



Wilderness Ranger Academy – 2012

Congratulations, you are registered for this year's Academy. Here are a few reminders of what to expect and what to bring:

1. You should arrive on Monday, June 4th before dark so you have time to find a campsite at the Morefield group camp site and set up your tent. Morefield camp ground is about 4 miles from the Park entrance. You DO NOT need to register for the campground. That was taken care of with your Academy registration. Remember, we have a special Leave No Trace presentation at 6:30 pm at the camp ground. Join us!
2. Also, you will not need to pay the Park entrance fee. Just tell the Ranger you are registered for the Academy.
3. Be sure to bring all you need for car camping, including an ice chest and food items for around camp. Stop by a grocery store and stock up before arriving at the Park.
4. Please bring rain gear, we will be working outside and taking hikes. Come prepared for the elements, including sunscreen and lots of water.
5. We will have a ranger cook-off on Wednesday afternoon. Bring your one-burner stove, pans and be prepared to enter the cook-off contest. Great prizes for the winners.
6. We will have a trail clinic and we will do light-maintenance on a nearby Park trail. Bring your shovel, axe, boots, gloves, and be ready to do trail work.
7. We will dedicate a one-hour block to presentations from your home units. Come prepared with a 10 minute power-point to show the rest of us about your wilderness, its ecosystem and the challenges and issues that you deal with. Bring a memory stick.
8. The Crosscut Certification course is for A&B cutters only. Come with all PPE and your sharpened saw. Course will actually begin on Friday, June 8th in Durango. Contact Xcut Instructor Lisa McClure at 719-850-2377 (cell) to get all the details.
9. Note: There is limited cell coverage and internet access inside the Park boundary.

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