



What to Bring to OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Please bring:

1. Bible
2. Bedding
3. Water Bottle
4. Toiletries, towels
5. Extra shoes and socks
6. Clothing appropriate for the season:
7. Raincoat, jacket, coat, boots, mittens/gloves, hats, scarf
8. Money for Camp Au Sable Store, Optional

Note: Many activities will be outside even if it is raining or snowing.

Please do not bring:

1. Soft drinks, junk food, excessive amounts of gum/candy
2. Electronic devices/media (MP3 players, movies, video game systems-handheld or otherwise, computers, iPads, etc.)
3. Jewelry
4. Valuables (expensive cameras, new towels, etc.)

Students who bring cell phones (of any type) must leave them with the sponsors when they are not being used to call home.

Camp Au Sable
Camp Naturalist, Dr. Gordon Atkins
2590 Camp Au Sable Drive
Grayling, Michigan 49738
989-348-5491

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Student Registration Form

Camp Au Sable

Student's Name _____ Male Female Grade _____
Please print first and last name

School _____ Teacher's Name _____

STUDENT COMMITMENT

As a student participant, I understand that the OUTDOOR EDUCATION program has been planned so that I can learn more about God, nature, science, and team building.

My application indicates my desire to cooperate with Camp Au Sable's camp naturalist, Dr. Atkins, my teacher, and all the adults helping out with Outdoor Education. I will be sure to follow these guidelines:

1. I will attend and participate in all worships, meetings, meals, camp duties, and activities.
2. I will let my teacher/adult in charge know where I am at all times. I will not leave Camp Au Sable grounds, without appropriate permission from the Outdoor Education leadership.
3. I understand and respect that the sleeping quarters assigned to the boys is off-limits to the girls, and that the sleeping quarters assigned to the girls is off-limits to the boys.
4. I will not bring electronic devices/media (MP3 players, movies, video game systems-handheld or otherwise, computers, iPads, etc.), jewelry, valuables, soft drinks, junk food, or excessive amounts of gum or candy to Outdoor Education.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I, the undersigned parent/legal guardian, of _____ (student), grant permission for him/her to attend the Michigan Conference OUTDOOR EDUCATION program at Camp Au Sable and participate in nature activities and hiking. I further grant permission for him/her to participate in recreational activities. I understand, that depending on the season/weather these recreational activities may include canoeing, pontoons, wagon rides, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing and well as other Camp Au Sable recreational activities. I understand that I must also sign a Camp Au Sable Trail Ride/Activity Waiver. I understand that my child may be sent home if the above Student Commitment is broken.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

The Michigan Conference is pleased to sponsor this OUTDOOR EDUCATION opportunity for your son or daughter.

Please meet Dr. Atkins at the Nature Center at 1:00 pm. (Cell: 269-277-2017)

The following needs to be turned in at Camp Au Sable during Outdoor Education Student Registration:

- OUTDOOR EDUCATION Student Registration Form
- Camp Au Sable Trail Ride/Activity Waiver
- \$55.00 Registration Fee

Camp Au Sable

Trail Ride Waiver

Activity Waiver

I am applying for my camp attendee to engage in camp activities such as rock climbing, horseback riding, rope courses, water skiing, canoeing, gymnastics, go carts, snowmobiles (hereafter collectively referred to as “activities”). I understand that such activities have inherent risks that include, but are not limited to, loss of control, collisions, obstacles and other potential dangers that could result in personal injury.

I represent that my attendee has no health or physical problems that will interfere with camp activities. In consideration of being given the opportunity to participate, my attendee and I assume and accept all risks of injury and dangers involved in horseback riding and other activities. I agree that my camp attendee is responsible for his or her own abilities.

I do support, and applicant agrees to abide by all camp regulations and policies. As parent or legal guardian of the camp attendee, or for myself if I am over 18 years of age, I release the Michigan Conference, the Camp Management, its employees and agents, from any and all liability for damages which might result from the camp attendee’s participation in these activities.

Print Rider Name (please print neatly)

Rider’s Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian
(Please Circle One)

Date

OUTDOOR EDUCATION School Registration Form*

* Due two weeks prior to your assigned Outdoor Education start date.

