

Environmental Education

Courses



Environmental Education courses consist of both traditional camp activities and courses where students are introduced to the world around them. Through all activities, participants will be challenged to be the best version of themselves, creative, positive, and work collaboratively.

(Most programs are adaptable depending on weather)

Animal Detectives

Activity Location: Inside & Outside

Time: 30 mins - 1 Hour

Grade: 1st - 8th Grade

Group Size: 20 Maximum

- Embark on an exhilarating journey as your students dive into the heart of Camp Minikani's lush forests! Unlock the secrets of the wild as they learn the art of tracking and identifying signs of wildlife. From following mysterious animal tracks to discovering telltale rubs, scat, and chew, every step unveils a thrilling adventure in nature's classroom!

Archery

Activity Location: Outside

Time: 30 mins - 1 ½ hour

Grade: Kindergarten and up

Group Size: 5-20 Maximum *(Max of 5 on the range at a time)*

- Gear up for an adrenaline-pumping experience! Your students are about to delve into the fascinating world of archery at its finest. From unraveling the secrets of every bow and arrow part to mastering the art of precision with safety techniques, this hands-on adventure demands focus and perseverance. Get ready for an exhilarating journey where mild physical activity meets the thrill of becoming archery aficionados!





Canoeing

Activity Location: Outside

Time: 1 Hour

Grade: 4th Grade and up *(If younger, speak with Environmental Educator Director)*

Group Size: 5 -20 Maximum

- Get ready to paddle into the extraordinary world of canoeing! Your students are in for an exciting time as they not only learn the basics of this exhilarating water sport but also dive into the heart of team-building excitement. This mild physical activity is a gateway to an unforgettable adventure where they'll uncover the secrets of Lake Amy Belle, trading stories and soaking in fascinating facts. Brace yourselves for an immersive experience that blends skill-building, teamwork, and the sheer thrill of conquering the waters!

Environmental Stewardship - LNT

Activity Location: Inside & Outside

Time: 30 mins - 1 hour

Grade: Kindergarten and up

Group size: 5 - 20 Students

- Embark on a thrilling journey of environmental stewardship! Your students are about to discover the power of preserving their natural surroundings with an electrifying introduction to the 7 principles of leaving no trace. Brace yourselves for an adventure that goes beyond textbooks, as they not only learn but actively engage in the art of caring for our planet. Get ready to ignite a passion for sustainability and leave an impact that echoes through the great outdoors!(Activities will differ with different grade levels)

GPS Bingo

Activity Location: Outside

Time: 1 Hour

Grade: 4th Grade and up

Group Size: 10-25 Maximum

- Your students are about to dive headfirst into the world of Global Positioning System (GPS), unlocking the power to unearth hidden treasures and conquer the wild terrain of Camp Minikani. But it doesn't stop there! They'll master the art of map reading, using context clues to outwit challenges and emerge victorious in the heart-pounding GPS Bingo. Get ready for a hands-on adventure that blends technology, strategy, and the thrill of exploration!

High Ropes

Activity Location: Outside

Time: 1 Hour - 1 ½ Hour

Grade: 4th grade and up (**Height Requirement: 4'11"**)

Group Size: 15 Maximum

(Staff is trained in universal accessibility for High Ropes)

- Prepare for an adrenaline-charged journey where comfort zones are left behind, and growth zones take center stage! Your students are in for the ultimate challenge as they ascend our unique high ropes course, pushing their limits and conquering different difficulty routes. It's not just about physical activity—it's a transformative experience that weaves the threads of boundaries, self-confidence, and peer support into a thrilling tapestry. Get ready to soar to new heights and witness your students emerge stronger, bolder, and more resilient than ever!



Low Ropes / Team-building

Activity Location: Inside & Outside

Time: 1 Hour

Grade 2nd and up

Group Size: 5 - 15 Maximum

- Get ready for an epic adventure in team building and creative thinking! Your students are in for a wild ride as they embark on thrilling physical activities like the Muse, Whale Watch, and Lava Crossing. This isn't your ordinary team-building experience—it's a dynamic journey that unleashes creativity, fosters out-of-the-box thinking, and leaves lasting impressions. Brace yourselves for a rollercoaster of fun where collaboration and innovation take the lead, propelling your students into a world of excitement, discovery, and unforgettable memories!





Nature Hike

Activity Location: Outside

Time: 30 mins - 1 ½ Hour

Grade: Kindergarten and up

Group Size: 5-20 Maximum

- Your students are in for an immersive experience like never before, where they'll unveil the secrets of the great outdoors. From learning the basics of leaf and tree identification to the thrill of the mysteries of Camp Minikani's enchanting Mud Lake, this exploratory program is a gateway to excitement. But it doesn't stop there! They'll create pine needle tea, savoring the taste of the wild, and dive into captivating stories that breathe life into the rich history of our camp. Brace yourselves for an exploration that goes beyond the ordinary, a journey that celebrates the beauty of nature in all its glory!

Nature Photography

Activity Location: Outside

Time: 1 Hour

Grade: 3rd - 8th Grade

Group Size: 6-30 Maximum

- Get ready for a thrilling fusion of creativity and exploration! Your students are about to embark on an adventure that unleashes their artistic flair while immersing them in the breathtaking wonders of Camp Minikani. But that's not all! In this exhilarating journey, they'll master the art of responsible caretaking of technology, wielding cameras to capture the essence of nature with stunning precision. Brace yourselves for a symphony of creativity echoing through the enchanting grounds, as your students hone their skills and transform into nature's photographers extraordinaire!

