

# Devil's Tower Rock Climbing

**SEPTEMBER 25-28, 2008**



## HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT:

We'll drive to one of our nation's premier climbing areas and camp nearby. Climb with experienced instructors on the steep columns, hike and explore this striking natural feature.

## WHEN:

We plan to leave UMD on Thursday afternoon, September 25th. Actual departure time will depend on participant schedules.

## CLIMBING:

The climbing at Devil's Tower is intermediate to advanced. Some rock climbing experience is required for this trip. Crack climbing skill is required. The routes to the top will take a full day and all routes must first be led by UMD staff before they can be seconded (top roped) by trip participants.

## PRE-TRIP MEETING & SKILL PRACTICE SESSION:

All participants must meet prior to the trip for an overview of the itinerary and to practice the necessary skills for the trip. This meeting will be held on **Friday, September 12 from 7-9 pm** in the UMD Climbing Wall.

## CAMPING:

We'll be camping in tents at a campground near the Tower. Each tent sleeps 2 – 3 people. Plan to help out with the camp chores like setting up tents, cooking food, washing dishes and packing up camp.

## EQUIPMENT:

We'll provide all group climbing and camping gear such as ropes, tents, climbing protection, cooking equipment and food. We'll also provide personal climbing equipment such as harness, helmet and shoes. You provide any personal climbing equipment that you own plus personal camping equipment such as sleeping bag, sleeping pad and clothing. (See equipment list on back.)

## MEALS:

Friday breakfast through Saturday dinner are provided as part of the course. You are responsible for your own food during the drive. Most meals will be served picnic style or cooked over camp stoves. Feel free to bring your own snacks.

## COST:

\$295 UMD Students, \$425 Others (*Deadline September 10, 2008*)

## PRE-TRIP MEETING & SKILL SESSION

Friday, September 12  
7-9 pm UMD Climbing Wall

## TRIP ITINERARY:

*(Actual departure time will depend on the participants' schedules.)*

Thursday, September 25  
4:00 pm Meet at UMD  
4:30 Depart for Wyoming

Friday, September 26  
8:00 am Arrive at Devil's Tower  
Summit teams: climb  
Top Rope team:  
Breakfast  
Set up camp  
11:00 am Top-rope climbing  
6:00 pm Return to camp  
Dinner

Saturday, September 27  
Early am Breakfast  
Summit teams: climb  
Top rope team:  
- leisurely breakfast  
- climb  
Evening Dinner and relax

Sunday, September 28  
5 am Pack up camp  
Depart for Duluth  
8 am Breakfast at Perkins  
8 pm Back at UMD

## NOTE:

We will do our best to get everyone to the summit. However, unforeseen circumstances such as weather may mean that summit attempts are not possible. Safety will be the bottom line.

## QUESTIONS?

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