



Dear Families,

Fall 2025

Welcome to Black Kids Adventures' Family Adventure Camp in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Our host organization for this fun-filled weekend is Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont, which works closely with the National Park Service in providing hands-on learning experiences in the Smokies for people of all ages and backgrounds.

As each day grows shorter during this time of year, birds are flying south and black bears and groundhogs are entering their dens. Here is how *you* can get ready:

Logistics: Please read "[Your Visit to Tremont](#)." This includes important packing information. Though linens will be provided, we recommend you bring extra pillows, blankets, and anything else to help make you comfortable. We also recommend that you bring an extra bedsheet or two to hang off of the bunks to create more privacy in the living space you'll be sharing with other families.

Meals & Food: For questions about menus, dietary restrictions, special requests and more, make sure to visit the Frequently Asked Questions section at gsmit.org/bka.

Weather: Over the past five years at Tremont, the average daily high for December was 52° F and the average daily low was 28° F. Please come prepared to face whatever Mother Nature will send our way: sunshine, rain, snow, or a mix! Remember to bring warm layers plus a hat, gloves, and a raincoat.

Arrival: Plan to arrive at Tremont on Friday between 10:30 and 11:30 AM. Note that we are on Eastern Standard Time. Also note that cell reception becomes spotty to nonexistent once you enter the mountains, so plan accordingly! A map to Tremont's campus can be found in the Your Visit to Tremont link above.

We hope you find this information helpful in planning for your upcoming visit to the Smokies. If you have further questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

Zenovia Stephens (BKA) and Dexter Armstrong (NPS) and Jeremy Lloyd (Tremont)