



Out of the Classroom

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Outdoor Education can be simply defined as ...
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN AND ABOUT THE OUTDOORS. There are many benefits for students getting out of the classroom and learning by “doing” — one of which is higher grades.

According to the State Education and Environmental Roundtable, programs integrating environmental education result in higher grades and standardized test scores in reading, writing and math. Research also shows that outdoor education helps students increase personal skills in self-esteem, cooperation, leadership and conflict resolution.

Another important benefit of outdoor school programs is the opportunity for students who usually do not do well in a traditional classroom to thrive.

» CUSTOMIZE THE PROGRAM FOR YOUR STUDENTS

The Deer Run Camps & Retreats Outdoor Education program is taught and facilitated by highly trained Deer Run staff. Your student’s outdoor education program can be customized to meet the needs of your students and school.

We offer a 3-day adventure for your students to fully experience the benefits of the program.

» STUDENT GROUPS

Students are divided into small groups of 8-12 participants. A teacher or parent is required to be with each group to help as chaperone. If the group has more than 12 students, two chaperones are required. Chaperones are responsible for disciplinary actions, maintaining order in the group and supporting the facilitator.

5 PILLARS

The Deer Run Outdoor Education program is based on these five pillars —

COURAGE
STEWARDSHIP
TEAMWORK
KNOWLEDGE
PROBLEM-SOLVING

CUSTOMIZED GROUP PRICING

Program pricing varies depending upon group size. Total cost includes lodging accommodations and meals.

For every 10-12 students, one adult (teacher or parent) can attend at no cost.

TO SCHEDULE & CUSTOMIZE
A PROGRAM FOR YOUR STUDENTS

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*Deer Run is located on 100 secluded wooded acres
at 3845 Perkins Road, Thompson’s Station;
10 miles southwest of historic downtown Franklin, TN.*



Treks

TEN TREKS — OR AREAS OF LEARNING — ARE AVAILABLE.

In order to create a truly unique learning experience, schools have the opportunity to CHOOSE FIVE TREKS FOR THEIR STUDENTS to participate in.

» ARCHERY

Students learn basic skills and techniques of marksmanship with a bow through learning the history of archery.

- Archery Safety
- Marksmanship
- History of Archery

» CLIMBING & RAPPELLING

Students learn the techniques and skills of climbing and rappelling — learning to move beyond fear and gain self-confidence.

- Climbing
- Rappelling
- Spotting
- Belaying
- Knots and Belay/Rappel Lines

» FRONTIERSMAN ADVENTURE

Students are transported back in time to meet a man by the name of Aaron Sinclair who lived through the revolution and now lives in the frontier of Tennessee.

In this trek students walk with him through his daily life hearing stories about what he has seen and how he survives.

- Life on the Frontier
- Stories from the War

» KNOW YOUR ECOSYSTEM

Students learn how all forms of life in the world around us are interconnected.

- Codependency
- Ecosystems
- Tropic Levels

» LEAVE NO TRACE

Students learn outdoor ethics that enable them to better care for the environment and the world around them.

- Outdoor Ethics
- Fire Safety Tutorial
- Our Effect on the Environment

» ORIENTEERING

Students learn to use a map and compass providing them with the skill of wilderness orienteering.

- Reading a Map & Compass
- Identifying a Clean Water Source

» OUTDOOR ADVENTURE & SURVIVAL

Students learn how to prepare for any outdoor adventure and what to do in a survival situation.

- Packing Your Gear (10 Essentials)
- Shelter Building
- Steps to Take if Lost

» PIONEERING

Students learn engineering techniques by building structures such as bridges, tripods and ladders using knots and lashing skills.

- Basic Knots & Lashings
- How to Engineer Structures
- Teamwork

» TEAM BUILDING

Facilitators inspire students to develop teamwork, leadership and communication skills by presenting them with various challenges and obstacles which they solve by working as a team.

- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Communication Skills

» WILDERNESS FIRST AID

Students learn how to handle medical situations which they might encounter while on an adventure in the outdoors.

- Flesh Wounds
- Splints
- Situation Assessment