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Aquatic Education

Aquatic Ecologist 6 th -12 th grades <p>Students will take an in-depth analysis of the marsh and Lake Beulah. They will study the biotic and abiotic factors with chemical tests, specimen collection, and physical analysis.</p>	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scientific Method - Chemical Water Testing - Aquatic invertebrate sampling & ID - Biotic and Abiotic Factors 	Class Length: 2 Hours Max Class Size: 20 Students  
Pond Mucking 2 nd – 8 th Grades <p>This class will allow the students to explore water quality of Lake Beulah by conducting a macro-invertebrate survey. They will work together in teams to collect and identify aquatic invertebrates and then learn how that can tell us about the water quality in Lake Beulah. Our facilitators interpret the findings to teach about succession, aquatic insects, amphibians, and food chains while illustrating the importance of water to all life on earth.</p>	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Difference between ponds and lakes - Aquatic invertebrate sampling & ID - Dichotomous Key Usage - Water Quality Definitions 	Class Length: 1-1½ Hours Max Class Size: 20 Students  
Water Works Kindergarten – 8 th Grades <p>Students will have a chance to learn about the interconnected web of the water cycle as they follow the path of water. They will explore concepts of watersheds as well as the impact humans have on the water around us and how it affects us as well.</p>	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the water cycle and where can you find water. - Types, shapes, and functions of watersheds. - Impact of humans in the watershed. - Ways of water conservation. 	Class Length: 1 Hour Max Class Size: 30 Students   
Wetland Wonders All Grades <p>Travel across our boardwalk in this guided tour of our marsh. Through a variety of activities, students will learn about the plants and animals that call the marsh their home, how they interact with each other, and the benefits of wetlands for humans and the ecosystem.</p>	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of plants and animals - Interconnectedness of the marsh - Succession in aquatic ecosystems - Invasive species (impact and removal) - Benefits of wetlands to humans 	Class Length: 1-1½ Hours Max Class Size: 20 Students  















Land and Forest Classes

Prairie Promenade 3 rd – 8 th Grades <p>Investigate this important ecosystem here at camp and learn how the plants and animals that live are unique and how fire is more beneficial than destructive.</p>	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of local plants - Predators and Prey Relationships - Animal and Plant Adaptations - Wildfire education 	Class Length: 1 Hour Max Class Size: 20 Students    
Forestry 3 rd – 8 th Grades <p>This class takes a deeper look at the forests in Wisconsin and the history of Forest Management. Become a forester and inventory the forest and make some observations about a tree's life.</p>	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of native trees - Invasive species and their impacts - Dichotomous key use - Forestry Management - Mathematics 	Class Length: 1 – 1½ Hours Max Class Size: 20 Students   
Soil Investigations Kindergarten – 8 th Grades <p>Don't call it dirt. Dive into the complexity of what makes up the ground beneath our feet in this class.</p>	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Soil composition and characteristics - Soil horizon layers - Importance of soil to human beings - Hands on soil testing 	Class Length: 1½ Hours Max Class Size: 20 Students   







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Wildlife Classes

All About Wolves Kindergarten – 8 th Grades <p>Students will learn about the history of this controversial animal. They will use folklore, natural history, games, and hands on activities. This class is a great introduction to the Alpha Wolf program.</p>	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ecological importance of wolves - Wolf history - Predator / prey relationships - Canid Identification 	Class Length: 1½ Hours Max Class Size: Any  
Birds, Birds, Birds Kindergarten – 6 th Grades <p>This class covers the Class Aves (Birds). Students will have the chance to interact with many bird specimens and learn about local birds.</p>	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Behavioral and Physiological Adaptations - Local Bird Identification 	Class Length: 1 - 2 Hours Max Class Size: 20 Students  
Eco-Connections Kindergarten – 8 th Grades <p>Ecosystems are made of complicated interactions between many different biotic and abiotic factors. This class will cover concepts of the interconnectedness of the ecosystems</p>	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Predator and Prey Relationships - Food Chains and Webs - Transmission of energy - Human Impacts on the Ecosystem - Carrying Capacity / Limiting Factors 	Class Length: 1-1½ Hours Max Class Size: 30 Students  
Life in Cold Blood Kindergarten – 8 th Grades <p>After a discussion about cold-blooded and warm-blooded animals, students will then learn about different reptiles and amphibians. Students are shown the various live specimens and then they will then have an opportunity to hold, touch or view each animal depending on the students comfort level.</p>	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reptile and Amphibian Taxonomy - Animal Adaptations - Proper Handling of Animals - Warm vs Cold Blooded Animals 	Class Length: 1 - 1½ Hours Max Class Size: 20 Students   
On the Right Track Kindergarten – 4 th Grades <p>Explore the outdoors and sharpen your students' skills of observation as they travel throughout Camp Edwards. Students will learn how to identify the animals through their tracks and other natural evidence.</p>	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nature observation - Basic requirements for living things - Observe and record signs of animal life in natural habitats - Interpret animal signs found 	Class Length: 1-1½ Hours Max Class Size: 20 Students  
Predator / Prey 3 rd – 12 th Grades <p>Students will take on the roles of various animals in a food web; they will embark on a journey to find food and water while trying to evade their predators. This high energy, active, outside simulation helps shed light on the predator and prey relationships found in nature.</p>	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Predator and Prey Relationships - Requirements of Life - Animal Adaptations - Mutualism, commensalism, competition, and parasitism. 	Class Length: 1½ -2 Hours Max Class Size: 50 Students Min Class Size: 20 Students 
Save our Species (S.O.S.) 4 th – 12 th Grades <p>It may not look like it but many of our native Wisconsin species are under attack. During this class, students will see the consequences of human-driven species relocation. This class focusses on a variety of resident invasive species, the impacts that they have to the ecosystem, and how to get rid of them.</p>	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human impacts on the ecosystem - Natural changes vs unnatural changes - Adaptations / Natural selection - Biodiversity vs. Monoculture 	Class Length: 1-1½ Hours Max Class Size: 20 Students  


















