Teach Fun Nature Activities!

- Critter Catch at ponds & streams
- Animal Tracking
- Salmon Life Cycle Obstacle Course
- Tide Pool Exploration
- Water Quality Testing
- Life & Death in the Forest
- Mud City (soil erosion)
- Oregon in the Sand
- Predator/Prey Game
- Night Hikes
- Ghost Shrimp & Mole Crab Hunts at the beach

Our staff will train you to be a good teacher. You don’t need to be an expert in science!

Learn from our amazing Staff!

All Counselors receive a full day of training at Outdoor School before students arrive.

Our staff are fun, energetic and smart. They will teach you everything you need to know to be a confident & successful Outdoor School Counselor.

Staff are always around to help & mentor Counselors.

Be a Cabin Leader!

As a Counselor, you’ll live with and lead a cabin of 6th grade students all week. Basically, you’re the parent for the kids while they’re at Outdoor School.

You’ll play games with your kids to help them fun.

You’ll help them grow as a team as your group performs duties such as serving meals, cleaning your cabin, or presenting a weather forecast.

You may even help your group to create a skit to perform at campfire one night!

Daily Schedule

A day at Outdoor School is full of fun activities. Below is an example of a typical day at Outdoor School:

- 7:00 Wake-up
- 7:45 Breakfast
- 8:30 Duties & Cabin Clean-Up
- 9:00 Morning Field Study
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 Cabin Time
- 1:30 Afternoon Field Study
- 4:00 Meeting Time
- 5:00 Recreation
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Cabin Time and Duties
- 8:00 Campfire
- 9:00 Night Hike
- 10:00 Lights out

Recreation and Campfire

- Sand Castle & Fort Building
- Bird Watching & Seal Watching
- Field & Camp Games
- Nature Arts & Crafts
- Archery
- Nightly campfire with songs & skits

People wishing to counsel at Outdoor School must:

Enjoy children and the outdoors
Take initiative to engage students in activities
Be responsible & mature
Be enthusiastic & positive
Be a willing & flexible team player
Put the kids’ experience first
What is Outdoor School?

Since 1968, Outdoor School has given 6th graders the chance to learn about the natural environment of western Oregon by spending 3 to 5 days at residential camps in the woods or at the beach.

Counselors – mostly high school students and some college students – live in cabins with the 6th graders and do most of the teaching of the fun hands-on outdoor activities relating to plants, animals, water, soil & ocean.

Outdoor School occurs for 7-10 weeks every spring and fall season. Counselors spend one week at Outdoor School, and must be pre-approved by their schools.

Counselors attend a short in-town training/orientation before going to Outdoor School, and receive a full day of on-site training for their first day at Outdoor School.

Outdoor School Sites

- Camp Cedar Ridge (in the forest near Vernonia)
- Camp Trickle Creek (in the forest near Salem)
- Camp Westwind (on the beach near Lincoln City)
- Camp Magruder (on the beach near Rockaway)

All sites have cabins with heat and electricity, restrooms with hot showers and a dining hall with excellent food. There are beautiful study areas with forests, meadows, ponds and streams. All are in NW Oregon.

Transportation is provided to all camps from Beaverton. Transportation is provided from Salem to only the Trickle Creek and Westwind sites.

Why be a Counselor?

A week in the forest or at the beach

Develop your leadership, teaching, teamwork & communication skills

The kids make you feel like a rock star

Make new friends

Some high schools offer credit towards graduation to Outdoor School Counselors

Earn college credit as a counselor

Outdoor School looks great on applications to jobs, colleges & scholarships

YOU’LL HAVE FUN!

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