

# Sasquatch spotted by the SUNY Broome Adventure Club!

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Over winter break, I sat down with Kyle Henry to learn about the SUNY Broome Adventure Club. Kyle is a SUNY Broome student and has been President of the club since its inception just before the fall of 2014. This past semester, the club has hiked all over the Upstate area and is now looking to branch out into other outdoor activities.

**John: What does the club do? Do you just hike or do you do other things?**

**Kyle:** So far we've just been hiking, but we're looking to start rafting, mountain biking, rock climbing and skiing this coming semester. We also want to start hiking the 46 high peaks of the Adirondacks this spring.

**Where have you gone this past semester and how long do you stay?**

We've been up to Ithaca where we hiked the Robert H. Treeman State Park and to Highland Forest County Park, just south of Syracuse. We go once a month and we stay for two days and one night. We try to hike both days if we can.

**What is the routine of a typical trip?**

Usually we meet at BCC, pack everyone's gear and then carpool to our destination. When we get there, we set up camp before hiking or exploring the park. That night I make dinner. The next day we hike some more before heading home. If we're near something that everyone wants to do we'll stop there; for instance, we went to the Syracuse Mall on our way home from Highland Forest Park once.

**Who would be interested in the club?**

Anybody who likes the outdoors and wants to adventure. And they have to be willing to put forth the effort because some of the stuff we do is challenging.

**Does someone who's interested need any prior experience?**

Yes, they need a bit of experience with outdoor safety and survival techniques. But we do a quick briefing before each trip.

### **What do you need for a trip?**

For a hiking trip you just need a sleeping bag, good set of hiking boots and money for gas. It's usually only \$10. We're lucky; the college provides tents, sleeping mats, stoves and cookware for every trip. You don't need to bring food either, I buy it before hand with club funds.

### **What can a first timer expect?**

Fun. I'll help you out when you need it but otherwise it's pretty laid back.

### **How many people are in the club?**

There's about 20 people signed up but usually only 11 or so actually participate. It's mostly guys but there are three or four girls.

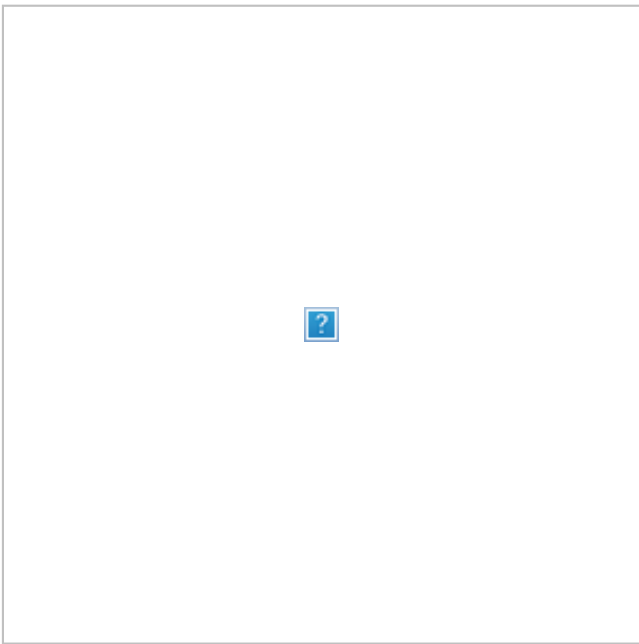
### **Does the advisor go with you on the trips?**

Yes, the advisor, Professor Fletcher, always goes with us. As long as you follow the rules we're a pretty fun group to hang out with.

### **Have you ever seen a Sasquatch?**

(Laughing) Only when the vice president goes shirtless!

For further information such as weekly meeting times and how to sign up, you can find Kyle Henry around campus or email him at [flyerman55@gmail.com](mailto:flyerman55@gmail.com). You can find Professor John Fletcher in the adjunct physical education office or email him at [fletcherjj1@sunybroome.edu](mailto:fletcherjj1@sunybroome.edu). And since you're probably already on Facebook, you can check out the group's page, [SUNY Broome Adventure Club](#); it's a great way to get outside, have some new adventures and meet some girls (at least three or four).



**The SUNY Broome Adventure Club in Ithaca's  
Robert H. Treman State Park – except for  
President Kyle Henry, who is holding the  
camera.**

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