Night Hikes

Activity Location: Outside

Time: 1 - 1 ½ Hours

Grade: Any (Usually the group would stay overnight)

Group Size: 5 - 20 Maximum

- Get ready for a thrilling nocturnal escapade in the heart of Wisconsin! Your students are about to dive into the mysteries of the night, unlocking the secrets of the wilderness after dark. From encountering fascinating nocturnal animals to unraveling the ingenious adaptations that allow them to thrive in the shadows, this experience is a journey into the extraordinary. But wait, there's more! They'll explore the cool and weird ways the night impacts our senses, turning the ordinary into the extraordinary. Brace yourselves for a

night of discovery, excitement, and unforgettable tales under the Wisconsin stars!

Orienteering

Activity Location: Outside

Time: 1 Hour

Grade: 1st grade and up

Group Size: 5-15 Maximum

- Your students are about to unlock the secrets of the compass, mastering the art of marking specific locations on a map. But that's just the beginning! In this heart-racing escapade, they'll harness their newfound skills to craft an exclusive treasure map of Camp Minikani, plotting hidden gems and surprises for their fellow explorers. Brace yourselves for a journey that blends learning and excitement, as your students become the architects of an unforgettable treasure hunt, navigating the grounds with skill, precision, and an undeniable sense of thrill!

Predator Vs Prey

Activity Location: Outside

Time: 1 - 1 ½ Hour

Grade: 4th - 8th Grade

Group Size: 12 Minimum

- Brace yourselves for an adrenaline-charged experience that brings the wild to life! In this high-octane program, your students won't just learn about the delicate balance between predator and prey—they'll become the players in a heart-pounding, tag-like game that immerses them in the world of survival. As they role-play as both predator and prey, the dynamic relationship between these forces unfolds in a fast-paced, action-packed adventure. Get ready for discussions that delve into the profound impact humans have on animals, turning education into an exhilarating journey that sparks curiosity, fosters understanding, and leaves an indelible mark on the wild side of learning!"



Rock Wall

Activity Location: Outside

Time: 1 Hour

Grade: 2nd Grade and up

Group Size: 5 - 20 Maximum

- Gear up for an electrifying physical adventure that takes team-building to new heights! Your students are in for an adrenaline rush as they conquer our rock wall, not just by themselves but with a united force of support. This isn't just climbing—it's a transformative experience that challenges them to try new things, boost their self-confidence, and embrace the thrill of reaching the summit together. Our rock wall unveils three game-changing elements—'Nose,' 'Knee,' and our legendary sitting spot with the triumphant bell—that add an extra layer of excitement and strategy to the climb. Get ready for a rock-solid journey where courage, teamwork, and triumph collide, leaving your students with an indelible sense of achievement!



Skulls & Furs

Activity Location: Inside

Time: 1 Hour

Grade 4th-8th Grade

Group Size: 5-15 Maximum

- Prepare for a hands-on adventure that brings the wilds of Wisconsin to life! Your students are about to dive into an immersive experience, exploring the fascinating world of fur and skulls. Get ready to touch, feel, and discover the intricate structures and functions of diverse Wisconsin animals like never before—whether it's the sleek coat of a beaver, the mysterious skull of a bobcat, or the majestic features of a deer. This isn't just learning; it's a tactile journey into the heart of the wild, where curiosity meets discovery and each touch unveils the secrets of the furry and fantastic creatures that call Wisconsin home!

SnowShoeing + Cross Country Skiing

Activity Location: Outside (Dependent on Snow)

Time: 1 Hour

Grade: 4th Grade and up

Group Size: 15 - 20 Maximum

- Get ready for a winter wonderland adventure like no other! In this exploratory program, your students will embark on a thrilling journey through the magical transformation of Camp Minikani in its winter splendor. Brace yourselves for a snow-covered landscape that turns ordinary trails into exhilarating pathways, where mud, rocks, and roots are blanketed in a pristine winter coat. But that's not all! Your students will unlock the secrets of otherwise inaccessible areas, taking shortcuts across frozen lakes and exploring hidden corners that come alive in the crisp winter air. It's a season of discovery, where every step is a dance with nature's frozen enchantment!

Survival

Activity Location: Outside

Time: 1-1 ½ hours

Grade: 3rd and up

Group Size: 20 Maximum

- Prepare your students for the ultimate survival adventure! In this high-octane course, they won't just learn essential skills – they'll master the art of survival. Picture this: conquering the wild by mastering fire building, crafting shelters like seasoned adventurers, and unraveling the mysterious survival rule of 3. This isn't your average survival class; it's a hands-on journey into the heart of resilience, where every skill learned becomes a tool for conquering the great outdoors. Get ready for a thrilling experience that transforms your students into survival maestros, equipped with the knowledge and grit to thrive in any challenging situation!



Swamp Tromp

Activity Location: Outside

Time: 1 Hour

Grade: 3rd and up

Group Size: 20 Maximum

- Embark on an aquatic adventure like never before! Your students are about to dive deep into the heart of Camp Minikani's two lakes, becoming environmental detectives as they unravel the mysteries of water pollution. Get ready for a hands-on exploration where they identify aquatic life, gather crucial data, and determine water quality. It's not just a lesson—it's a thrilling journey that turns your students into guardians of the lakes, uncovering the secrets beneath the surface and making a splash for a cleaner, healthier environment!



Trek

Activity Location: Outside

Time: 1 Hour

Grade: 5th grade and up

Group Size: 20 Maximum

- Get ready for a pulse-pounding woodland expedition! In this exhilarating program, students will venture through the woods, facing challenges that force them to rely on and trust each other. Their mission? Navigate a thrilling course within a set time limit using only a compass and teamwork. It's not just a journey—it's a test of resilience, communication, and navigation skills that will leave them on the edge of adventure. Brace yourselves for a woodland escapade where every step counts and every moment is a chance to triumph!