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## Budget Appeal Form - Outdoor Adventure Club

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To SA Treasurer <sa-treas@buffalo.edu>; UBSA Contracts <sa-contracts@buffalo.edu>; Amanda Johnson <alj7@buffalo.edu>

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**Please Note: Club budget appeals are reviewed by the SA Senate or Executive Committee, and therefore any appeal form submitted may be posted on the SA website.**

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**Please choose your club** Outdoor Adventure Club

**What position do you hold within your club** Secretary

Please note: any appeals made by clubs may **ONLY** be based on procedural error, inaccurate application of the criteria set forth under applicable policy or math pertaining to the relevant club, or violation of law. A club may only appeal its own budget, not that of any other club.

**Please select the basis for your club's appeal (you may select multiple options):** inaccurate application of the criteria set forth under applicable policy

Procedural error

### **Inaccurate application of the criteria set forth under applicable policy**

**What policy are you referring to?** Any food other than for 1 banquet or 1 barbeque per semester (if the club requests more than that, only the least expensive allowable food request in a semester may be approved).

**What is the specific inaccurate application of the criteria set forth under applicable policy that you are alleging? (Please state in as much detail as possible.)** The Wegmans food mentioned in our budget proposal can be better described as essential backpacking supplies. These supplies are vital to the function of our club (to provide members with the opportunity to experience and learn about the outdoors and outdoor activities for free). These requests do not fall under the same category as food

for meetings, banquets, barbeques, or any other of the more common purposes, rather they represent an absolutely integral component of our clubs function that accounts for a large portion of our expenditures, and therefore was a large part of our budget request. Because of this distinction, denying our budget requests for fundamental backpacking supplies used to safely embark on outdoor adventures should be reconsidered.

The portion of our request related to gear from amazon was also subject to inaccurate application of the criteria set forth under applicable policy, as this gear is not to be sold by the club as merchandise. It will be used by members on each backpacking trip and stored by the club in OAC's designated storage.

The sections of our request pertaining to climbing passes should also be reconsidered, as the climbing passes we sell are better defined as an access pass as opposed to merchandise.

There was also a math error on our end under expenditure 9 that is recalculated below:

Event Name: (2) Fall/Spring Dark Skies Backpacking

Brief Description of Expenditure: Plan for 8 undergraduate students on two 2-night backpacking trips.

Location: Cherry Springs State Park, PA. This trip is run in both the fall and spring semesters. We received an email approval from the SA treasurer to "lump some events together" in the budget request form (since there is a maximum of 20 expenditures allowed in the form).

\$200 for gas for 4 cars (\$100 per trip, 4 cars each trip)

\$500 for essential backpacking supplies from wegmans (\$250 per trip)

Total: \$700

This falls under the same category of essential backpacking supplies, and should therefore also be reconsidered.

The evidence provided below includes our original proposal with comments in red.

**Please attach all relevant evidence.** [Policy\\_upload2025 Budget Proposal with comments.docx](#)

## **Inaccurate math**

## **Violation of the law**

## **Outcome and other info:**

**What outcome are you requesting in this appeal?** Reconsideration of our budget proposal and allocation of a sum closer to our original request.

**Is there anything else that you want SA to know regarding your appeal?** The funds we requested are critical for the club to serve its purpose as a way for people to learn from and experience outdoor activities.

## Fall Semester

Fall Total with Climbing Passes: \$11,075

Fall Total without Climbing Passes: \$17,825

### Adirondack Labor Day Weekend Trip

This trip was not run in 2024 due to an early budget blunder, but this trip has been run in 2022 and 2023. It is critical for fall club engagement and outdoor literacy. In 2023, 16 undergraduate students were taken on the ADK labor day trip. In 2022, 8 undergraduate students were taken on the ADK labor day trip. Next year, we plan to take 2 groups of undergrads, totaling 20 students.

\$625 for gas for five cars

\$1250 for food from Wegmans—better classified as essential backpacking supplies

### Fall Semester CRG Climbing Passes

OAC provides discounted semester-long climbing passes to our climbing community using a ticket sale. For the past 3+ semesters, 40 passes were sold each semester. Passes are only available to undergraduates. CRG values each pass at \$300, OAC pays half while students pay the other half. Next semester, we anticipate selling 45 passes, since they are in high demand.

\$6750 for Climbing Passes from CRG—not merchandise, rather an access pass

### Fall Break Backpacking

OAC has run a fall break trip since 2023 (the first year of fall breaks at UB). 17 undergraduate students were taken in 2023, while 8 students were taken in 2024. We expect to take two groups of 9 undergraduates (totaling 18). 2024 Fall break was held at Cranberry lake NY, while 2023 fall break was held at Black Forest PA.

\$550 for gas for 5 cars

\$1500 for food from Wegmans—better classified as essential backpacking supplies

### Sufferfest Hiking Challenge

Sufferfest is OAC's annual hiking challenge. This two-night event is held at McCarty Hill State Forest. Attendance is limited to undergraduate students. The 2024 Sufferfest had 20 attendees. We estimate 20 attendees in 2025.

