



Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Outdoor Education
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Homeschool

OUTDOOR EDUCATION GENERAL INFORMATION

Benefits of Camp OE:

- Usually earn a Pathfinder Honor
- Actively participate in experiments
- Do real research
- Integration of math & science in a Christ centered environment.

WHAT TO BRING TO OUTDOOR EDUCATION

<p><u>SLEEPING GEAR:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Warm sleeping bag and pillow · Extra blanket if sleeping bag is light · 2 Extra Large Garbage Bags (for packing) 	<p><u>TOILETRIES:</u></p> <p>Bath towel Hygiene products Wash cloth & Hand towel Toothbrush and Paste Soap and container Comb/brush Sun block lotion (pack in Ziploc to prevent mess)</p>
<p><u>CLOTHING:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Shirts (2 or 3) · Jeans or heavy pants (3 or 4 pair) · Warm Jacket, warm hat · Sweatshirt (fleece is best) · Underwear (3-4 changes) · Pajamas (cold nights) · Extra pair of shoes and socks · Thermal underwear · Raincoat, coat, boots · Mittens, gloves, scarf <p>Clothing appropriate for the season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WATERPROOF RAINCOAT • WATERPROOF BOOTS • WATERPROOF HAT/HOOD 	<p><u>OTHER IMPORTANT GEAR:</u></p> <p>Bible Flashlight 2 large garbage bags Water bottle with tight fitting screw top Small daypack Pencils</p> <p><u>OPTIONAL:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading book/Journal (for quiet cabin time) • Letter writing materials: (paper, envelopes, postcards, pencils, & stamps) • Flip flops/water sandals (for showering) • Money for Camp Au Sable Store

Note: Many activities will be outside even if it is raining or snowing.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- Soft drinks, junk food, excessive amounts of gum/candy
- Electronic devices/media (MP3 players, movies, video game systems-handheld or otherwise, computers, iPads, etc. (**OUTDOOR EDUCATION IS UNPLUGGED**))
- Jewelry
- Valuables (expensive cameras, new towels, etc.)
- Make-up, hair spray, perfume, and body spray
- Matches and lighters
- Knives

STUDENTS who will bring cell phones (of any type) must leave them with the sponsors when they are not being used to call home.

We recommend you make your first and last name on ALL of your items with a permanent marker.

PLEASE LEAVE ALL “VALUABLE” ITEMS AT HOME.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS!

Camp Au Sable & Camp Sagola
Camp Naturalist, Dr. Gordon Atkins
2590 Camp Au Sable Drive
Grayling, Michigan 49738
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OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Student Registration Form

Camp Au Sable

Student's Name _____ " Male " Female Grade _____
Please print first and last name

School _____ Teacher's Name _____

STUDENT COMMITMENT

As a student participant, I understand that the OUTDOOR EDUCATION program has been planned so that I can learn more about God, nature, science, and team building.

My application indicates my desire to cooperate with Camp Au Sable's camp naturalist, Dr. Atkins, my teacher, and all the adults helping out with Outdoor Education. I will be sure to follow these guidelines:

1. I will attend and participate in all worships, meetings, meals, camp duties, and activities.
2. I will let my teacher/adult in charge know where I am at all times. I will not leave Camp Au Sable grounds, without appropriate permission from the Outdoor Education leadership.
3. I understand and respect that the sleeping quarters assigned to the boys is off-limits to the girls, and that the sleeping quarters assigned to the girls is off-limits to the boys.
4. I will not bring electronic devices/media (MP3 players, movies, video game systems-handheld or otherwise, computers, iPads, etc.), jewelry, valuables, soft drinks, junk food, or excessive amounts of gum or candy to Outdoor Education.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I, the undersigned parent/legal guardian, of _____ (student), grant permission for him/her to attend the Michigan Conference OUTDOOR EDUCATION program at Camp Au Sable and participate in nature activities and hiking. I further grant permission for him/her to participate in recreational activities. I understand, that depending on the season/weather these recreational activities may include canoeing, pontoons, wagon rides, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing and well as other Camp Au Sable recreational activities. I understand that I must also sign a Camp Au Sable Trail Ride/Activity Waiver. I understand that my child may be sent home if the above Student Commitment is broken.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

The Michigan Conference is pleased to sponsor this OUTDOOR EDUCATION opportunity for your son or daughter.

Please meet Dr. Atkins at the Auditorium at 1:30 pm. (Cell: 269-277-2017)

The following needs to be **turned in at Camp Au Sable** during Outdoor Education Student Registration:

- OUTDOOR EDUCATION Student Registration Form
- Camp Au Sable Trail Ride/Activity Waiver
- \$55.00 Registration Fee
- **Registration:** Lobby of the Auditorium, 12:30–1:15 PM

Camp Au Sable Outdoor Education Activity Waiver

I am giving permission for my camp attendee to engage in camp activities during the Camp Au Sable Outdoor Education program such as hiking, canoeing, kayaking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. I understand that such activities have inherent risks that include, but are not limited to, loss of control, collisions, obstacles and other potential dangers that could result in personal injury or death.

