The Experiential Leadership in the Outdoors Certificate develops skills essential to success—leadership, communication, collaboration and problem-solving—while facilitating environmental sensitivity and a respect for the outdoors.

The hands-on learning opportunities provided by the certificate will prepare students for leadership positions in a wide variety of careers.

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Established in 1962, the Camping & Education Foundation oversees two of the country’s finest wilderness camps, Kooch-i-ching for boys (est. 1925), and Ogichi Daa Kwe for girls.

Headquartered in Cincinnati’s historic Hyde Park, the Foundation also runs the local Urban Wilderness Program, supports the University of Cincinnati’s Experiential Leadership in the Outdoors Certificate, and even sponsors Arctic canoe expeditions.

Visit campingedu.org to learn more.
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UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

WILDERNESS IMMERSION COURSE

Experience a college course like no other when you step onto Owakonze Island for two weeks in the Canadian wilderness.

Beginning with a two-day crash course in canoeing at historic Camp Owakonze and culminating in the completion of a 10-day canoe trip through the pristine pine forests of Ontario, this course is the ultimate in experiential learning.

Whether gliding across a glassy lake, winding your way down a seething set of whitewater or frying fresh-caught fish over a crackling fire, you’ll be learning leadership, management and collaborative teamwork to the tune of loons and lapping water.

Communication, problem-solving, self-reliance and an affinity for nature will be key to the group’s success—whether in the canoe, on the portage trail or at the campsite.

The Details

Dates: August 6-19 (subject to slight change)

Cost: $1,200 (A $350 UC International Scholarship is available to students with a minimum 2.0 GPA)

Credit Hours: 3

Transportation: Included

Housing: Provided

Camping Gear: Supplied (packing list to follow)

Pre-Course Reqs.: Selected readings

Post-Course Reqs.: Presentation to UC Forward class

Course Code: OLHR 4091 (Fall 2019)

Camp Owakonze occupies two small islands on Baril Lake, Ontario. Founded as a wilderness boys camp in the 1920s, it was forced to close down in the early ’70s when the train stopped carrying passengers north to the area. Seeing a kindred fraternity in the Camping and Education Foundation, Owakonze’s loyal alumni purchased the camp in 2016 and gifted it to the organization.

With nearly a century of experience in outdoor education, the Foundation immediately put the camp to use as a remote expedition outpost—the perfect backdoor to the best of Canadian canoe country. With no paved roads leading to the lake and no access to the island except by boat, Owakonze remains virtually unchanged. Facilities include a dining hall, boathouse, gymnasium and multiple sleeping cabins.

Offered by the University of Cincinnati as part of its new Experiential Leadership in the Outdoors Certificate, this study-abroad course is available to all college students. Due to the high number of sign-ups, a questionnaire and short essay will help determine which students would benefit most from this unique and challenging course.

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