



OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM GUIDE

#THESCHOOLOUTDOORS

Thank you for looking to the Mansfield Outdoor Centre for your school trip. We are here to provide educational outdoor programs that: value **safety**, are **curriculum based**, aid in **social development**, have students **connected with nature**, and inspire **excitement**. Mansfield Outdoor Centre has over 300 acres of beautiful Canadian forest and countryside that allows us to offer great nature based programs. Our programs are not only designed with the above 5 principles in mind but they have also been created to be easily adaptable to meet the needs of students and teachers of all grade levels. Whether you are looking for a daytrip or an overnight adventure, the Mansfield Outdoor Centre works to enhance the school community and bring classrooms together.

Welcome to “The School, Outdoors.”

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FACILITIES AND LOCATIONS

OUR TEAM:

Our team of instructors are leaders in outdoor education who provide a safe space for your group to learn. All of our instructors have a completed background check, and are all certified with First Aid, CPR and AED training. The Mansfield Outdoor Centre has been offering quality outdoor educational programming since 1984. We strive to ensure our programs are updated to the most current version of the Ontario Curriculum and reflect relevant information.

THE FIELD CENTRE:

Our Field Centre is our recommended overnight booking facility for school groups. Your group gets exclusive use of the entire building including a large meeting area that doubles as a dining hall, a classroom, playroom, large indoor washrooms with showers and dorm style accommodations. Teachers have use of the three rooms with ensuite washrooms as well. With accommodations that can sleep a maximum of 48 people (including teachers), the Field Centre is the perfect choice for most groups. If you have a large group, we can book additional Cabins for you located next to the Main Lodge.

FOOD:

During your stay at the Mansfield Outdoor Centre we strive to feed your group balanced homemade meals that will give them the energy they need to participate in our fun-filled programs. All our kid friendly food is prepared on site by our kitchen staff. We are a nut aware facility - some of our ingredients do carry the "may contain nuts" warning. If there is a nut allergy in your group, please let us know so we can ensure only nut-free ingredients are used. We can accommodate most dietary restrictions/ requirements. Please use the dietary restriction form that will be sent upon booking to let us know ahead of time.

CABINS:

School groups who are booked solely in the Cabins have access to the Main Lodges during day time hours for use of the dining hall and meals can be served in this building. Please note, the Main Lodge is used for all MOC operations and closes daily at 5 pm. Cabins are located conveniently next to our shower house and washrooms which are open 24-hours a day. Our cabins offer rustic accommodations that can sleep up to 97 people (including teachers). All cabins are heated and insulated making sure your group is comfortable no matter what season your visit is in. Teacher accommodations are equipped with private washrooms.

OUTDOOR AMENITIES:

The Mansfield Outdoor Centre offers a multitude of amenities that can be used for teacher-led activities or during student free time. Your group will have access to our outdoor equipment, the basketball court, the volleyball court, our gaga ball pits, the soccer field, nature trails, as well as our campfire areas.

TYPICAL TRIP SCHEDULE:

The following are general itineraries that outline what a day trip, a two day trip, and a three day trip may look like. We can accommodate required changes due to school dismissal times, bus availability, or the needs/wants of the school.

DAY TRIP	
TIME	DAY
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Arrival / Facility Tour
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Morning Program
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Clean Up / Transition
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Afternoon Program
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Departure

2 DAY/ 1 NIGHT TRIP		
TIME	DAY 1	DAY 2
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM		Breakfast
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM		Clean Up / Packing
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Arrival/ Facility Tour	Morning Program
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Morning Program	
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Clean Up / Transition to Afternoon Activity	Departure
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Afternoon Program	
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Student Free Time	
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Dinner	
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Student Free Time	
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Camp Fire (Teacher Led Activities, Optional MOC Led Activities can be booked)	
8:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Grab and Go Snack provided for all students	
9:00 PM - 9:30 pm	Cabins / Bed Time	

3 DAY/ 2 NIGHT TRIP

TIME	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM		Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM		Clean Up	Clean Up / Packing
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Arrival / Facility Tour	Morning Program	Morning Program
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Morning Program		
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Clean Up / Transition to Afternoon Activity	Clean Up / Transition to Afternoon Activity	Departure
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Afternoon Program	Afternoon Program	
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Student Free Time	Student Free Time	
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9:00 PM - 9:30 pm	Cabins / Bed Time	Cabins / Bed Time	

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

The following is a breakdown of the fall and spring programs we offer at the Mansfield Outdoor Centre. Before coming on your trip please read through the program descriptions and select the ones you would like to be included on your trip. Looking for winter programming options? Just let us know.

