

Outdoor Education
For Physical Education Credit
Participant Contract

Students and parents, please read the following contract closely. Thank you!

Deadline for completion: August 3, 2015

On the final grade report for the year, you will receive a grade of E (excellent; you surpass the minimum requirements), S (satisfactory; you satisfy the minimum requirements) or U (unsatisfactory; you do not satisfy the minimum requirements).

The minimum requirements for outdoor education will be determined according to the following point system. You must accumulate a minimum of 14 points over the course of the academic year with at least half of those points derived from overnight trips. If you are taking outdoor education as your spring sports elective, for example, you may be able to acquire all the points during the spring. It is more likely, though, that you will need to participate in some trips during seasons when you are involved in another sport. As a consequence, Mr. Dee strongly encourages you to sign-up for those trips that fit your schedule and that appeal to you, regardless of the season.

Outdoor education is an all-terrain, all-weather activity: as fun as it is, it often involves some degree of discomfort. Please consider this activity if you like adventure and appreciate bad weather as well as good. Please choose another sport if you do not enjoy the discomforts of camping. Keep in mind that outdoor education usually does not cancel for bad weather, and the raincoat that keeps people absolutely dry has not yet been designed.

The point system (examples of typical trips in parentheses):

- 1 point = 2-3 hours activities (on-campus tree-climbing, kayak pool sessions, moving water training sessions for canoeing and kayaking, excursions to local climbing walls)
- 2 points = day-long activities (all day tree climbing, rockclimbing excursions to Southern Illinois or bouldering at Elephant Rocks, caving, all-day paddling excursions)
- 3 points = two day, one night overnights (Drey Land service trips, float trips, backpacking, canopy campouts)
- 4 points = three day, two night overnights (backpacking and float trips)

A provisional schedule of outdoor education trips will be distributed during the first week of school. The points allotted for each trip will be noted on the schedule. It is your responsibility to regularly check the schedule posted on the tackboard outside Mr. Dee's classroom for changes. In the course of the year, the schedule will be revised in response

to student requests, new and evolving opportunities, conflicts in Mr. Dee's own schedule and the weather—so please be alert to these changes!

If you have a scheduling conflict of your own (family or some other non-negotiable obligation), you may, of course, cancel your participation on a trip (please try to give Mr. Dee at least 72 hours notice). Yet, you will not receive credit for any trips you do not complete, however compelling your reasons may be for not attending.

All trips begin when the group assembles to embark and concludes when the group returns: no one will be allowed to make separate travel arrangements for any of our trips or to leave a trip before the group has returned.

I would like to take outdoor education for physical education credit, and I agree to the conditions described above.

student's name (printed) _____

student's name (signed) _____ date: _____

parent or legal guardian approval:

_____ date: _____

Mr. Dee's approval: _____ date: _____

Mr. Tasker's approval: _____ date: _____

Please gather these signatures in the order listed above; Mr. Tasker should be the final stop.