FIRST-YEAR SUMMER EXPERIENCE

(FSE) programs are designed to help incoming students feel more confident and prepared for entering Elon University. The FSE programs embrace the University’s commitment of experiential learning, and use this guiding philosophy to help students develop self-awareness, enhance relationships, and define community in preparation for their Elon experience.

DEPOSIT DEADLINE: MAY 3, 2010

Upon trip acceptance, participants will receive further information, including the balance deadline. Some need-based scholarships are available. For more information, e-mail fse@elon.edu and include the specific program in which you are interested.

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What are your summer plans?

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Adventures in Leadership (AIL) is offered by the Center for Leadership and Campus Recreation. AIL is an outdoor experience of camping, hiking, climbing, rappelling, and white-water rafting. The program aids in the development of leadership skills, understanding of community, and ability to work in teams. Past participants say the most valuable outcome is the lasting friendships they built from the program.

The experience begins with group initiatives on campus and travels to the Appalachian Mountains of West Virginia where the rest of the adventure takes place.

Discovery is a week-long adventure in the outdoors that enables participants to discover new friendships while building teamwork and leadership skills through service and fun. Discovery is designed for participants with both beginner and seasoned camping experience.

The program begins by familiarizing participants with campus and then moves to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where new friendships begin and outdoor skills are developed. During Discovery, participants will hike the Appalachian Trail, spend time serving the community of Luray, VA, canoe the white-water of the Shenandoah River and tour local attractions.

Pre-SERVE is offered by the Kernodle Center for Service Learning. Participants learn about important social issues and how service can be used as a tool for personal growth and community building.

While spending a week living on-campus, students volunteer within the Burlington community, familiarize themselves with the Elon campus, and become acquainted with students, faculty, and staff they will see again in the fall. A significant portion of the service will be home construction with Habitat for Humanity; other service projects have included work at a day camp, food pantry and assisted living center.

Quest is designed for interfaith understanding and exploration. The group will travel to Atlanta, GA and visit places of worship from several major world religions, spending time with leaders of those traditions, learning of their history, practices, and beliefs. Where appropriate, students will participate in worship as well as community service opportunities alongside members of the various faith communities encountered. Participants will meet on Elon’s campus for a day and night of orientation and community building before heading to Atlanta. By the end of the experience, participants will have a better understanding of not only the world’s major religious traditions, but also the people and cultures to which they belong. Quest is offered by the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life.