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Dear Carleton friends,

Thank you for your request for more information about Carleton’s Alumni Adventure into the Tetons by Wagon Trip. As you consider joining this adventure, I hope the following information will be helpful.

It is recommended that you arrive in Jackson the day before as we will be gathering at 8 a.m. on Wednesday morning to begin our adventure. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Lodge at Jackson Hole for Tuesday night and for our return on Saturday night.

Our outfitter will provide us with an authentic replica of a pioneer covered wagon train as used by early settlers in their journey west. Wagons are pulled by gentle teams and driven by local ranchers. For your comfort, wagons have rubber tires and foam padded seats that convert to deluxe bunks at night. The white wagon cover protects you from the sun and occasional shower. Gentle riding horses are furnished for those who wish to ride. You can explore the surrounding wilderness on guided trail rides. There will be evening entertainment around the campfire each evening.

Meals are cooked chuckwagon style over an open fire using Dutch ovens. The menu includes ham, bacon, hotcakes, roasts, chicken, stews, salads, choice of beverage, etc. Tables and benches area provided under the chuckwagon fly or around the campfire. Be sure to let us know if you are a vegetarian so we can arrange for some appropriate items; and you may want to bring along some dietary supplements.

In addition to the activities planned by our outfitter, Prof. Buchwald will be our resident geologist and our natural history expert and will present special programs for the children on the trip. Bill Edwards’56 will speak on local flora and fauna, their management in the Teton Area, and the role of humans in the development of the area.

We will return late afternoon on Saturday in time to clean up after our four day trip. There are no modern facilities during this four-day trip so the hot shower in the hotel will be most welcome. Dinner will be on your own and then we will all gather together one last time as we attend the Saturday night Rodeo in Jackson.

We are delighted you might be joining us for what promises to be an exciting and fulfilling weekend. If you have any questions, please call me at 800-729-2586 (email: mcalcutt@acs.carleton.edu).

Sincerely,

Merilyn Calcutt
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