

## **Collaborative Programming with the Bowdoin Outing Club**

The Bowdoin Outing Club is excited to connect with groups from across campus for all kinds of events, activities, and excursions! Use the following guidelines for organizing collaborative programming with the BOC! A collaborative program is any event or trip with the BOC with in-house sign-ups for a specific group (club, affinity group, social house, first year floor, athletic team, etc.). If you are looking for more ideas for events and trips, reach out to BOC staff or student officers! Please don't hesitate to reach out to BOC staff with any questions.

### **Fire Nights and Events at the Schwartz Outdoor Leadership Center –**

- Groups should contact BOC Staff to check for space availability at least 1 week in advance
- The Schwartz Outdoor Leadership Center has 3 fireplaces/pits – 1 inside and 2 outside
- For fires, at least one attendee or leader must have completed BOC leadership training or be a Bowdoin faculty/staff member
  - That person must [schedule a pre-trip meeting](#) with BOC staff to go over fire safety
- The sponsoring group is responsible for any food/plates/cups for the event (s'mores ingredients, s'mores sticks, snacks, hot chocolate, etc.)
  - Groups can be given access to the kitchen to boil water or prep food – if needed, contact BOC staff
  - Firewood is supplied by the BOC
- Sign-ups or event advertisement should be done through the sponsoring group's CampusGroups page

### **Collaborative Trips Beyond Campus – *Merritt Island, Day Hikes, BOC Cabin, SUPs, etc.!***

- All trips require 2 leaders who have completed BOC leadership training and hold a current Wilderness First Responder certification
- Trip leaders should [schedule a pre-trip meeting](#) with a BOC staff member on CampusGroups the week leading up to the trip
- If needed, groups must arrange their own transportation, including drivers
  - Groups should [reserve vehicles through Facilities](#) (\$30/day)
  - If no Bowdoin vehicles are available, the BOC can help arrange vehicle reservations – please let staff know at least 1 week in advance (\$70-\$100/day)
- The sponsoring group is responsible for any food for the trip
- Groups must secure funding for vehicles, food, and other expenses from the SAFC
- The BOC can provide all group gear and some personal gear for the trip (tent, sleeping bags/pads, stoves/fuel, pots/pans, tarps, rain gear, PFDs, neoprene, etc.)
- Each trip participant needs to have completed the BOC [waiver and med form](#)
- Sign-ups should be done through the sponsoring group's CampusGroups page – please list the BOC as a co-sponsor (this is essential to get med forms!)
- Use of the BOC cabin and Merritt Island is subject to availability – groups interested in using these sites should contact BOC staff for scheduling

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