



Killarney-Shebanoning Outdoor
Environmental Education Centre

A Natural Place for Learning



WINTER OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Unable to make the trip to the outdoor centre... No worries, we can bring the outdoor centre to your school!

All outreach programs contain both an indoor and outdoor component. The length of the program is typically 2 hours, however this may vary based on grade level and teacher request.

Snowshoeing

Students will learn the history of snowshoes in North America and their use by Native people and early Canadians. Wearing snowshoes, students will participate in various exercises and games to develop basic techniques. The outreach snowing program can take place in the schoolyard or a near by wooded area.

Snow Science

Students will use various instruments and techniques to look at the properties of snow. Investigations of such factors as depth, temperature, water content, solid particles, compaction and snow crystal classification may be undertaken. The influence of these factors on plants, wildlife, and people are will also be explored.

Winter Ecology & Animal Signs

It is often thought that nature 'sleeps' in the winter... this is far from the truth. Students will explore the various challenges animals are faced with and the adaptations that allow animals to survive Canadian winters. Armed with these basic understandings, students will venture outside in search of animal signs.

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. Completing the program on snowshoes is an option.

Cooperative Games and Team Building

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. Our low ropes course can also be utilized making this program action-packed and full of fun.

Wilderness Survival

Have you ever been lost in the forest and didn't know what to do? In this hands-on program students will learn how to be prepared for a wilderness survival situation. Students will explore the 7 basic needs for human survival and how to meet these needs if found in a survival situation. Critical thinking and teamwork skills will be an asset during an outdoor survival scenario where students will build snow shelters.

Inuit Games

This program focuses on the true winter experts, and our neighbors to the north, the Inuit. Various aspects of the Inuit culture are highlighted in this program through discussions of the arctic climate, landscape and resources. With a new appreciation and understanding of living in the arctic, students will head outdoors to play a series of traditional Inuit games.

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 during the activities included in this program. Discussions before and after each activity allow students to gain an understanding and appreciation for the concepts covered in this program.

Choose Your Own Adventure

Do you have a specific topic you wish to cover in the outdoors? We would be happy to develop a program specifically for you.

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