Email or FAX this form to Sheri Castanon, Michigan Conference: scastanon@misd.org FAX: 517-316-1582

School: _____ Date of School Board Approval: _____

Number of students attending from your school: _____ Number of adults: _____

Assigned Outdoor Education Date: _____

Name of Teacher/Principal attending with your students: _____

Cell Phone of Teacher/Principal attending with your students: _____

Name(s) of other adult sponsors: _____

Our school plans to arrive at camp at noon to eat our sack lunches brought from home. Yes No

Our school would like the camp store to be opened sometime during Outdoor Education. Yes No

Name(s) of Boy(s) Attending Please type or print legibly.	Grade Level	Name(s) of Girl(s) Attending Please type or print legibly.	Grade Level
1.		1.	
2.		2.	
3.		3.	
4.		4.	
5.		5.	
6.		6.	
7.		7.	
8.		8.	
9.		9.	
10.		10.	

Helpful information

GUIDELINES: Please keep the following in mind when making your plans.

- A teacher or principal from your school must attend with your students.
- The **School Registration Form** needs to be submitted to the Office of Education a minimum of two weeks prior to your assigned Outdoor Education date. Please notify the Office of Education if at any point you are unable to attend Outdoor Education.
- **Please meet Dr. Atkins at the Nature Center at 1:00 pm.**
- **Schools wishing to eat a sack lunch brought from home may arrive at camp at noon to do so.**
- Please communicate with Dr. Atkins if your school has been delayed and you will be arriving late.
- The **Student Registration Form**, the **Camp Au Sable Trail Ride/Activity Waiver**, and the **\$55.00 Registration Fee** need to be turned in when you and your students arrive at Camp Au Sable.
- Please do not take students into town during the Outdoor Education program.

COST: The charge for each student in attendance is \$55.00. This Michigan Conference subsidized fee includes 6 meals, 2 nights lodging, and all needed materials. There will be no charge for the teacher, and no charge for a second sponsor if there are students of the opposite gender attending. **Note: You may request to bring additional adult sponsors. There will be a \$55 adult charge per adult over the ratio of 1 adult female for every 1-6 girls and/or the ratio of 1 adult male for every 1-6 boys.**

TOPICS COVERED: The topics that are covered with your group will be dependent on the time of year, the weather, and the size of your group.

Day One:

Students have breakfast at home.

Students arrive at your school at the regular start of the school day/have worship at school.

Vehicle(s) are loaded and your group travels to Camp Au Sable.

Sack lunches from home can be eaten on the way to camp, or at camp.

Outdoor Education Student Registration will take place at 1:00 at Camp Au Sable; housing will be assigned at Registration.

There will be afternoon Outdoor Education activities with Dr. Atkins.

Supper will be in the main dining hall.

There will be evening Outdoor Education activities with Dr. Atkins.

Day Two:

Breakfast, Lunch, and Supper will be in the main dining hall.

There will be morning, afternoon, and evening Outdoor Education activities with Dr. Atkins.

Day Three:

Breakfast and lunch will be in the main dining hall.

There will be morning Outdoor Education activities with Dr. Atkins.

Students will eat supper at home with parents!

If you have questions feel free to contact Charlotte Green or Dr. Gordon Atkins.

Charlotte Green
Email: cgreen@misda.org
Cell: 616-375-7258

Dr. Gordon Atkins
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Cell: 269-277-2017

Teacher & Sponsor Contract

Recently, the term **ecophobia** has been coined by secular scientists to describe the phenomena of the growing fear of the outdoors. It is so unfortunate that ecophobia, which results from our increasing urbanized culture, actually repels our young people away from the benefits of communing with God through nature – the very thing they need! It becomes our challenge to remedy this situation. **Biophilia** is a term used by secular scientists to describe the observation that in all human societies there appears to be a natural affinity towards living things. As Christians, we understand this to be the natural result of all life having originated from a single loving, creative God. The impact Outdoor Education has on the students is vital to combat ecophobia as well as to deepen students' relationship with God through nature. The quality of the outdoor school is only enhanced when you (Teacher/Sponsor) participate fully. It is also an opportunity for you to learn new topics about our natural surrounding and a springboard to encourage practical application of science enhancement through nature in your own classroom.

By applying for your class to attend Outdoor Education at Camp Au Sable you agree to:

1. Participate with the class during all activities indoors and out.
2. Restrict cellphone use during class/activity time.
3. Work along side the other teacher(s) and sponsor(s) during class and activities, waiting to have non-class related conversations during meals.
4. Keep the students in order and on task during activities.
5. Assisting the students who need extra attention completing the content.
6. Supervise the students during post-meal cleaning duties and evening homework.
7. Communicate with the sponsors on the above expectations.

Teacher Name

Teacher Signature

Date