



Travel Information for First Year Trips Summer 2024

All First-Year Trips will start and conclude at Knoxville McGhee Tyson Airport. [Home - McGhee Tyson Airport \(flyknoxville.com\)](#). Staff will be on-site the day before assisting with early arrivals. Staff will also be on-site through the day after to assist participants with delays. We will also distribute the phone number for the professional staff on-call supporting these trips with other pre-trip details this summer.

Trip Start & Arrivals

The trip will start at **2:00 pm** and all participants will need to book flights to arrive in Knoxville before this time.

Trip Conclusion & Departures

The trip will conclude at **1:00 pm** at Knoxville McGhee Tyson Airport. All flights will need to depart an adequate time after 1:00 pm on the final day of the trip allowing for getting through TSA and to appropriate gates. We recommend having the flight scheduled no earlier than **2:00 pm**.

Hotels

There are numerous hotels for overnight stays for those arriving on the day before the start date or needing to stay an additional night after the conclusion of the trip. The four listed here are the closest to the airport.

- Hilton Knoxville Airport - 2001 Alcoa Hwy, Alcoa, TN 37701
- Tru by Hilton Alcoa Knoxville Airport - 125 Furrow Way, Alcoa, TN 37701
- La Quinta Inn & Suites Knoxville Airport - 126 Cusick Rd, Alcoa, TN 37701
- Courtyard Knoxville Airport Alcoa - 141 Furrow Way, Alcoa, TN 37701

General Itinerary

Day 1

2:00 pm – Arrive at Knoxville McGhee Tyson Airport
2:00 pm – Transfer belonging to backpacks and pack group gear into backpacks
3:00 pm – Leave for Great Smoky Mountains National Park
4:30 pm – Arrive at the trailhead

Day 2 & 3

Backpacking and making incredible memories!

Day 4

10:30 am – Leave Great Smoky Mountains National Park
12:00 pm – Arrive at Knoxville McGhee Tyson Airport
12:00 - 12:30 – Unpack from backpacks & repack travel bags
1:00 pm – Head through security at Knoxville McGhee Tyson Airport