Overnight Trips

The dust has settled... renovations to the outdoor education centre are finally complete. We now have both male and female dormitories that can sleep up to 40 students.

Overnight trips to KSOEEC will provide your students with a meaningful outdoor educational experience they will be sure to remember. Choose from a number of our great day programs and take part in both evening and night activities.

Single Night Trip: $59/student
Two-Night Trip: $99/student

During most overnight visits, meals are provided by Killarney Bay Inn. Students enjoy home cooked meals while experiencing one of Killarney's finest restaurants. Currently, breakfast, lunch and dinner at the restaurant is an additional $28.30/person. Each meal can also be purchased individually.

Day Trips to KSOEEC remain at $5/student for the Spring of 2011.

Spring Programs

We are proud to offer a variety of curriculum-based programs that are both educational and fun! Available are programs based on ecological and environmental studies, local heritage, group dynamics and traditional aboriginal teachings. A few of the programs being offered this Spring include:

- Sacred Medicines
- Tipi Teachings
- Dream Catchers
- Pond Studies
- Wetland Analysis
- Bushcraft
- Walk on the Wildside
- Orienteering
- A Furry Little Business
- Great Lakes Fishing
- Group Dynamics (Low Ropes)

Programs can also be designed and modified to meet your needs. There are outdoor learning possibilities for all subjects at KSOEEC. Visit our website or give us a call for a detailed description of all our programs.

Making Booking Easier

KSOEEC understands how busy a teacher's life can be. That being said, we have made the booking process easier. All of the required SCDSB field trip forms as well as our day and overnight visit booking sheets are now posted on the Centre’s website. Please visit the site at http://outdoored.scdsb.edu.on.ca or call 705-698-9039 for further booking details.

Killarney Winterfest 2011

Our first group to test the comfort of our new overnight accommodations was Mr. Esau’s Life Skills class from St. Charles College. The group participated in a ‘Winter Walk on the Wildside’. The students had the privilege of meeting a porcupine who was resting in his den after his morning of winter foraging.

All the students and staff had a great time during their overnight trip to KSOEEC!
The Importance of Outdoor Education

It is now more important than ever that students learn about the environment and how they are connected to it. It seems for many nowadays, the outdoor natural playground has been traded in for the T.V., the Internet and the Xbox. Children are becoming evermore disconnected from the natural world. Richard Louv’s book titled ‘Last Child in the Woods’ claims that only 6% of children play outside in a typical week as they are spending nearly 6 hours per day consumed by some form of electronics. Louv explains that this disconnect from nature is creating a ‘Nature Deficit Disorder’ in many children. With the lack of outdoor experiences students are more likely to develop higher ratings of behavioral conduct disorders, anxiety, depression and obesity.

Providing an outdoor educational experience allows students the opportunity to gain an appreciation and connection with nature. If nature is a stranger to someone, they will be less likely to care about, take action for, or even notice any type of environmental degradation in the future. Outdoor experiences are essential to creating a relationship with nature, one that ultimately impacts environmental choices.

At Killarney Shebanoning Outdoor Environmental Education Centre we provide a safe, positive, hands-on and fun outdoor learning experience. Our curriculum-based programs will not only inspire students to connect with nature but will also build peer relationships, self-esteem, group dynamics and a motivation to learn.

A New Face at KSOECC

Brad Blackwell has recently been hired as the Project Leader for the Killarney Shebanoning Outdoor Environmental Education Centre. He is committed to maintaining continuity and meeting the needs of both students and teachers while further developing the centre. Brad has a strong passion for the environment and outdoor education. He hopes that all students are given the opportunity to participate in this outdoor experience where they will gain respect and appreciation for the natural world.

Brad shares in the dream to make KSOECC into a great place for outdoor experiential learning.

Book Your Class Trip Now!

To ensure you are able to visit the centre on your preferred date, it is recommended you book with us as early as possible. We are now accepting bookings for April, May and June.

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