PROGRAM GUIDE			
Focus	Program	Description	Curriculum Links
ECO STUDIES	Small Creatures	The program focuses on developing an awareness of small creatures and an understanding of the way our actions impact these creature's environments. Students will learn about biodiversity and explore the various ecosystems we have at the Mansfield Outdoor Centre (forest, meadow, pond, river, and swamp). Students will have the opportunity to observe and collect living and nonliving organisms in the environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Science and Technology: Life Systems -Science and Technology: Earth and Space Systems -Health and Physical Education: Movement Competence -Geography: Living in a Sustainable World -Geography: The Environment and Resource Management -Geography: Forces of Nature -Science: Biology -Science: Environmental Science
	Instincts for Survival	This program teaches students about animal survival in the wilderness. Students will learn about herbivores, omnivores, and carnivores as well as the way natural elements, diseases, and humans can impact these creatures' survival. Students will partake in a large group game that simulates the forest' food chain.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Science: Life Systems -Science and Technology: Earth and Space Systems -Health and Physical Education: Movement Competence -Geography: Living in a Sustainable World -Geography: The Environment and Resource Management -Geography: Forces of Nature -Science: Biology -Science: Environmental Science

OUTDOOR SKILLS	Woodland Survival	This program takes students through what it is like to be lost. Students will learn about the body's response to being lost and the steps that a lost person should take in order to survive and be found. After learning about stress and discussing the elements of human survival students will work in small groups to build shelters and make fires.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Science and Technology: Earth and Space Systems -Health and Physical Education: Movement Competence -Health and Physical Education: Healthy Living -Social Studies, History, and Geography: People and Environments -Geography: The Environment and Resource Management -Geography: Forces of Nature -Family Studies: Personal Life Management
	Orienteering	Students in the program will focus on map reading skills as they navigate various maps of the Mansfield Outdoor Centre to locate different checkpoints across our property. The students will learn / review the different elements of a map as well as how to use a compass.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Health and Physical Education: Movement Competence -Mathematics: Spatial Sense -Social Studies, History, and Geography: Heritage and Identity -Social Studies, History, and Geography: People and Environments
	Watercolor Hike	This program takes the students on a small hike, once they have reached their destination the students will have the opportunity to create a couple watercolor pieces. Students will focus on their senses and observational abilities to create art inspired by the environment around them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Arts: Visual Arts -Health and Physical Education: Movement Competence -Social Studies, History, and Geography: People and Environments -Science: Biology -Science: Environmental Science

HISTORICAL SIMULATIONS	Settlers	Students will learn the local history and hardships of European settlers and homesteaders in Central Ontario. Students will then apply basic Map Orienteering skills to participate in a simulation game where they will role play as Farmers, Sawyers and Millers to build their new lives, raise a family and prosper.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Arts: Drama -Health and Physical Education: Movement Competence -Mathematics: Spatial Sense -Social Studies, History, and Geography: Heritage and Identity -Social Studies, History, and Geography: People and Environments -Geography: Regional Geography -History: Origins and Citizenships
	Fur Trade	Students will learn the adventures and challenges faced on the frontier of the Hudson Bay Company as they travel the forest as Courier de Bois and collect animal pelts to trade with local indigenous communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Arts: Drama -Health and Physical Education: Movement Competence -Mathematics: Spatial Sense -Social Studies, History, and Geography: Heritage and Identity -Social Studies, History, and Geography: People and Environments -Geography: Issues in Canadian Geography -Geography: Regional Geography -History: World History since the Fifteenth Century -History: Canada: History, Identity, and Culture -History: Origins and Citizenships -First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Studies -Equity Studies: World Cultures

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT	Team Challenges	Students will learn about teamwork through participating in group games and small discussions. Applying the elements of teamwork students will learn more about each other, how to trust one another, and function to complete activities and challenges together.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Health and Physical Education: Social Emotional Learning Skills -Health and Physical Education: Movement Competence -Cooperative Education
	Evening Programs	Evening programs are a great way for students to come out of their shells and participate in various leadership activities with one another. Some examples of evening programs include: Campfires (with skits and silly songs), a Night Hike, or Talent Shows.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Arts: Drama -The Arts: Music -Health and Physical Education: Social Emotional Learning Skills -Health and Physical Education: Movement Competence -Health and Physical Education: Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership

If there are programs you would like to see us run please reach out and we can collaborate to make them happen

PRICING:

Pricing is based on a per student rate with HST extra. All trips come with a number of included programs; however, additional programs and evening programs can be purchased at an added cost.

We will set up a campfire and provide wood to overnight school groups to use during the teacher-led activities at the evening campfire. If you would like our team to lead the campfire activities and provide s'mores, please reach out for evening program pricing.

TRIP BREAKDOWN	
Length:	Price per student:
One Day	\$30+ hst
One Day (including lunch)	\$45+ hst
Two Days / One Night	\$165+ hst
Three Days / Two Nights	\$235+ hst

Teachers are complimentary at a hard ratio of 1:10 students. This includes the same meals provided to students, at no cost.

For those students needing extra support, any support workers are complimentary in addition to the above 1:10 ratio.

MOC strives to offer an inclusive environment for students with special needs. Please note that while our Field Centre is wheelchair accessible, due to the nature of the trail network, wheelchairs may not be able to access all areas of the facility.

Additional teachers, staff, parents or volunteers are charged at regular rates.

BOOKING:

We would love to have you and your group out for an adventure at the Mansfield Outdoor Centre. If you are interested in booking a trip with us please use the following link to [submit a booking application here](#).

Once your application has been received one of our team members will reach out to you to plan the trip and confirm the arrangements.

We look forward to meeting you!

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