\$150 for gas for 6 cars

\$1000 for food from wegmans—better classified as essential backpacking supplies

### Catskills Backpacking

OAC runs a Catskills advanced backpacking trip every fall. In 2024, 2 groups were taken, totaling 12 undergraduate students. We plan on taking 16 undergraduate students in 2025.

\$500 for gas for four cars

\$750 for food from wegmans—better classified as essential backpacking supplies

### Fall Beginner Backpacking Trip 1

Plan for 10 undergraduate students on a 2-night trip. Location TBD.

\$150 for gas for 3 cars

\$400 for food from wegmans—better classified as essential backpacking supplies

### Fall Beginner Backpacking Trip 2

Plan for 10 undergraduate students on a 2-night trip. Location TBD.

\$150 for gas for 3 cars

\$400 for food from wegmans—better classified as essential backpacking supplies

### Fall Intermediate Backpacking Trip 1

Plan for 10 undergraduate students on a 2-night trip. Location TBD.

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\$400 for food from wegmans—better classified as essential backpacking supplies

### Fall Intermediate Backpacking Trip 2

Plan for 10 undergraduate students on a 2-night trip. Location TBD.

\$150 for gas for 3 cars

\$400 for food from wegmans—better classified as essential backpacking supplies

### Fall Advanced Backpacking Trip 1

Plan for 8 undergraduate students on a 2-night trip. Location TBD.

\$100 for gas for 2 cars

\$400 for food from Wegmans—better classified as essential backpacking supplies

#### Fall Dark Skies Trip

Plan for 16 undergraduates on a two-night trip. Location: Cherry Springs State Park PA

\$100 for gas for 4 cars

\$250 for food from Wegmans—better classified as essential backpacking supplies

#### Fall Car Camping Trip 1

Plan for 12 undergraduates on a two-night trip. Location: TBD

\$100 for gas for 3 cars

\$300 for food from Wegmans—better classified as essential backpacking supplies

#### Fall Car Camping Trip 2

Plan for 12 undergraduates on a two-night trip. Location: TBD

\$100 for gas for 3 cars

\$300 for food from Wegmans—better classified as essential backpacking supplies

#### Fall Car Camping Trip 3

Plan for 12 undergraduates on a two-night trip. Location: TBD

\$100 for gas for 3 cars

\$300 for food from Wegmans—better classified as essential backpacking supplies

#### Fall Car Camping Trip 4

Plan for 12 undergraduates on a two-night trip. Location: TBD

\$100 for gas for 3 cars

\$300 for food from Wegmans—better classified as essential backpacking supplies

### Fall semester Gear Purchase

Gear is critical for the club's wellbeing. Since our goal is to introduce people to the outdoors, we often take undergraduates on trips who lack gear, and we loan out gear bought and stored by OAC—not to be sold or given away. During the previous fall semester, \$577 was spent on procurement.

\$600 on gear from Amazon—this is not merchandise, this is essential backpacking gear to be bought, kept, and stored by OAC. This money is used most often to buy gear that needs to be replaced because of wear and tear.

### Fall Post GBM Event 1

OAC sometimes gets individually packaged food items from Wegmans for after-meeting events (examples from 2024 include a Halloween party and pumpkin painting).

\$100 for food from Wegmans—this money is also used for craft supplies like pumpkins for pumpkin painting.

### Fall Post GBM Event 2

OAC sometimes gets individually packaged food items from Wegmans for after-meeting events (examples from 2024 include a Halloween party and pumpkin painting).

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### Fall Long Distance Day Hike

Most OAC day hikes do not get gas expenditures reimbursed, except when we run day hikes that are particularly far away from Buffalo. Letchworth is an example.

\$150 for gas for 4 cars

## Spring Semester (Spring Break Not Included)

Fall Total with Climbing Passes: \$9,900

Fall Total without Climbing Passes: \$16,650

### Spring Hudson Gorge White Water Trip

2025 is the first year we will be running this trip. We have already observed high interest from our student members. 16 undergraduate students will be taken in 2025 and we plan on taking 16 undergraduate students in 2026. Vendor payment amount is based on our 2025 quote. This is a 2-night trip which includes camping.

\$1500 for vendor payment (Adirondack River Outfitters)

\$450 for gas for four cars

\$500 for food from Wegmans—better classified as essential camping supplies

#### Spring BOB Black River Whitewater Rafting

This trip has been running in the spring semester since 2024. The 2024 trip had 17 undergraduate attendees. 24 undergraduate students will be taken on this trip in 2025 and 2026 spring semesters. The vendor payment amount is based on our 2025 quote. This is an overnight trip which includes camping.

\$1500 for vendor payment (B.O.B Rafting)

\$500 for gas for six cars

\$750 for food from Wegmans—better classified as essential camping supplies

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#### Reel Rock Screening

Each spring semester, OAC views Reel Rock. In 2025 there were 25 attendees. We expect to have a similar attendance next year. The vendor payment amount is based on our 2025 quote.

\$1000 for rights to view the film/vendor payment

\$100 for individually packaged snacks from Wegmans

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### Spring Post GBM Event 3

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