



Outdoor Store Caters to Student Adventures

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Although spending two years on a pond like Henry David Thoreau did seems a little drastic, a weekend in the outdoors can be the best escape from the stress of college life.

If this sounds good, but you don't know where to go, just head over to the Moyer Student Union.

The UNLV Outdoor Adventures and Rental Shop, located in Room 137 in the MSU, offers a variety of outdoors trips and an abundance of outdoor equipment for rent.

Excursions offered include camping, hiking, canoe and kay-

ak treks. Horseback adventures, deep sea fishing, rock climbing and rappelling, and national excursions are also offered.

"I think everybody should spend some time in the outdoors to find their true selves," says Ryan Koblasa, a 23-year-old communications major. "The Outdoor shop provides students with the perfect opportunity."

The Outdoor shop, which started out as a closet operation ran by a student out of his dorm room is now a university funded program.

"We've come a long way," says Roger Morse, shop staff member and education major. "If you look at our program you can see we're

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The UNLV Outdoor Adventures and Rental Shop offers everything from canoes to backpacks.

making a lot of progress. We're offering some new trips this year that we've never had before."

Among the new trips is the La Sal mountains back-country ski trip. This five day, four night cross country ski excursion takes you deep into the woods of Utah's second highest mountain range. The tour utilizes a hut-to-hut system where skiers will camp at three different rustic cabins during the journey. The primitive huts provide a high-quality, back-country experience in a solitary wilderness wonderland. The price for this expedition is only \$300 for university students and faculty.

If students or faculty don't have

the equipment to enjoy the outdoors, the Outdoor shop offers rentals of just about any equipment needed from tents, sleeping bags and backpacks to canoes and kayaks. The shop also offers recreational equipment such as volleyball sets, frisbees and footballs. And for those who want to brave the wilderness alone, the shop even rents maps.

"We've bought a lot of new equipment this year," Morse says. "We have canoes, sit-top kayaks, life vests and a bunch of other stuff. We don't have to spend the money renting from other places, (so) we've been able to lower our prices considerably on both the adventures and the

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