

Berrien Springs Partnership Lab Syllabus and Instructor Qualifications

LABS (CLASSES) ARE PROVIDED AS AN EDUCATIONAL SOURCE FOR PBL (PROJECT BASED LEARNING)

COMMUNITY CLASS TITLE: Outdoor Explorers

GRADE OR AGE LEVELS: 8-12 years old

FORMAT: **IN-PERSON** X ONLINE FLEXIBLE

DAY AND TIME OF THE WEEK: Fridays as listed in syllabus

TOTAL REQUIRED HRS: 16 ADD'L POSSIBLE HRS (OPTIONAL TIME): 0 TOTAL

SEMESTER HOURS POSSIBLE: 16

LOCATION: Love Creek County Park 9292 Huckleberry rd, Berrien Center

INSTRUCTOR: Lamanda Hilty, parks naturalist

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ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION AT SITE REQUIRED? YES NO

IF YES, INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION:

INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS (may attach a separate page if

necessary): BS in Environmental Biology, 5 years teaching

partnership classes, 10 years educational setting.

COURSE DESCRIPTION (OVERVIEW): In this class for 8-12 year olds,

we will focus on a different subject each class period. We will

have many hands on activities in nature. Please see schedule for

list of subjects to be covered.

SYLLABUS/OUTLINE: WEEKLY BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT-BASED LEARNING LAB ACTIVITIES

Describe activities that will reinforce the lesson. Include any work and time to be required outside of class: 9/6 – Forest, field and stream part 1

9/13 – Investigating owls

9/20 - Rocks and minerals

9/27 – Night hike 7:00 pm

10/4 – Invasive species

10/11 – Fungi and decomposers

10/25 – Living with fire

11/1 – Forest, field and stream part 2

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND APPROXIMATE TARGET DATES:

Steps to check for student understanding, along with dates or # of weeks into class:

Teachers will work closely with students during each class. Opportunity for discussion will be available during and at the end of each class.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT - what will be used to evaluate student progress and/or end of semester pass/fail status?

- 1) Student agrees to attend at least 80% of class sessions/lessons offered. Attendance is kept online and tracked by Partnership staff. Failure to meet 80% or be on track to meet 80% may result in program discontinuation.
- 2) The Partnership Student Assessment or Performance Form is filled out by the teacher and turned in to Partnership staff. The link to this form is found on the web page for this class. Failing marks for lack of participation, behavior issues, practice time, etc. may result in program discontinuation.

Class-specific assessment: discuss and include the form or a link to the form that you

use. **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: (online, books, video, etc.):**

CLASS POLICIES: ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOR, WEATHER, ETC.

Attendance: Classes cannot be made up if missed. Course work will be given to complete at home.

Weather: School closings will follow Berrien Springs Public Schools

Other: