or focus on individual challenges, the OAP's challenge course can help you! With 11 low-course elements, 5 high-course elements, and a 250' zipline, there's something on the course for everyone. The outdoor course is typically open from mid-May until the end of October, however can be open year-round with the use of portable elements that can come to your location. Cost may vary depending on event duration and group size.

Great Northern Adventure Race

The Great Northern Adventure Race (GNAR) is an introductory 4-6 hour race held annually in the rugged and picturesque area of Houghton, Michigan. Teams of three race against each other and test their skills in orienteering, mountain biking, running/trekking, canoeing, and other mystery challenges. This race is perfect for first-time adventure racers, as well as a good warm-up for seasoned veterans!

Orientation Trips

Start off your fall semester with some adventure by joining the OAP on one of our Welcome Weekend trips! These overnight trips are a great opportunity for students to develop friendships that'll last a lifetime. Past trips have included hiking the shores of Isle Royale, backpacking the rim of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, exploring the North Country National Scenic Trail, and whitewater rafting the Peshtigo River! Trips are open to all Michigan Tech students.

