Cost and Equipment
Registration fees cover transportation from UCSD to the trip destination, instruction, food and all group gear (tents, cooking equipment, kayaks, canoes, surfboards, support equipment, first aid, etc.). Participants provide personal equipment (hiking boots, clothing, sleeping bag, wetsuits, backpacks, etc.). Most items are available for rent or purchase through UCSD Outback Adventures. A complete equipment list and rental request form are available to download at our website:
http://recreation.ucsd.edu/outback-adventures/wilderness-orientation.html
All participants on trips into Mexico must possess and carry a valid passport. Please call us at (858) 534-3534 for more information or questions regarding traveling in Mexico.

2011 Program Dates and Costs
Wilderness Orientation offers eleven amazing choices this year! The WO program does not replace the mandatory orientation that each college requires. Please double check your college orientation dates to avoid a time conflict with WO.

- **August 26-30 (5 days)**
  - Shipwrecks Surf Safari $675
  - Tall Ship Sailing $595
- **August 29 - September 6 (9 days)**
  - Sierra Nevada Backpack $575
  - Sea Kayak Baja California $650
  - Baja Surf Camp $735
- **September 2-6 (5 days)**
  - Chocolate Mountains Canoe $475
  - Baja on Horseback $650
- **September 9-17 (9 days)**
  - Sierra Nevada Backpack $575
  - Sea Kayak Baja California $650
  - Baja Surf Camp $735
- **September 10-14 (5 days)**
  - Catalina Island Adventure $525

Cancellation Policy
If the participant cancels greater than 30 days before the first day of the session for which he/she is registered, Outback Adventures will refund the full registration fee less 10%. If the participant cancels 30-15 days before the first day of the session for which he/she is registered, Outback Adventures will refund the full registration fee less 50%. There will be no refund granted for participants who cancel 14 days or less before the first day of the session for which he/she is registered.

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(858) 534-3534 or wo@ucsd.edu, fax (858) 453-8762
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YES, sign me up for Wilderness Orientation 2011!
Please note that all trips are filled on a first come, first served basis. In the event that your first choice is full, we will place you on a waiting list and enroll you into your next available choice.

**Number in order of preference:**
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Enclosed is a check for the full registration fee for my first choice trip, payable to UC Regents. Please return to: Outback Adventures, Attn: Wilderness Orientation, 9500 Gilman Drive, 0004, La Jolla, CA 92093-0004

To enroll immediately and pay with a credit card, please visit our website at:
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WO participant

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What is Wilderness Orientation?

Wilderness Orientation (WO) is the best way to prepare for life at UCSD! WO offers eleven outstanding adventures that are fun and promote growth by encouraging you to face challenges, create lasting friendships and make a positive transition to UCSD. For 20 years, we have helped incoming students make the most of their new adventure at UCSD. No experience is necessary to participate.

The Program

Whether you're looking to meet new people before school even begins, learn more about how UCSD really works from upperclassmen or spend a week challenging yourself, WO does it all. After gear check, your group will travel by van or bus to spend the next several days in the mountains, coastal or desert environments. Upon return to UCSD, your group will exchange stories and adventures with other orientation groups. This is an opportunity you won't want to miss!

Wilderness Orientation draws many parallels to the college experience. You will be challenged with goal setting, decision making, communication and self-assessment. You will realize your potential is much greater than you previously imagined; this insight will carry over into your college experience. Friendships you form through Wilderness Orientation will provide a support network to help you feel comfortable with the transition to UCSD life. Every trip provides opportunities for discussions about residence hall life, academic opportunities, social prospects and the clubs, organizations and services UCSD has to offer.

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Staff

Instructors: Each group is led by two-three qualified instructors, most of whom have personal experience as former WO participants and are still studying at UCSD. Each leader has an extensive background in wilderness skills and leadership. Each trip has at least one leader trained in backcountry emergency medicine. All groups maintain a 6:1 student to instructor ratio to ensure quality instruction and to facilitate relationship building.