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History Classes

Voyagers	Kindergarten – 8 th Grades	<u>Key Concepts:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Early history of voyagers & explorers to the Great Lakes area - Fur trade importance 	Class Length: 30-60 minutes Max Class Size: 20 Students   
Native American Life	Kindergarten – 8 th Grades	<u>Key Concepts:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to a different culture - Dispelling common stereotypes - Demonstrating skills and activities that are a part of Native cultures 	Class Length: 30-60 minutes Max Class Size: 20 Students   
Pioneers	Kindergarten – 8 th Grades	<u>Key Concepts:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Customs and lifestyle of early European settlers in the Midwest - Create pioneer crafts and play pioneer games. 	Class Length: 30-60 minutes Max Class Size: 20 Students   













Outdoor Adventure Classes

Archery	3 rd – 12 th Grades	<u>Key Concepts:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Archery skills - Archery safety 	Class Length: 1 Hour Max Class Size: 20 Students  
Canoeing	3 rd – 12 th Grades	<u>Key Concepts:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safe canoeing practices - Basic canoe structure and operation <p>Only available April – October</p>	Class Length: 1 Hour Max Class Size: 20 Students    
Compass Frisbee Golf	3 rd – 12 th Grades	<u>Key Concepts:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to use a bearing compass and use it to find directions 	Class Length: 1 Hour Max Class Size: 20 Students   
Fire Quest	3 rd – 12 th Grades	<u>Key Concepts:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify and demonstrate fire safety - Three needs of fire: O₂, fuel, & heat - Build and light a fire 	Class Length: 1-4 Hour Lunch Option: Cookout Lunch Max Class Size: 20 Students  
Give Me Shelter	3 rd – 12 th Grades	<u>Key Concepts:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Importance of shelters to humans - Dimensions, materials, and weather considerations for a survival shelter - Teambuilding 	Class Length: 1 Hour Max Class Size: 20 Students  
Orienteering	4 th – 12 th Grades	<u>Key Concepts:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to use a bearing compass and use it to find directions 	Class Length: 1 - 2 Hours Max Class Size: 20 Students  
Wilderness Survival	3 rd – 12 th Grades	<u>Key Concepts:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic needs for survival - Practice survival skills - Preparedness - Teamwork 	Class Length: 1 - 2 Hours Max Class Size: 20 Students  

