



UNIVERSITY OF GREAT FALLS
RESEARCH, EXPLORATION & ADVENTURE CAMP IN THE HIGH PLAINS
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Research, Exploration & Adventure Camp in the High Plains

Are you ready for an adventure this summer? We are pleased to invite applications for the 2011 UGF Research, Exploration & Adventure Camp in the High Plains (REACH). REACH is for students entering grades 8-12 and graduating seniors. Camp dates are July 20-29, 2011 and the camp will be held on the University of Great Falls campus. The website www.ugf.edu features additional camp info and what's in store for this summer.

This is the program's third summer and it has been growing every year! Planning this program has been going on since last summer's camp ended and we are thrilled about this year's offerings. We here at UGF are eager and ready for camp to start. That excitement comes from the fact that the modules chosen have been well designed and planned. Instructors are busy planning activities, projects and field trips! Academic offerings range so there is something for everyone!

The 2011 program offers opportunities in sciences and the liberal arts. This year we have added three new modules: Chemistry of the Kitchen, Lincoln - Douglas Debate, and Policy Debate. Video production will be returning this summer! REACH students are highly encouraged to enroll as residential students, but we are offering a commuter option for students who have off-campus evening commitments and for those who prefer to enjoy the academic experience that REACH offers but aren't interested in evening activities & dorm life.

Residential students will live in an on campus dorm with 24-hour supervision and evening recreation arranged by our team of camp and resident assistant staff. Space in the residential program will be limited this year so students who truly enjoy the full experience of campus life should apply early!

The most important goal of REACH and UGF is our commitment to provide an outstanding educational opportunity for pre-college students. Among the goals of this program are to help students expand their knowledge in preparation for college and future careers. The REACH experience places students in small teams with university faculty, staff and industry professionals to allow them to experience first-hand the excitement of learning in a university setting and gain insight into many exciting careers.

The registration fee for REACH is \$525 for residential students and \$425 for commuter students (8 AM – 5 PM). The commuter option includes lunch each academic day. The residential option includes full room & board and evening and weekend recreation for students coming outside of Great Falls. All REACH students will also earn ONE college credit upon completion of the program. It's important that students enroll in the option that suits them best since personal trips off-campus will not be permitted in the residential program.

Student applications must be accompanied by a \$50 *non-refundable deposit to ensure that the limited space in each module is firmly committed. The deposit will be automatically applied toward the student's registration fee. The remaining balance by check, VISA or MasterCard, or cash will be accepted after placement is made and is due in full by July 1, 2011. **If a student is not satisfied with his/her course assignment, they may opt to withdraw their application within 5 days of receiving notification of placement for a full refund of fees paid including the \$50 deposit.*

Please contact Sonja Bickford with questions or comments, email sbickford01@ugf.edu, phone (406) 791-5389. We look forward to welcoming many of you to the University of Great Falls this summer!



University of Great Falls



University of Great Falls Recommendation Form

Please mail this completed Recommendation form to:
Admissions Office ~ University of Great Falls ~ 1301 20th Street South ~ Great Falls, MT 59405
OR
Drop off your recommendation form at the Admissions Office located in the lower level of the Student Center Building

We're delighted you are considering applying for undergraduate admission to the University of Great Falls. Your recommendation form will help us learn more about you. Please have a counselor or teacher fill out the attached recommendation form and send it in to the Office of Admissions. You must submit a recommendation form to be accepted to the university. In the event you have been out of school for a number of years, a work supervisor will be sufficient. For those home schooled students, you may have the letter of recommendation completed by your parent or a professional reference.

1. Student Information

Full legal name _____
Last First Middle

Social Security number _____ Birthdate _____

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy act of 1974, applicants who are admitted to UGF and who choose to enroll have the right to review university records that pertain to them. However, if an applicant wishes to obtain confidential recommendations to be used for purposes of admission and academic counseling only, he or she may waive this right of access. If you are willing to waive your right of access to this report, please sign the following release: "I will not seek access to this confidential recommendation submitted for the purposes of admission and counseling only."

Applicant's complete legal signature Date

2. Counselor or Teacher

As part of the application for admission to the University of Great Falls, we ask students to obtain a recommendation form from a school counselor, teacher, or professional reference. Home Schooled students can use their parent or a professional reference. We seek the comments and evaluations of those who know the student well and who may be able to provide insights into the candidate's character, personality and abilities. Please be candid in your commentary and as comprehensive as possible in your description of the student's qualifications.

Teacher/Counselor Name _____

Position _____ School _____

Telephone (____) _____ Email: _____

1. The candidate ranks _____ in a class of _____ students. This school does not rank its students.
2. In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____ For how Long? _____
3. Do you have confidence in the applicant's academic integrity? Yes No
4. Do you have confidence in his/her personal integrity? Yes No
If you answered no to either question, please explain on a separate sheet.

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“REACH”
Participation Consent, Liability Release and Media Release Form

I am willing to allow my child(ren) to participate in all REACH activities and events.

I authorize the University of Great Falls faculty and staff to act on my behalf in the case of medical care for my child(ren).

I waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the University of Great Falls and other service project organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants and persons transporting me and my child(ren) to and from activities, for any claim arising out of injury or death.

Finally, I consent to and authorize the reproduction, publication, and use by the University of Great Falls and their successors and assigns, for advertising, commercial, and promotional use and any other purpose my or my child(ren)s photo, picture, or likeness.

Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



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DIGITAL MEDIA RELEASE FORM Photo Release

Photographers taking photographs on University property or of University events must obtain a signed release form from any student, faculty member, staff person, or member of the public who is visibly recognizable in the photograph. Crowd scenes where no single person is the dominant feature are exempt. Pictures and media may be used in future in any University publication, such as newsletters, brochures, viewbooks, promotional items, or other such material. Releases also must be obtained for photographs used on the Web.

By signing, I give the University of Great Falls (UGF) permission to take photographs or video of me and to use the photographs, video or audio in its print and Internet publications or productions, including advertising, signage and promotional materials. I also give UGF permission to use my name, academic class standing and major in an accompanying caption, if applicable. I agree that the photographs and video are the property of UGF and hereby release UGF from any and all claims that I may have from its use of my image or voice.

Name (print full name) _____

Signature _____

Relation to subject (if subject is a minor) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip code _____

Telephone _____

Requested by _____

Code of Conduct

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Zero tolerance policy: violation of this code of conduct is grounds for immediate dismissal and forfeiture of fees paid. Transportation home will be at the student's expense.

1. Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs (including marijuana) are not permitted on campus, in any building thereon, or at any function sanctioned by the University, either on or off campus. Possession, use, ownership and sale are included in the prohibition.
2. Handling of any type of fire protection equipment (including alarms, hoses, extinguishers, spray heads, etc.) is strictly forbidden except when required in actual fire emergencies. The purposeful false setting of a fire alarm will result in a fine. Full participation in fire drills and response to any alarm is required.
3. Firearms and explosives of any kind are prohibited on the campus. Other dangerous devices (any type of weapon including but not limited to slingshots, knives, switchblades, etc.) are also prohibited.
4. Students may not be in any restricted areas. Restricted areas include those marked by university signage and/or locations set forth by REACH faculty and RA (dorm) staff. For trips on and off campus, students must be accompanied by REACH faculty or RA staff.
5. No ditching of academic activities or any other scheduled activities, including mealtimes.
6. Cost of damage or theft of any University property will be billed to the individual responsible and/or the registered student's parents.
7. Commuter students are not permitted in the residence hall unless accompanied by RA staff for the purposes of first aid, telephone use, etc.
8. Any action that jeopardizes the safety of the student or others is forbidden. This includes bullying, threats and failure to comply with rules established by REACH faculty and/or RA staff.

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STUDENT: I have read and fully understand the Code of Conduct for the 2011 Research, Exploration & Adventure Camp in the High Plains including the attached pages specific to residential/commuter students. I understand it is a zero tolerance policy.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN: I have discussed the Code of Conduct with my child and am aware that non-compliance will result in dismissal from the program with no refund of registration fees. Severe violations involving illegal behavior may result in financial or legal consequences.

Student Signature

Signature of Parent or Guardian

SIGN & RETURN WITH REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS

REACH Residential Students

Students are not allowed to enter or socialize in the dorm room of the opposite gender. No exceptions.

After lights out, students are expected to be in their rooms and must remain on their designated floor in the residence hall.

Students enrolled in the residential program have committed to remain with the program for the duration of the camp. Students having off-campus evening or weekend commitments during camp should enroll as a commuter student. Once the program begins, should a residential student require leave from campus for personal matters, except in the event of a doctor/dentist appt or family emergency, their enrollment status will be changed to that of a commuter student with no adjustment/return fee available.

REACH Commuter Students

DAILY ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Important: Drop off of students is in the Student Center. Students may be dropped off between 7:30-8AM. Students have the open to purchase breakfast for \$5 each academic morning. The academic program starts at 8 AM each day. Students must also be picked up at the Student Center at 5 PM.

ARRIVAL

- 7:30 – 8:00 AM Breakfast option (cost about \$5/meal) at UGF Student Center
8:30 – 9:00 AM Morning Announcements in Science Building Lecture Hall (parents and siblings are welcome to attend)

Commuter students are encouraged to have breakfast in the Student Center for \$5 each morning and enjoy the short morning walk with the group to the Science Building lecture hall. Students who prefer to have breakfast at home should arrive at the Science Building no later than 8:30 AM.

A REACH staff member will be stationed in the Science Building lecture hall from 8:30 – 9:30 AM with a daily sign-in sheet for commuter students. Regardless of whether commuters attend breakfast or arrive directly at the Science Building each morning, it is the students' responsibility to sign in at this time.

Faculty will refer to this sign-in sheet on arrival and any of their students not accounted for when the instructor leaves the hall with his/her student team will be marked absent for the day. Parents of students marked absent will be notified immediately by REACH staff. To avoid disrupting activities in progress, students who are absent at the start of the day should plan to miss the full day. In the event of two absences, the student will be dismissed from the program with no refund of fees available.

DEPARTURE

- 4-5:00PM Academic day ends – Faculty return all students to the Student Center
* *Saturday commuter student pick-up no later than 2:30 pm.*
5– 5:15 PM Daily pickup by parent or authorized person at Student Center

TRANSPORTATION

Students under Age 16: Are to be dropped off & picked up at designated times by parent/guardian or immediate family member. Please return this form if person outside immediate family is authorized to pick up:

Commuter student name: _____ Age _____

Persons authorized to transport: _____

Ages 16-18: May provide own transportation to and from campus. UGF does not require parking passes. Students who plan to drive are advised to familiarize themselves with campus parking options prior to the start of camp.

During program hours students are not permitted to return to or drive personal vehicles.

If parents make arrangements for one commuter student to transport another, we request the parents of both students notify us of the arrangement in writing (sbickford01@ugf.edu) so we can help monitor the students' safe arrival and departure.

Under no circumstances may a commuter student transport a residential student.

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