

**Outdoor Skills and Explorations (OSE) Workshop Series**

Ages 9-13; Summer Youth Programming

Location: 25 New Boston Rd, Norwich, Vermont

3-5:00pm, Mondays, July 5 - August 23

Sign up for 4, 6, or 8 Mondays

Drop off between 2:45-3pm; Pick up between 5-5:15pm

TO SIGN UP, Please fill out this REGISTRATION FORM:

<https://forms.gle/noZ3YdJmVB3ezbZN9>

4 Mondays - \$260

6 Mondays - \$375

8 Mondays - \$480

Costs include workshop series fee, materials & End-of-Summer Skills Demonstration

World Story Exchange is proud to offer a new program for youth called Outdoor Skills and Explorations hosted on 30+ acres of preserved land. The program is developed and led by Scott McClure Miller and is based on his decades of experience exploring and appreciating the wild places where nature reigns supreme - "The Great Outdoors." Students will learn a series of skills to develop the confidence and comfort to explore the outdoors. Along with practical skills, students will learn how nature works by doing basic scientific identification of plants, animals and ecological systems. Above all this the program will encourage kids to develop an ethic of respecting nature and finding peace in the beauty of natural places. This combination of practical skills, scientific inquiry and ethics will help students understand their role as stewards of the land for future generations.

Each session includes short, recurring activities providing structure for primary themes occupying the majority of each session.

**Recurring Principals:**

- Confidence: activities designed to build individual strength and preparedness
- Teamwork: activities requiring individuals to work together to be successful
- Respect for Nature: meditative time to open our senses and be at peace

**Primary Themes:**

Survival Skills: make a shelter, start a fire, find/purify water  
Orienteering: use a compass and topographical maps to find the way  
Clothing: what to wear for different seasons and activities  
Backpacking: what to carry and how to carry it  
Observation: employ the senses  
Documentation: camera, notebook, sketchpad  
Identification: what's that called?  
Ecosystems: how does all this work?

The class will adhere to current Vermont Department of Health COVID-19 orders for safety.