Additional Costs and Responsibilities Associated with the RU Outdoor Recreation and Leadership Program

• All students must be willing to drive their own vehicles or carpool to a variety of field sites used in RCPT classes when transportation is not provided. All outdoor concentration classes have field trip requirements.

• Students must supply their own personal gear for field trips including:
  • Appropriate outdoor clothing (non-cotton) to dress in the approved layering system.
  • Breathable, waterproof rain jacket and rain pants.
  • Quality mummy or modified mummy sleeping bag rated to at least 20 degrees and a waterproof sleeping pad.
  • Quality pair of mid weight hiking boots.
  • Headlamp for camping.

• Students must be willing to pay an additional fee ($180) for the Wilderness First Responder Certification.

• In certain classes such as RCPT 331 and 317, students are responsible for working in small groups to purchase trip food and stove fuel for weekend outings. Food and fuel costs average $30/person/class.

• RCPT 476 requires a lab fee ($800) that covers food, permits, equipment, transportation, and contract services.

• The RCPT department will supply all group gear and technical gear including: group cooking gear, shelters, backpacks, paddling accessories, kayaks, canoes, climbing gear, and caving gear.

• Students are expected to abide by all RU policies when participating in outdoor field experiences. Students that violate policies are subject to dismal from the concentration and major. Students who do not obtain the personal gear listed above will not be allowed to participate in field trips for safety reasons.