

A Short Journey into the Wilderness



From Sudbury:

Killarney is 75 minutes southwest of Sudbury. Follow highway 69 South, turning west on highway 637.

From Toronto:

Travel north on highway 400. Continue on highway 69 and turn west on highway 637. It's just 4 hours from southern Ontario.

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Killarney-Shebanoning Outdoor
Environmental Education Centre
A Natural Place for learning

2014 FALL PROGRAM GUIDE



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*A natural place for learning...
Connecting mind, body and spirit to the
world around us*



Connect with Nature in Killarney



At the Killarney-Shebanoning Outdoor Environmental Education Centre we provide a safe, positive, hands-on and fun outdoor learning experience for elementary and secondary students. Our curriculum-based programs will not only inspire students to connect with nature but will encourage a motivation to learn. Through various activities students will learn about the natural world, gain self-esteem, build peer relationships and explore traditional First Nations teachings.

Our Location

The Killarney-Shebanoning Outdoor Environmental Education Centre is located in the scenic port community of Killarney on the northeastern shore of Georgian Bay. The town is surrounded by water and wilderness containing the famous white quartzite ridges of the La Cloche Mountains. The Centre itself is on 7 acres of land and is adjacent to thousands of acres of endless natural wonders in the Municipality of Killarney and the Killarney Provincial Park. The natural setting of the area makes for a great place for outdoor experiential education.



At the Killarney-Shebanoning Outdoor Environmental Education Centre we strive to make our programs both educational and fun. All of our programs are linked to the current Ontario curriculum and provide students the opportunity to explore the natural world through hands-on experiential learning.

Teachers can select programs from our four categories:

- Environmental Studies
- Adventure & Team Building
- Local Heritage
- Biindigen Biimadiziwin (Aboriginal Education)

DAY & OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Whether you choose to visit the Killarney-Shebanoning Outdoor Environmental Education Centre for a day or an overnight trip, your students will have an action-packed learning experience.

Overnight trips allow for an opportunity to maximize your experience here at the Killarney-Shebanoning Outdoor Environmental Education Centre. Each overnight trip offers our unique and action packed day programs as well as an evening program and a campfire to share songs and stories.

Our overnight accommodations are 'dormitory style', consisting of separate male and female dorms with bunk beds. Our sleeping quarters are used just for that...sleeping! During your visit here, mostly all of your time is spent engaged in our outdoor classroom.



CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Programs	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8	Gr 9	Gr 10	Gr 11	Gr 12
Wonderful Wetlands	•		•	•	•	•		•	
Interactions in the Environment	•		•	•	•	•			•
Trees, Trees & More Trees	•	•	•	•		•		•	
Acting Wild	•	•	•	•		•			
Owl Prowl	•		•	•	•	•			•
What's the Alternative	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Beaver Ecology	•		•	•	•	•			
Group Dynamics	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Low Ropes Challenge	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Walk on the Wildside	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Orienteering	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Wilderness Survival	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
A Furry Little Business	•		•	•					
Art in Nature	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Biindigen Biimaadiziwin (Aboriginal Education)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

For a complete detailed list of Ontario curriculum connections visit our website at www.outdoored.scdsb.edu.on.ca

DAY TRIPS

Subsidized Rate - FREE
A full day of fun-filled experiential education in Killarney **1 class limit**
Most of our programs are 1/2 day. During a day trip you may select 2 programs.
All day trips include transportation and programming within fee

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Subsidized Rate - FREE
1 class limit
All overnight trips include transportation, accommodations, meals and programming.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Subsidized Rate - FREE
If you can't make the trip to Killarney, we can bring Killarney to you!
Outreach programming depends on school location.
Contact us for details

FACILITY RENTAL

Are you planning a retreat or have your own program ideas? Why not rent our facility! The KSOEEC is available to all SCDSB teachers. Included is the use of the entire facility, sleeping accommodations, and kitchen. Contact us for more information.

2 days/1 night **\$380/group**
Use of facility Kitchen **\$20/night**

FOOD OPTIONS

When visiting our Centre you have a few meal options available:

- KSOEEC catered
- Cook-out over an open fire
- Fish & Chips from Herbert's Fisheries (\$9/person)
- Local Restaurant homestyle cooking
- Bag lunch supplied by students



SEASONAL PROGRAM LEGEND

Some of our programs are only offered during specific seasons.

Spring, Summer, Fall

Winter

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Wonderful Wetlands

In this program, students explore the many wacky water critters that live in and around local aquatic ecosystems. Students learn about various characteristics, life cycles and the roles certain aquatic animals have in the ecosystem. Students will become field researchers for the day as they use nets, magnifying viewers and microscopes to examine the creatures that are captured, studied, classified, and released. Water Quality testing can be completed by advanced groups.



Interactions in the Environment



Everything in nature is connected! This program allows students to get down and dirty while exploring the biotic and abiotic components of the ecosystem. Various characteristics and life cycles of a terrestrial ecosystem are studied, while food chains and food webs are constructed. Students will use guidebooks and field equipment to identify and make predictions about the interactions taking place in the ecosystem. Discussions and games to promote sustainability and respect for the environment will be included throughout the program to ensure the students are learning and having fun.