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Teambuilding Classes






Climbing Wall⁺ 3 rd Grade and Older Our climbing wall is designed to provide a secure environment for the students to challenge themselves both emotionally and physically.	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Making and meeting personal goals - Dealing with physical and emotional challenges 	Class Length: 1-2 Hours Max Class Size: 20 Students  
Communication Breakdown 3 rd Grade and Older This activity encourages and requires students to work together as a team to accomplish the communication goal.	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elements of clear communication - Barriers in communication and how to overcome them 	Class Length: 1½ Hours Max Class Size: 30 Students  
Cooperative Group Games All Ages Students participate in a variety of exciting activities that promote teamwork and will encourage them to look at problems in new ways.	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practice communication and cooperation skills - Reflect on, discuss, and evaluate the group dynamics of the team 	Class Length: 1-2 Hours Max Class Size: 20 Students  
Group Initiatives 3 rd Grade and Older During this program, students are presented with a series of challenges. After each challenge, the group debriefs what they did well as a team and where they could use improvement. They take a close look at what makes a team succeed. For safety reasons, an adult from the group is required to be present for this class.	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflect on, discuss, and evaluate elements of team building - Social Emotional Learning 	Class Length: 1-3 Hours Max Class Size: 20 Students 
High Ropes⁺ 5 th Grade and Older This class focusses on the mental and physical personal challenges that the high ropes course offers. The course is 35 feet above the ground, features 4 exciting elements and a 400-foot zip line.	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal growth by facing challenges - Challenge by Choice - Goal setting - Building confidence 	Class Length: 2-3 Hours Max Class Size: 20 people   \$10 extra fee per person
Low Ropes 3 rd Grade and Older Students will participate in one of our 9-element low ropes courses. These obstacles are designed to promote strong group dynamics that include every group member.	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication between team members - Developing trust in a team - Building confidence 	Class Length: 1-2 Hours Max Class Size: 15 people 
Zip Line⁺ 4 th Grade and Older Students will have the opportunity to participate in our 400-foot zip line. They are outfitted with all appropriate safety gear and then will climb 30 feet to the top of the zip line to start.	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal growth by facing challenges - Challenge by Choice - Building confidence 	Class Length: 1-1½ Hours Max Class Size: 30 people   \$5 extra fee per person

⁺ In order to run any high adventure programs the Temperature needs to be above 40° Fahrenheit with minimal wind and precipitation

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Seasonal Classes

Maple Syruping Kindergarten – 12 th Grades Learn about maple syrup from tree to table. Students will explore camp, tap a maple tree, collect sap and even have a taste test.	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Historical maple syrup production - Tree identification - Tree structure and function 	Class Length: 1½ Hours Max Class Size: 20 Students Seasons: Late Feb-March   
Winter Critters Kindergarten – 3 rd Grades Students will learn how animals adapt to winter conditions here in Wisconsin. Take a romp in the snow and experience what winter has to offer.	Key Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Animal and plant winter adaptations - Track identification - Fun in the snow 	Class Length: 1½ Hours Max Class Size: 20 Students Seasons: December-February  







Evening Programs

The programs listed below are the most common evening programs that we run at camp. If you have a different idea of what you would like to do then please let us know and we can easily put something together personalized just for your school.

We are flexible, if you would like to include one of our evening programs in your days schedule, just let us know!

Adaptation Auction 3 rd – 12 th Grades Animals have incredible adaptations that allow them to survive and thrive in their environment. The goal of the night is to design an animal that can survive in the given ecosystem. Students will be given \$1,000 in order to bid on adaptations that will allow their animal to thrive in their environment. Along with adaptations, this program encourages the students to be smart with their money and come up with an action plan.	Program Length: 1-2 Hours Max Group Size: 50 People
Alpha Wolf 3 rd – 12 th Grades A fun nighttime activity where students will take on the role of a pack of wolves trying to find the “alpha wolf.” Students will be split up into small packs, with at least one adult per group, and will have to track down the Camp Edwards staff member hiding around camp. For an educational talk about wolves, consider adding All About Wolves before Alpha Wolf.	Program Length: 1 - 1½ Hours Max Class Size: Any
Campfire All Ages Students will participate in an outdoor or indoor campfire (weather depending). This evening program will consist of traditional camp songs, skits, and stories performed by camp Edwards staff. If you are interested we can add the evening snack of S’mores (\$1 each) or you are free to bring your own and we will coordinate the roasting.	Program Length: 1 Hours Max Class Size: Any
Dutch Auction 3 rd – 12 th Grades This activity encourages cooperation and imagination. It requires cabin groups to collect various items that they brought to camp and bring them to the event. The “auctioneer” will then ask for random items and the group will have to work together to create the item only using what they brought to the evening. This is a great activity to get groups to work together.	Program Length: 1-2 Hours Max Class Size: Any
Minute to Win It All Ages Minute to win it is a high-energy game show style evening program. Students are divided into groups and they will be given tasks that they must complete in under a minute. Discover your group’s hidden talents through a variety of zany, timed challenges. These activities bring about camaraderie and silliness allowing each participant a chance to shine.	Program Length: 1 - 2 Hours Max Class Size: Any

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Night Hike

3rd – 12th Grades

This activity is designed to get students feeling comfortable in the wilderness at night. They will learn about night vision, nocturnal animal adaptations and more through a series of exciting activities, all the while gaining confidence in exploring the woods without a flashlight.

Program Length: 1 - 1½ Hours

Max Class Size: 20 per group

Owl Prowl

3rd – 12th Grades

Perhaps one of the most fascinating birds of prey is the owl. This course offers students a lesson in ornithology, the study of birds, as it pertains to owls. Participants in this class will learn about this amazing raptor through discussion, visual displays, specimens, and activities.

Program Length: 1 Hour

Max Class Size: Any