I. Course Description

An introduction to a variety of outdoor adventure activities and basic outdoor skills. In addition to skill acquisition and assessment, this course covers such topics as: history and philosophy of outdoor adventure programs, risk and legal liability and trip planning.

II. Learning Objectives

1. Demonstrate a broader knowledge base for the numerous outdoor adventure activities discussed in class.

2. Demonstrate positive attitudes and values towards a safe, active, and adventurous lifestyle.

3. Demonstrate proficiency in the skills related to the outdoor adventure activities performed in class.

4. Demonstrate effective teaching of one adventure game, initiative problem or trust activity to the class.

III. Major Course Requirements

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<td>Participation in activities (8 @ 25 pts each)</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL:</strong></td>
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Grading Scale
A = 450-500 pts (90-100%)
B = 400-449 pts (80-89%)
C = 350-399 pts (70-79%)
D = 300-349 pts (60-69%)
F = 299 pts or less (59% or less)

Note: All written work must exhibit a college level of competency. Written work with three or more errors in any combination of spelling, grammar, punctuation, and/or capitalization is considered unacceptable and will receive a score of ZERO (0).
IV. Required Readings

Textbook

Website
The Website that accompanies and is coordinated with this course is Blackboard, which can be accessed at bb9.tamucc.edu. **It is the student’s responsibility to check Blackboard AND University email account at least once daily!** Blackboard is the means through which materials will be distributed and announcements will be made. Grades for assignments and examinations can also be found here. If I need to contact individual students, I will do so through your University email account.

V. Course Policies

Attendance/Tardiness
This course is largely participation-based and students are required to punctually attend all class meetings. Due to the nature of this course and the fact that we only have nine class meetings total, it is not possible to make up any missed activities. Daily attendance will be taken by the instructor on class meeting days. Excused absences are limited solely to participation in a TAMUCC sanctioned event or a religious holy day as outlined in the University catalog. *As a courtesy, please email the instructor in advance of class if you are going to be absent or late for any reason.*

At each activity site, we will have a specific block of time scheduled with the instructors/vendors. For instance, we may have two hours for the entire class to received instructions and listen to safety precautions, distribute equipment, and complete the activity. The instructors/vendors’ time is valuable and they may not have the time or the person-power to tend to individuals who arrive late. Therefore, **if you arrive to a site late for any reason, there is no guarantee that you will be able to participate in the activity that day.** This means that being absent or arriving late can potentially cause you to lose 50 points- 25 for participation, and 25 for the reflection (because there is nothing to reflect on if you miss the activity). Please leave plenty of time for travel and parking at each location.

Note: For activities where the class is divided into groups and scheduled to arrive at different times, you may only participate at your assigned time. For instance, if you are assigned to the 3-4pm group for your windsurfing lesson and happen to miss your time, please do not assume that you can just show up to the 4-5pm group.

Late work and Make-up Exams
Late work is not accepted and exams may not be made up. Failure to complete an assignment or exam by the deadline will automatically result in a score of **ZERO (0)** for that item.
Safety
Safety is our highest priority in this class. Each activity comes with some risk. Closely adhering to all applicable safety rules and protocols and demonstrating responsible behavior at all times will help to reduce these risks. Please be careful! Please note that alcohol consumption or use of any mind-altering drug before, during, or right after any of the activities is strictly forbidden! If you use alcohol or drugs, you will receive an F for the class and will not be allowed to retake the class at TAMUCC. Please take this seriously- it will be enforced for your personal safety and the reputation of the University and department.

Extra Credit
There may be one or more opportunities to earn extra credit during the course, however, this is not a guarantee. Any extra credit opportunities will be offered to the entire class, NOT to individual students.

Academic Integrity/Plagiarism
University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, falsification, forgery, complicity or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one’s own work.) In this class, academic misconduct or complicity in an act of academic misconduct on an assignment or test may result in one or more of the following:
1. Written reprimand
2. Requirement to re-do work in question
3. Requirement to submit additional work
4. Lowering of grade on work in question
5. Assigning grade of 'F' to work in question
6. Recommendation for more severe punishment, such as dismissal from the program or from the University

Dropping a Class
I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. Please consult with your academic advisor, the Financial Aid Office, and me, before you decide to drop this course. Should dropping the course be the best course of action, you must initiate the process to drop the course by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. July 23 is the last day to drop a class with an automatic grade of “W” this term.

