Backpacking, wilderness survival course offered by UM August 10-16

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A special course in backpacking and wilderness survival will be offered by the University of Montana Aug. 10-16 as part of the UM Summer Session recreation program. The class, which is offered for two credits or no academic credit, is open to non-university persons, as well as summer session faculty, staff and students.

The program includes four afternoons of classroom instruction followed by a three-day period of practical instruction and experience on a backpack hike into a wilderness area in the Mission Mountains.

Hiking, camping, outdoor cookery, fishing and backpacking techniques will be discussed and then put into practice on the hike. Friday and Saturday campouts will be set up in the wilderness area.

Those taking the course for credit follow normal University registration procedures by paying regular University fees for a two-credit course. They must also pay a special fee of $5 in room 219 of the Field House by August 5.

Those registering for the course on a no-credit basis will be charged a $10 special fee. They must also register in room 219 of the Field House by August 5.

Food and cooking utensils will be furnished by class members. The cost will be shared equally.

Guide service will be provided. The guide will also have pack animals and an extra riding horse in case of emergencies.

Children will not be permitted to participate except in unusual circumstances.

The director of the program is Dr. Walter C. Schwank, summer session director, who is also chairman of the UM Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.