**Outdoor Education 9**

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**Course Rationale**

The Outdoor Education program is an experiential learning program that takes places in, on and about the outdoors.

Students participating in this program will be introduced to a number of different aspects of outdoor education.

Outdoor education activities are designed to incorporate outdoor and wilderness environments into student learning.

***Students should be prepared to go outside every single day!***

**Course Topics**

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| Unit | Topic |
| 1 | First Aid |
| 2 | Survival Skills |
| 3 | Cross Country Skiing |
| 4 | Downhill Skiing |
| 5 | Avalanche Awareness |
| 6 | Winter Camping |
| 7 | Rock Climbing |
| 8 | Ice Safety |
| 9 | Outdoor Leadership |
| 10 | Traditional Knowledge |
| 11 | Biking |
| 12 | Pacific Temperate Rainforest |

**Evaluation Criteria**

**Participation – 20%**

**Practical Skills – 20%**

* + Canoeing
  + Cycling
  + Cross Country Skiing
  + Hiking
  + Snow Shoeing

*Practical skills will be evaluated through instructor observation, practical tests, success on trips and student self-assessment.*

**Camping Skills – 20%**

* + Preparation
  + Leave No Trace
  + Camp Set-Up and Takedown
  + Cooking
  + Sanitation
  + Navigation
  + Fire Starting

*Camping skills will be evaluated through instructor observation, practical tests, success on trips, and student self-assessment.*

**Contribution to Class – 10%**

* + Helping with Chores
  + Taking Initiative
  + Attitude
  + Supporting Others

*Contribution to the class will be evaluated by instructor observation and student self-assessment.*

**Projects – 10%**

* + GoPro
  + Service Project
  + Blog

*These ongoing projects will be gradually completed during times when Mr.Henderson is away.*

**Journals & Reflection – 20%**

*Journals will be evaluated after each trip based on the following criteria:*

* + Completeness
  + Neatness
  + Accuracy
  + Creativity

*Journals include sections for subjective self-evaluation as well as instructor evaluation of overall performance while on trips.*

**Grade 9 Outdoor Ed – Winter 2018 Schedule**

***\*\*\*These dates are subject to change based on a variety of factors\*\*\****

**February**

**5th** - First Day of Semester

**9th** – NID

**12th** – Family Day

**14th** – Grade 8/9 Ski Day

**March**

**1st** – Grade 8/9 Ski Day

**14th** – Grade 8/9 Ski Day

**March 23rd - April 3** – March Break

**April**

**16th – 24th** – Avalanche Awareness

**20th** - NID

**May**

**15th – 17th –** Bike Days

**22nd – 25th** - Takysie Lake Bike Trip

**June**

**13th – 15th –** Kitimat Coastal Camping

**Overnight Trips**

* Takysie Lake Bike Trip – 3 Days
* Kitimat/Coastal Camping Trip – 3 Days
* Winter Quinzhee Trip – 2 Days

**Project Based Learning**

There will be days when Mr. Henderson is away on trips with other classes. During this time, you will be expected to work independently or in a small group on a number of ongoing projects.

**Project 1 – Go Pro Edit**

*As part of this course, every student will make a Go Pro edit with a partner.*

**Project 2 – Service Project**

*Students will complete a project to positively benefit the community and the environment.*

**Project 3 – Blog Project**

*Students will write a blog on their experiences in this course and reflect on what they have learned.*

**Project 4 – Book Review**

*Students will read a novel related to outdoor education and adventure. Upon completion, they will complete a book review of what they have read and present it to the class.*

**Course Activity Fee**

*Each student will be required to pay a fee of $50 to cover trip costs, facility rentals, bus fuel, camping fees, etc.*

*If you have any questions or concerns about fees please let me know.*