



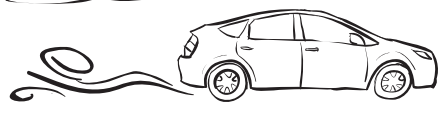
YEE HAW! A WEEK AT BIG NERD RANCH! NOW WHAT?

1 PACKING FOR THE GREAT OUTDOORS



- a. Bringing your own computer? Please check your registration confirmation email to see what you need to have installed on your machine before you arrive. Still not sure? Email or call Jaye Liptak.
- b. Using a BNR machine? Make sure you requested one on your registration page or email Jaye Liptak to reserve one.
- c. In addition to your casual attire, pack a good pair of walking shoes for afternoon hikes, a camera and a swimsuit in the summer and a well-rested, absorbent brain.

2 DRIVING IN?



- Set your GPS to 205 Horseshoe Dam Road Whitesburg, GA 30185**
- a. Please arrive before dinner is served at 6:30pm the day before class begins (Friday for a 7 day class or Sunday for a 5 day class).
 - b. Reception closes at 11pm and the entry gate is locked (you MUST call the HBM staff at 770-834-9149 to request to keep the gate open after 11pm).

3 FLYING IN?



- Choose Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson Airport (*ATL hubs Delta and AirTran Airlines)**
- a. Choose a flight that arrives no later than 7pm the day BEFORE class begins (Friday for a 7 day class or Sunday for a 5 day class)
 - b. Choose a return flight that departs no earlier than 4pm the LAST day of class (always Friday)
 - c. The Big Nerd Ranch meeting spot is in the South Terminal Baggage Claim – near Carousel 4, next to the Georgia Lottery Store. Your Big Nerd Ranch shuttle representative, Mr. Brooks, will greet you and escort you to the bus at 2pm, 5pm, and 8pm. Mr. Brooks' mobile number is 404-207-7902. Call him immediately if you will be late for the meeting time and need him to wait.
 - d. If your flight is delayed beyond your control and you arrive after 8pm, we will schedule an emergency late night shuttle. We never leave a nerd behind! ;)

4 HOME AWAY FROM HOME



- a. Historic Banning Mills will be your home away from home during your weeklong class. Check out their website to get a sneak peek: <http://www.historicbanningmills.com>
- b. HBM is about an hour southwest of the Atlanta airport. Those Ranchers who live in Atlanta may be tempted to commute back and forth daily, but we strongly advise against that. Especially since camp is a full day and evening of learning and we don't want you to lose out on any of the fun.
- c. You will have your own private cabin with Jacuzzi tub, balcony and mini-fridge. The cabin area is only a short stroll to the classroom in the main lodge.
- d. Apart from the cabins and the main lodge, Historic Banning Mills has the Screaming Eagle Zip Line, horseback riding facilities, the roaring Snake Creek, tennis courts, a swimming pool and miles of hiking trails. We encourage you to take part in our daily hike after lunch to get some fresh air and more importantly, to get away from your computer for a short time.



5 ZIP, ZIP HOORAY!

The zip line tour is a screaming good time! Unfortunately, it's not built into the syllabus or the camp fee, but if you can convince your instructor to teach a chapter or two after dinner so that the group can take advantage of grazing the treetops, we'll certainly cheer you on.

6 PHYSICAL FITNESS

Unfortunately, there is not a workout facility at HBM, but there are several running trails and even an outdoor pool where you can generate some sweat equity.



7 MEALS, SNACKS & DRINKS



a. Meals are served family style at 8:30am, 12:30pm and 6:30pm, starting with dinner on your arrival day and ending with lunch on your departure day. If you arrive after 6:30pm on arrival day the chefs will keep a meal warm for you.

b. Our chefs can slice, dice and sauté just about anything, so if you have dietary restrictions please let us know ahead of time and they will prepare meals to meet your needs.

8 CLASSROOM TIME



Class begins at 9am and is officially over at 6:30pm. Following dinner, the evening is yours to enjoy. Many Ranchers choose to head back to the classroom (open until 10pm) to work on their own projects or even grab some one-on-one tutoring from the instructor. If you want a break from project work, you can pick up a game of pool, catch up on some TV, kick up your feet in the lodge, hide in your cabin, or anything else you so choose.

9 OOPS, I FORGOT...



It happens all the time: you unpack your suitcase and your trusty toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, razor, etc. is no place to be found. Have no fear, we have a stash of toiletries available for just these sorts of occasions. Unfortunately, dirty clothes are something we can't help with, as there is no laundry facility on site. However, if you must wash those lucky socks, feel free to walk 15 minutes to the campgrounds and use their facility.

10 EMERGENCY



If you have an emergency while at camp, please contact an HBM or BNR staff member immediately. No matter what, we can assist you with finding a doctor, a pharmacy or a ride to the airport.

11 PACK SOME COMPANY

We love our families and are sure you love yours, so if you want company at camp you are welcome to bring them along. For an extra \$68 per adult guest/day or an extra \$34 per child guest under 10/day your family may share your cabin, dine with you and take advantage of all that HBM has to offer. They may not join you in the classroom unless they are a paid registrant.

