



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Class Policies & Description

Outdoor Ed is a fun and exciting co-ed education course. Students are taught life-long skills by using integrated curriculum of science, math, writing, critical thinking skills, and computer technology. The focus is on outdoor activities such as: archery, orienteering, survival skills, first aid/CPR, trip planning, angling, tackle crafts, hiking, backpacking, camping, outdoor cooking, conservation/environmental issues and certifications through the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the American Heart Association.

Activities include: archery, angling, CPR/first aid, survival skills, trip planning, tackle crafts, and orienteering

Red Oak Middle School is very fortunate to be able to offer this course. The Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation (OTF), the charitable non-profit 504 (c)(3) organization under IRS regulations, proudly sponsors this outdoor adventure program in over 320 public schools. In 2010, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department gave the Outdoor Adventures education program the “Proud Partner” status. The OTF and TPWD’s goal is to get the youth, along with a parent, involved in outdoor activities. They are committed to each school having a quality program as well.

CERTIFICATIONS

The State of Texas has mandatory hunting and boating laws that require the student to successfully complete a course in these disciplines should they desire to engage in that activity. This year, we will touch on the topics of hunting and boating, but the full certifications will not be completed in class, due to time constraints. Students wishing to earn their Hunter’s Education or Boater’s Education certificates will be given a date/time outside of normal school hours that Mr. Bell will hold a class for these certifications. Please pay attention to emails and announcements about these optional courses throughout the school year.

As Certified Instructor for the TPWD, the State of Texas gives us the power/authority to deny any student certification if they exhibit a negative attitude. This policy is well above any local school or school district policies. Certification is an option due to the small fees. All students whether they choose to become certified or not, will receive the same curriculum.

At NO time will firearms be at the school. At school, we do not teach how to load, unload or fire a firearm.

SAFETY

Safety of all students at all times is my number one priority. To date, there has never been a student seriously injured while under my supervision and I intend to keep it that way. A very strict set of safety rules will apply and will be enforced during this course. I expect everybody to comply at all times. All student handbook rules apply as well. Please see SAFETY Rules at the end of this packet.

PARENTS

One of the major goals of this program is to provide opportunities for quality family time. Research clearly indicates in families that are actively engaged with their children, the children perform better at school both academically and behaviorally. Parents are a major key to the success of this program. I hope you choose to become highly involved.

DAMAGED EQUIPMENT

Each student will be responsible for the equipment that they use in class. Students will inspect it prior to leaving the classroom. The equipment should be in safe working condition. If there is any problem with any equipment, the student should immediately inform me.

If the equipment is damaged while the student is using it or in possession of it, then the student will have to pay to replace the piece of equipment. This applies to whether the cause was intentional or unintentional.

GRADING

Grades are based upon daily assignments, unit tests, participation, daily warm-ups & quizzes. Grades will never be based upon the ability to perform a skill.

60% Daily work, Warm-ups, Quizzes, Participation
40% Tests

CLASS RULES

1. Respect Everyone
2. Follow directions the first time
3. Be positive, stay on task, participate & have fun
4. Trust is earned, not given
5. Every 45 minutes, you get to start over

ROMS Non-Negotiables

Respect Always
Overall Obedience
Mutual Accountability
Safety & Service

DISCIPLINE

Discipline will be enforced with the ROMS discipline plan in mind. As many chances will be given to students as possible before privileges will be revoked, parent's contacted, or referrals written.

DONATIONS

Time to clean out your garage or storage shed!!!! If you have any supplies or equipment that you would like to donate to our program, I would love to have them. I will not accept any item until it has been cleared through me. **No firearms, weapons, knives, broad heads, arrows, propane fuel, etc.** Listed below are just a few items of interest, but other items will be considered. Please feel free to send at any time of the year.

Posters/Magazines about the outdoors

Fishing gear and tackle

Personal Floatation Devices

Decoys/Game calls

Camping gear/Tents

Hunter Orange items

Camouflage

Rope - various sizes

Paper Towel/TP Empty Rolls

Fishing line

Boat Anchors

Dutch ovens

Backpacks for hiking

Working Compass

Old, foldable paper maps

Candles/Wax for making fire starters

Empty CARDBOARD egg cartons

I must emphasize, you must have permission prior to bringing the items to school for donation.

Due to the nature of this class, it is imperative that SAFETY is our number one priority. Please see SAFETY Rules. Horseplay cannot and will not be tolerated. The course is highly structured with expectations. All rules are designed to insure SAFETY at all times.

In addition to being safe, the classroom lessons are equally valuable to the students as I try to teach life long outdoor skills. This requires that your student pay attention, do their work and to remain on task. I expect each student to show respect to fellow classmates and equipment. I will also expect each student to follow all procedures outlined in the ROISD student handbook.

Thank you for taking the time to read our class policies and understanding what Outdoor Education is all about.

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Please click on the link below and fill out the form saying that you have read the policies.

<https://forms.gle/c3tsZvMwqVXdWndt8>

General Safety Rules

 <p>1. Think Safety First</p>	 <p>7. Fire and Open Flames: Keep hair and all clothing away from flames/heat source. No open toed shoes.</p>
 <p>2. Don't Know? Ask!</p>	 <p>8. Projectile Caution: (Archery, Casting, Tackle, etc.)</p>
 <p>3. Know Emergency Responses</p>	<p>9. Keep the range clear: Always stay behind the waiting line and make sure the doors of the room are locked during archery.</p>
 <p>4. Know What You are Working With</p>	 <p>10. Sharp Object Safety (arrows, hooks, etc.)</p>
 <p>5. Follow All Safety Procedures.</p>	 <p>11. NO firearms, ammo knives, broad heads, etc. will EVER be in the classroom at ANY TIME!</p>
 <p>6. Report Dangerous Activities or Situations</p>	 <p>ALWAYS BE SAFE!</p>