



"It truly is a once in a lifetime experience."  
- Adam Klassen ODS '99

# Grade ELEVEN Outdoor School Program



"I have  
learned so many life chang-  
ing ideas, messages, and  
skills because of ODS" - David  
Klein ODS '05

## STEP INTO the OUTDOORS

- for adventure and challenge
- for personal growth and new friendships
- for an exciting semester of learning

## The Outdoor School...

is open to any grade eleven student who attends a Saskatoon Public Collegiate. This unique outdoor program is based on the aims and objectives of environmental and adventure education.

As an ODS student you are immersed in the out-of-doors as you complete \*five regular academic classes. The outdoors simply becomes your classroom; you will participate in a major expedition or trek every three to four weeks and you will travel extensively around Saskatoon and Saskatchewan.

As a result, you share many exciting and powerful experiences as you become an accomplished backcountry camper and outdoor enthusiast. Students develop a deeper understanding of nature and better appreciate the attitudes and values required to contribute to a global community. Enhanced social skills and increased self-esteem are major goals of the program.

## Imagine Yourself...

### in school connecting to learning in ways you never dreamed possible

...connecting with academic opportunities that are relevant and meaningful and in the best place possible. If we study forest ecology, then we live in the forest and study with experts. Students learn to manage independent research time and responsibility for learning. Academic learning and evaluation are tied directly to the manner in which students are living.

...connecting with the physical challenge of being active as you work and thrive in a positive and upbeat environment. You cycle to school, paddle historic waterways, camp, ski and snowshoe during the winter months, and backpack the forests, prairie, and urban landscapes of Saskatchewan. Fitness and healthy attitudes become a way of life.

...connecting with others and forming life-long friendships. This program provides a unique and dramatic emotional experience. You face real-life responsibilities and challenges preparing for the risks of outdoor adventure. Students form a close-knit community as they travel, live, and overcome adversity together. Students take immense pride in the independence, responsibility, and confidence that develops.

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES & PURSUITS

Wilderness/Whitewater Canoeing (Churchill River-Boreal Forest)  
 Backpacking (Saskatchewan River Valley)  
 Winter Camping (Nisbet Provincial Forest-Boreal Transition Zone)

Urban Trekking/Wall Climbing (City of Saskatoon)  
 Skiing, Snowboarding & Camping (Thickwood Hills-Aspen Parkland)  
 Hiking (Grasslands National Park-Mixed Grasslands)  
 Sustainable living (Rural Saskatchewan)

## Credits offered

One of the best things about the Outdoor School is that you will still be able to complete all your compulsory requirements for a regular grade eleven semester. These subjects are combined to form an integrated package which focuses on earth and environmental science. Students are partnered with scientists, and participate in a multitude of activities that involve research, travel, and field work. What an amazing opportunity it is to explore the career of a naturalist, conservationist, or ecologist! During the outdoor semester, students receive the following five credits:

- Biology 20
- ELA 20
- Geography 20
- Physical Education 20
- Wildlife Management 20/30
- \* Math A30/B30

\* New to the program: Upon request, online Math A30 or B30 courses designed to meet the needs of ODS students wishing to fulfill their math requirements are now available.

Students obtain CRCA certification in canoeing skills.

**Program Tuition '07-'08 - \$400.00**

## APPLY NOW!

Application packages are available from the Student Services Office at each collegiate:

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