Adventure Outings Custom Trip Information

Purpose
The purpose of this document is to help groups plan their custom trips with AO. It will, hopefully, also clarify why we make some of the requests that we do.

What is a Custom Trip?
A custom trip is any trip not advertised on our public trips calendar. These trips are usually requested by an organized group, specifically for their members. Examples include staff retreats, group orientations and team building weekends. However, we love to get creative and will try to meet your needs within reason.

When to Request
In short: the earlier the better. To be more specific, at least four months advance notice is strongly suggested. The reason for this is that we plan our public calendars a semester in advance. For example, in August of any given year we will begin planning our trips for January to May of the following year. In planning our calendars we try to provide as many trips as possible so we don’t typically leave many of our resources (student staff, vehicles, equipment) available for last-minute trips.

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*Substitute appropriate years

You may request a trip with less than 4 months notice but please do so with the understanding that may be impossible for us to accommodate you. If this is the case, please see the Other Options section below.

CSUC Priority
Since we are subsidized by CSUC student fees and strive to promote the mission of the University in all we do, CSUC affiliated groups will take priority in our scheduling.

Group Size
Group size limits will vary by the activity requested and our numbers are determined by: wilderness permits, risk management considerations, vehicle capacities and industry standards.

In general we prefer groups smaller than 23. If you have a large group you can consider dividing the group and requesting two separate trips. Options for the group to do separate activities during the day and camp together at night may exist.
Activities & Locations
Please see our current trips calendar (http://www.aschico.com/advo/aotripschedule) for examples of common activities and locations. If you have other ideas we are happy to entertain them. If you would like use an area we are not currently permitted to use, we are happy to attempt to obtain a permit for you. In this scenario your trip cost would include permitting and administrative costs.

Pricing
We are happy to provide an estimate for a requested trip. For a rough per-person cost see our trips calendar (linked above.) As of May 2013 our transportation pricing is $1.50/mile per van.

How to Request
To request a custom trip please complete the following form: http://bit.ly/12RCXqO

Other Options
If a custom trip does not work, please consider the other options:

- Rent AO’s backcountry yurt (http://www.aschico.com/advo/aobackcountryyurt)
- Rent equipment from our Equipment Rental Center and provide your own adventurous experience (http://www.aschico.com/advo/equipmentrental)

We are happy to make trip suggestions and help you review a plan when planning your own adventure.