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## **WYLIE HIGH SCHOOL: OUTDOOR ADVENTURES EDUCATION**

Outdoor Adventures K-12 is a fun and exciting co-ed physical education course, local elective, or Ag. Science Wildlife Management class. Students are taught life-long skills by using an integrated curriculum of science, math, writing, critical thinking skills, and computer technology. The focus is on outdoor activities including: Fishing, Archery, Boater Education, Orienteering, Survival Skills, First Aid/CPR, Trip Planning, Tackle Crafts, Hiking, Backpacking, Camping, Outdoor Cooking, Mountain Bike Camping, Hunter Education, ATV Safety, Sling Shots, Fauna/Flora/Wilderness Medicine, Paddle Sports, Wildlife Conservation and Quail Conservation.

\*Some curriculum units will be modified or omitted due to COVID-19 health restrictions.

The Outdoor Adventures K-12 curriculum is not your traditional PE course. Instead of teaching PE with basketballs and tennis rackets, we use rods and reels, and bows and arrows. The Outdoor Adventures course is designed to change young people's lives forever by exposing them to the many great opportunities of the outdoors. With today's accelerated curriculum, full of benchmark testing and academic pressures, students need a fun class that will motivate them to stay in school and concentrate on their studies. The Outdoor Adventures curriculum is already being taught in hundreds of schools that have reported many positive attributes associated with the class. School Principals report virtues such as improved self-esteem, improved attendance, less discipline issues and improved grades for students while enrolled in the course.

Many students are not involved in extracurricular activities and the Outdoor Adventures program helps those students become engaged in the educational system. As a result of Outdoor Adventure's popularity, some schools have even established after school archery teams, fishing clubs and competitive shooting teams. There are no racial, physical, gender or socio-economic boundaries and therefore all students enjoy an equal opportunity to participate and become engaged in extracurricular activities.

## 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. The fee for Hunter Education is \$15.00 and the fee for Boater Education is \$20.00. At present, there is no fee for Angler Education. The TPWD furnishes the textbooks free of charge.

As Certified Instructors 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. At school, the students will only complete book work, which includes worksheets, quizzes and the state written examination.

As a parent, you have the right to request an alternative assignment for your child concerning any particular unit of instruction.

## SAFETY

**Safety of all students at all times is my number one priority.** This applies both on and off campus. To date, there has never been a student 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 to on and off campus activities.

## 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.**

## SUPPLIES

Pen, pencil, paper, & writing composition book or binder with pocket dividers.

## **GRADING**

Grades are based upon daily assignments, unit test, participation and appropriate attitude. Grades will never be based upon the ability to perform a skill.

60% Daily Work

40% Tests

All missed assignments will be graded with the same point values and based on the WHS handbook policies for make up work.

## **CLASS RULES**

1. Follow all Outdoor Education Safety & WHS rules at all times
2. Be respectful
3. Be prepared
4. Be on time
5. Have fun

## **DISCIPLINE**

1st Offense - verbal warning.

2nd Offense - conference with the teacher.

3rd Offense – possible office referral

Zero tolerance for Safety/Ethical violations. Any offense that is disrespectful to the teacher, students or content materials will not be tolerated. Any offense against safety procedures will cause a loss of grade, dismissal from the activities and possibly dismissal from the program. All **Wylie High School** Handbook rules will apply to all on campus and off campus activities.

## **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.

# **PARENTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!**

## Communications

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Due to the nature of this class, it is imperative that **SAFETY** is our number one priority. 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 lifelong 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, equipment and wildlife at the school pond. I will also expect each student to follow all procedures outlined in the **Wylie High School** student handbook.

Depending upon the nature of an infraction of the rules, you may or may not be contacted. The purpose of the below form is to allow you to know what is going on in the Outdoor Education / Adventure class.

Please feel free to contact us via email to expedite any matters that need addressing.

Thank you,

Coach Bezner & Coach Hunter



## *Outdoor Adventures*

Please return this page to **Coach Bezner** or **Coach Hunter** to keep on file.

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### Parent/Student Acknowledgement Form:

I have read and understand the class expectations, rules, and Outdoor Adventures policies.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name

Email Address

Phone Number

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Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_