I represent that my attendee has no health or physical problems that will interfere with camp activities. In consideration of being given the opportunity to participate, my attendee and I assume and accept all risks of injury and dangers involved in these activities. I agree that my camp attendee is responsible for his or her own abilities.

I do support, and the applicant agrees to abide by all camp regulations and policies. As parent or legal guardian of the camp attendee, or for myself if I am over 18 years of age, I release the Michigan Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, the Camp Management, its employees and agents, from any and all liability for damages which might result from the camp attendee's participation in these activities.

Print Attendee Name (please print neatly)

Attendee's Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian
(Please Circle One)

Date

OUTDOOR EDUCATION School Registration Form*

* Due two weeks prior to your assigned Outdoor Education start date.

Email this form to Sheri Castanon, Michigan Conference: scastanon@misd.org

School: _____ Date of School Board Approval: _____

Number of students attending from your school: _____ Number of adults: _____

Number of students who are gluten-free: _____ Number of student who are vegan: _____

List any food allergies: _____

Assigned Outdoor Education Date: _____

Name of Teacher/Principal attending with your students: _____

Cell Phone of Teacher/Principal attending with your students: _____

Name(s) of other adult sponsors: _____

Our school plans to arrive at camp at noon to eat our sack lunches brought from home. Yes No

Our school would like the camp store to be opened sometime during Outdoor Education. Yes No

Name(s) of Boy(s) Attending Please type or print legibly.	Grade Level	Name(s) of Girl(s) Attending Please type or print legibly.	Grade Level
1.		1.	
2.		2.	
3.		3.	
4.		4.	
5.		5.	
6.		6.	
7.		7.	
8.		8.	
9.		9.	
10.		10.	

Helpful information

GUIDELINES: Please keep the following in mind when making your plans.

- Teacher needs to thoroughly read packet info, be prepared, inform parents of important information.
- Instruction begins at 2pm on Tuesday. Schools must arrive **ON TIME** to begin at 2pm.
- Arrival on Tuesday: Call Dr. Atkins upon arrival to get information.
- A teacher or principal from your school must attend with your students.
- The **School Registration Form** needs to be submitted to the Office of Education a minimum of two weeks prior to your assigned Outdoor Education date. Please notify the Office of Education if at any point you are unable to attend Outdoor Education.
- **Schools wishing to eat a sack lunch brought from home may arrive at camp at noon to do so.**
- Please communicate with Dr. Atkins if your school has been delayed and you will be arriving late.
- The **Student Registration Form**, the **Camp Au Sable Trail Ride/Activity Waiver**, and the **\$55.00 Registration Fee** need to be turned in when you and your students arrive at Camp Au Sable.
- Please do not take students into town during the Outdoor Education program.

COST: The charge for each student in attendance is \$55.00. This Michigan Conference subsidized fee includes 6 meals, 2 nights lodging, and all needed materials.

TOPICS COVERED: The topics that are covered with your group will be dependent on the time of year, the weather, and the size of your group.

Day One (Tuesday)

11:00 pm- Lunch on the way to camp or at camp (Parents are responsible for lunch on the drive up)
12:30 pm- Registration at Camp Au Sable; housing will be assigned at Registration
1:30-5:00 pm- Orientation (Auditorium)
5:00 pm- Dinner (Main Dining Hall)
6:30-8:00 pm- Outdoor Education Activities

Day Two (Wednesday)

8:00 am- Breakfast (Main Dining Hall)
9:30-12:30- Outdoor Education Activities
12:30 pm- Lunch (Main Dining Hall)
2:00-5:00 pm- Outdoor Education Activities
5:00 pm- Dinner (Main Dining Hall)
6:30-8:00- Outdoor Education Activities

Day Three (Thursday)

8:00 am- Breakfast (Main Dining Hall)
9:30-12:30 pm- Outdoor Education Activities
12:30pm- Sack Lunch (Drive home)

Cleaning Duties: Kitchen/Dining room after meals and cabins/bathhouses with inspection prior to leaving Camp on Thursday.

If you have questions feel free to contact Dr. Gordon Atkins or Elizabeth Green.

Dr. Gordon Atkins

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Elizabeth Green

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PARENTS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 5TH GRADE OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Parent Responsibilities for 5th Grade Outdoor Education

1. **Scheduling Camp Store Visits**

Parents are asked to help their child plan when they will visit the Camp Store. Please coordinate these times so they do not overlap with scheduled instructional activities.

2. **Active Participation During Instruction**

Parents are encouraged to be present and attentive during instructional times and activities. To help create a focused and positive learning environment, please avoid side conversations or personal tasks that may distract from the student experience.

3. **Modeling Engagement and Enthusiasm**

Your child will look to you for cues. Please participate in activities with energy and interest—as if you were experiencing them for the first time. Your enthusiasm will encourage your child and others to stay engaged.

4. **Personal Communication**

If you need to take a phone call or send a text, please step outside the instructional area and keep the communication brief so you can quickly return to supporting your child and the group.

5. **Role in Supervision and Support**

Parents play an important role in helping students stay safe, respectful, and on task. Think of yourself as an assistant to the Camp Staff—your support helps ensure that all children enjoy a meaningful and well-supervised camp experience.