

Philosophy

For a Christian, exploration and interaction with nature provides opportunity to renew the soul and connect with the Creator of the universe who has promised that "Since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--His eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse" (Romans 1:20). White (1903) in the book Education, wrote that the study of nature is a means of understanding the Creator and a vehicle for developing young children into lifelong learners.

"To those who learn thus to interpret its teachings, all nature becomes illuminated; the world is a lesson book, life a school... To a little child, nature presents an unfailing source of information and delight... So far as possible, children from their earliest years should be placed where this lesson book is open before them. Let them look at the glorious scenes painted by the great Master Artist on the shifting canvas of the heavens; let them become acquainted with the wonders of earth and sea; let them watch the unfolding mysteries of the changing seasons and in all His works learn of the Creator" (White, 1903, p.60).

Aim

Recognizing that kids benefit not only intellectually and physically from experiencing the natural world, but spiritually as well, the Northern New England Conference hopes to encourage students to engage in activities in God's classroom, so that they might discover God through His creation and by discovering Him seek to know Him more deeply. We hope students will learn naturalist skills of: observation, reflection, investigation, and journaling. It is our desire that students will learn scientific curiosity and method, environmental ethics, social responsibility, lifelong learning motivation, and spiritual values.

When You Walk Through the Woods

When you walk through woods I want you to see
The floating gold of a bumblebee.
Rivers of sunlight, pools of shade,
Toadstools sleeping in mossy jade.
A cobweb net with a catch of dew,
Treetops cones against the blue,
Dancing flowers, bright green flies,
And birds to put rainbows in your eyes

When you walk through woods I want you to hear
A million sounds in your little ear,
The scratch and rattle of wind-tossed trees,
A rush, a timid chipmunk flees.
The cry of a hawk from the distant sky,
The purr of leaves when a breeze rolls by,
Brooks that mumble, stones that ring,
And birds to teach your heart to sing.

When you walk through the woods I want you to feel
That no mere man could make this real...
Could paint the throb of a butterfly's wings,
Could teach a woodchuck how to sing,
Could give the wonders of earth and sky;
There's something greater than you or I.
When you walk through the woods and the birches nod,
Son, meet a friend of mine named GOD.

Sgt. Leighton G. Harris

ELEMENTARY

Out door School



September 15-18, 2009
Camp Lawroweld
Weld, Maine

"Nature's voice is the voice of Christ, teaching us innumerable lessons of love and power, and submission, and perseverance."
Education p 178.

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Northern New England Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists
Department of Education

Outdoor School

Adventures



Plan to bring a desire to learn about and interact with God's creation, therefore leaving home electronic devices and other distractions

For all Adventures Bring:

- Sack Supper (PEANUT FREE)
- Warm Clothing & Rain Gear
- Flashlight
- Water Bottle

Camp Lawroweld

Adventures

Leader: Karen Purba
Grades 1-6

These Adventures include: Worship, Nature Studies, Recreation, Outdoor Group Initiatives, Journaling

What to Bring:

- Swimwear & Towel
- Warm Sleeping Bag
- Hiking Shoes/Sneakers
- Small day backpack to carry lunch

Mt. Blue State Park

Canoeing Adventure

Leaders: Kevin Wall/Janel
Tyson/Cali Campillo
Grades 7-8

This Adventure includes: Worship, Conservation Ecology, Nature Studies, Recreation, Outdoor Group Initiatives, Canoeing, Journaling, Community Service to the State Park

What to Bring:

- Swimwear & Towel
- Warm Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad & Vapor Barrier
- Hiking Shoes/Sneakers
- Pack to carry gear into campsite

Backpacking

Adventure

Leader: Bill Snow
Grades 7-8

This Adventure includes: Appalachian Trail hiking, Nature Studies, Orienteering, Journaling

What to Bring:

- Warm Lightweight Sleeping Bag (stuffer)
- Backpacking Pack - with frame if possible
- Sleeping Pad & Vapor Barrier
- Eating Utensils & Cookware or Can
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Hiking boots or sturdy footwear
- Swimwear (optional)

Rock Climbing & Backpacking

Adventure

Leader: Wayne Harlow/David Perkins
Grades 7-8

This Adventure includes: Worship, Nature Studies, Belaying and Rappelling, Mountain Hiking, Journaling

What to Bring:

- Warm Lightweight Sleeping Bag
- Backpacking Pack
- Sleeping Pad & Vapor Barrier
- Eating Utensils & Cookware or Can
- Hiking Shoes/Sneakers

Survival Adventure

Leader: Rocky Schlager
Grades 7-8

This Adventure includes: Worship, Nature Studies, Water-Food-Fire-Shelter-Health, Journaling

What to Bring:

- Swimwear & Towel
- Warm Sleeping Bag & Vapor Barrier
- Hiking Shoes/Sneakers
- Tin Can

Wilderness kayak

Adventure

Leader: David Knott
Grades 7-8

This Adventure includes: kayaking Pierce Pond, Lakes and Streams, Portage, Nature Studies, Journaling

What to Bring:

- Warm Lightweight Sleeping Bag (stuffer)
- Back Pack
- Sleeping Pad/Vapor Barrier
- Eating Utensils
- Sturdy Footwear
- Swimwear, optional