Instructors combine their formal wilderness training with group development skills to provide an environment for personal growth and are excited to support you throughout your UCSD experience!

Baja on Horseback – September 2-6

This 5 day trip is like going back in time to the days of the “Old West” where the cattle roamed free and there were no fences. We will lead the guest ranch in the middle of Guadalupe Valley Grape Country, where you learn the ropes as a “vaquero” (cowboy). After instruction in horseback riding, we will hit the trails riding through shady oak groves, hidden water pools, quiet secluded valleys and vast mountain ranges throughout the 2800 acre ranch. We will be staying in ranch style cabins with hot showers, beds, and clean bathrooms on the beautiful gated and secured property of La Bolla Ranch. We will feast on authentic Mexican dishes prepared by the ranch chef served in a warm family atmosphere. This is one of the best ways to start UCSD for those who would love to experience real horse riding with friends.

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Sea Kayak Baja California
August 29-September 6 or September 9-17

You’ll experience the rich diversity of the sea on this kayak adventure to Bahia de los Angeles, often called the “boho poor man’s Galapagos.” Bahia offers an opportunity to get a historic look at Baja California culture, fishermen on their daily route, and marine life including bat rays, dolphins, huge schools of fish, and sometimes even whales. No experience is necessary, as we will teach you all the skills needed to become a competent sea kayaker. We will kayak during cool parts of the day, snorkel and swim in the calm bay waters and camp on secluded beaches. There will plenty of time to build friendships and learn about the challenges and opportunities of college life.

Baja Surf Camp - August 29-September 6 or September 9-17

Push yourself on a surf adventure, full of learning and personal growth as you travel to a little known surf destination in Baja California for seven days of surf instruction and practice. You’ll spend your days exploring a beach break that consistently produces perfect waves for learning how to surf. Evenings will be spent getting to know your group members and sitting around the fire at our oceanfront campsite. This trip provides the environment necessary to learn the skills of this dynamic sport as you learn more about life at UCSD.

Shipwrecks Surf Safari - August 26-30

This 6 day trip is included in the friendly-owned surf resort located at the famous Shipwrecks surf break. Our group will stay in beachfront casitas looking out onto an awesome point break which you can surf from dawn to dusk. Hot showers, beds, clean bathrooms, and healthy, delicious meals prepared for you bring the comforts of home to our comprehensive surf training program. This surf safari is a great way to start UCSD with surfing skills and new friends to hit the beaches with.

Catalina Island Adventure – Sept. 10-14

This is a fun way to start UCSD and have a great experience in one of the most beautiful places in Southern California. After taking the ferry over to Two Harbors on Catalina Island, we will spend our days kayaking, hiking, snorkeling and scuba diving. Nights will find us sitting around camp fires sharing stories, getting to know each other, and learning the inside scoop about UCSD. We will be staying in picturesque cabins just steps from Emerald Bay with hot showers, clean bathrooms and healthy, delicious meals. This 5 day trip is designed for students registered for the college orientations starting September 15.

Chocolate Mountains Canoe - September 2-6

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Sierra Nevada Backpack
August 29-September 6 or September 9-17

There’s something quite like seeing the spectacular high sierras with new friends, powered by your own two feet, carrying all you need in your backpack. WO backcountry backpackers will spend seven days exploring Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Park, an area that John Muir deemed as “glorious.” Your group will feel a sense of shared accomplishment and camaraderie as you hike over mountains, past pristine lakes and among craggy peaks. This trip will set you on the path to success at UCSD.

Tall Ship Sailing - August 26-30

“A pirate’s life for me, savvy?” Come spend 5 days sailing the britishine Jersey Jonson across an uninterrupted horizon of deep blue ocean. You and your “watch” will take turns running the ship day and night including: standing bow watch, going aloft on the mast, heading out on the yard arms, plotting a course at the chart table, taking a turn at the wheel, and reading the charts and taking compass bearings. You will learn all aspects of tall ship sailing, the life of a sailor and much more. This will be the trip of a lifetime which you will be able to share with your new UCSD friends.

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