Trees, Trees & more Trees



Forests are forever...if we use them wisely. This program will examine how we use and manage our forests for a number of purposes. Students will have the opportunity to examine the various parts of a tree and the life of a tree. Students will learn how to identify local trees using a dichotomous key before entering the forest to find clues to help them solve a treerific puzzle!



Acting Wild



Have your students ever acted a little wild? In this program students take part in various nature-based games and activities to learn about concepts of ecology and interactions among living things. Students will have to think and act like animals as they forage the forest for food, water, shelter and space. Discussions before and after each activity allow students to gain an understanding and appreciation for the concepts covered in this program.

Owl Prowl



This program is a hoot! Students will be introduced to the unique adaptations of birds, in particular the owl. A 'dress like a bird' activity will have students laughing and learning before they have pleasure of meeting our bird-brained friends at KSOEEC. These mounted birds will be closely examined to identify their exceptional characteristics that allow them to defy gravity. Owl pellets will be dissected and their contents categorized to determine the owl's last meal. If time allows, students will take a short hike and attempt to call one of Killarney's local owls.



The Wonders of Winter



We love winter...and Killarney truly is a winter wonderland. Did you know there are over 50 names for different types of snow? This program explores the many different properties of snow. Collect snowflakes and examine their structure, learn how snow can insulate, and how animals survive the winter. Students can take part in building a quinzee and tracking local animals in the snow. This snow-packed program is full of learning and fun.

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Beaver Ecology ☀️❄️

Discover what life is like for the largest rodent in North America and Canada's national animal, the Beaver! Students will be introduced to beaver adaptations, the beaver life cycle, and compare the effects of human and beaver behavior on the environment. Various activities including a beaver dress-up, interactive story, song, and a visit to our beaver pond make this program a splash!



Walk on the Wild Side ☀️❄️

Rugged coastlines, marshes, forests, and billion year old rock ridges are a few of the breathtaking features that await the students as they explore the landscape of Killarney. "Project Wild" and other activities are included during the hike. Programs can be adapted to meet the needs of most curricula, while on the trail. Full day trips into Killarney Provincial Park are also available.

ADVENTURE & TEAM BUILDING

Group Dynamics ☀️❄️

Through a series of strategic team building activities, small groups will be given outdoor challenges which promote trust, interpersonal skills, conflict resolution, problem solving and the importance of participation. This program is action-packed and full of fun.



Low Ropes Challenge ☀️❄️

Our low ropes course offers students a number of challenges, each becoming more complex. Students challenge themselves physically and emotionally as they work individually and as a team to complete various tasks on the course. Themes of co-operation, trust and problem solving are all emphasized. Are you up for the challenge?

Orienteering ☀️❄️

Where are you going? This active outdoor program introduces students to map interpretation and compass skills. Upon completion, the students will be able to orient a map and accurately locate objects and places on it. Students also learn to design and draw simple maps. Our property includes a basic and advanced orienteering course as well as an orienteering frisbee golf course.



What's the Alternative? ☀️❄️

Hold on to your hat! This program explores alternative forms of energy that help reduce our carbon footprint. Students harness renewable energy by building and testing their own wind turbines and solar cars. Students learn first hand how natural forces can be used to create usable electricity. The program ends with a tasty treat cooked by students in our solar oven.

LOCAL HERITAGE

A Furry Little Business



This program will introduce students to Canada's first industry, one that shaped our nation...the fur trade. Through simulation, students will learn about the First Nations and the European people that made the fur trade possible and the role that each culture played as trappers, traders, and travelers.



Artists of the North



Get some natural inspiration! This program offers 2 options, Art in Nature or Writing in Nature. This program involves a short hike and has students taking part in various nature-based sensory activities to get connected with the natural environment. Writing or painting workshops are then conducted 'in the field' overlooking the beautiful Georgian Bay shore line.

* Special workshop with local artist
Pierre Sabourin is also available



Tell us what you want



For a small northern community tucked into an undeveloped corner of Georgian Bay, Killarney sure has garnered a lot of attention. This port community is famous for its amazing fiords, wild landscapes, and incredible fish and chips. Killarney is an ideal place for an Outdoor Education Centre. Programs can be created to meet the expectations of most curricula, so, tell us what you'd like your students to experience and we will develop a program to suit your needs!



BIINDIGEN BIIMAADIZIWIN

Aboriginal Education

Have you ever used a tipi as a classroom, started your day with a smudge ceremony, cooked bannock over an open fire, or taken part in a pipe ceremony? This is all possible with the Biindigen Biimaadiziwin (Welcoming all of Life) programs at the Killarney-Shebanoning Outdoor Environmental Education Centre. Students have a great opportunity to learn first hand from our First Nations Elders and instructors. Through various programs and teachings, students learn about First Nation's traditional ways of life and ideologies, including the close connection to and respect for the natural world.

All Biindigen Biimaadiziwin programs are flexible and can be modified to accommodate your class needs.

The Traditional Knowledge programs are available during all four seasons



Some of our programs offered include:

Sacred Medicines

Tipi Teachings

7 Grandfather Teachings

Medicine Wheel Teachings

Create your Own Dream Catchers

Pipe Teachings

Hand Drumming