Statement of Civility
Our goal is to provide you with a high quality educational experience that is free from repression. You are responsible for following the rules of the University, city, state, and federal government. Furthermore, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, as an academic community, requires that each individual respect the needs of others to study
and learn in a peaceful atmosphere. We expect that you will behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful, and courteous to all people, regardless of sex, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, sexual orientation, or disability. Behaviors that infringe on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated. Under Article III of the Student Code of Conduct, classroom behavior that interferes with either (a) the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program may be considered a breach of the peace and is subject to disciplinary sanction outlined in article VII of the Student Code of Conduct. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior may be instructed to leave the classroom. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including classrooms, electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.

**Grade Appeals**
As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at [http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html](http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html). For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Dean’s office in the college in which the course is taught or the Office of the Provost.

**Disabilities Accommodations**
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in Corpus Christi Hall 116.

If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

**Statement of Academic Continuity**
In the event of an unforeseen adverse event, such as a major hurricane, and classes could not be held on the campus of Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi; this course would continue through the use of Blackboard and/or email. In addition, the syllabus and class activities may be modified to allow continuation of the course. Ideally, University facilities (i.e., emails, web sites, and Blackboard) will be operational within two days of the closing of the physical campus. However, students need to make certain that the
course instructor has a primary and a secondary means of contacting each student.

VI. Course Outline

The following is a tentative course outline that is subject to change throughout the semester. Actual activities and the dates that they will take place will be announced. In the event of inclement weather, it may be necessary to cancel or delay planned activities. This may occur right up to the start of class time or even during class time. In the event of questionable weather, please do not assume that the activity for the day has been cancelled. The instructor will notify students via University email and Blackboard announcement as soon as possible if this is the case. You should check there for updates.

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<td>Monday, 7/2</td>
<td>Course Introduction</td>
<td>Read Chapters 1-5 of text</td>
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| 2    | Monday, 7/9
Wednesday, 7/11 | TBA
SCUBA diving             | Reflections due Friday, 7/13
by 11:59pm on Blackboard |
| 3    | Monday, 7/16
Wednesday, 7/18 | Windsurfing
Kayaking                | Reflections due Friday, 7/20
by 11:59pm on Blackboard |
| 4    | Monday, 7/23
Wednesday, 7/25 | Jet skiing
Surfing                 | Reflections due Friday, 7/27
by 11:59pm on Blackboard |
| 5    | Monday, 7/30
Wednesday, 8/1 | Low ropes course
High ropes course | Reflections due Friday, 8/3
by 11:59pm on Blackboard |
|      | Friday, 8/3         | Final Exam                  | Final Exam Friday, 8/3                            |

Important information regarding all activities:

Students need a swimsuit and towel for all water activities. For other activities, you will need to wear athletic shoes and clothing (no jeans or clothing that is hard to move in). If you are not wearing proper attire, you may not be able to participate in the activity that day and will receive a score of zero for both your participation and reflection for that activity (50 points lost total). It is strongly recommended that you wear sunscreen whenever we will be outside. It is also strongly recommended that you bring drinking water when we are meeting anywhere off-campus, as fresh running water may not be available. Several of the off-campus sites require a small fee for parking. This cost can be reduced by carpooling with other students in the course to those sites.

Information specific to each activity:

**SCUBA Diving**
- Location: TAMUCC campus pool
- Time: 2:30-4:30pm (Class will be broken into four ½ hour shifts- come only for the shift that you were assigned to)
Windsurfing
- Location: Worldwinds
- Time: 2-5pm (Class will be broken up into three 1-hour shifts- come only for the shift that you were assigned to)
- Parking:
- Other information: The vendor sells bottled water and Gatorade, but there is a $5 minimum on credit cards.

Kayaking and Surfing
- Location: Bob Hall Pier
- Time: 2-4pm
- Other information: Limited free parking is available in the parking lot. There is a good chance it could be full. Beach parking permits are $12 and can be purchased at convenience stores. Beach permits are good for the whole season.

Jet Skiing
- Location: Emerald Beach Hotel
- Time: 2pm

Ropes Courses
- Location: Youth Odyssey
- Time: 2-5pm