



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
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BUILDING TEAMWORK IN NATURE

YMCA Camp Chandler
Outdoor Education
Program
7th - 12th Grades



The mission of Camp Chandler Outdoor Education is to provide a **comprehensive outdoor classroom** program in an atmosphere where children will develop a more complete understanding of the total educational curriculum and an appreciation of the outdoors. Students will develop leadership abilities and teamwork skills through **hands-on experiences** and interactions with the environment, as they participate in **character building** activities.

YMCA Camp Chandler offers a variety of field trip options:

- ◆ Day field trip (with or without lunch)
- ◆ One night or two night program (heated and cooled accommodations for up to 150 people)
- ◆ Recreation days

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RECOMMENDED CLASSES FOR 7TH – 12TH GRADES

LOW ROPES COURSE

The low ropes course at Camp Chandler is an excellent experience in team building. The experience will help children grow in their relationships with others, as well as improve their own self confidence and leadership abilities. It will help young leaders blossom and the shy students to come out of their shell as the whole group reaches the goal. Low ropes is best as a two-period class.

CANOEING & PEDAL BOATS

In this class, students are able to participate in this ancient form of transportation that is still a huge recreational activity today. Children will learn the proper way to handle the paddle and different strokes to control the boat. Camp Chandler staff is lifeguard trained and require that all participants wear life jackets.

HIGH ROPES COURSE

The high ropes course provides a challenge to students to break out of their own boundaries. This course is designed to build self-esteem through challenge. Success is not in completing the course but in going farther than you thought you could. "Can't" is a dirty word at Camp Chandler—we want to hear students say "We'll try". Allow one hour for every ten students on the average

OWL PELLETS

In this class we will:

- Discover that much of what an owl eats is not digested but is coughed back up in pellet form
- Learn that by dissecting these pellets we can determine what the owl ate and how much he is eating
- Dissect our own owl pellets
- Determine what our owl has been eating by identifying the bones found in the pellet

ORIENTEERING

In this class we will:

- Learn the parts of a compass
- Discover how to find a heading on the compass
- Learn how to accurately follow that heading
- Practice measuring distance in paces
- Put our new skills to work on an orienteering course

AQUATIC STUDY

In this class we will:

- Participate in water testing of a local stream
- Discuss invertebrates that live in an aquatic environment
- Learn that many insects start their lives in the water
- Talk about nurseries and why they are important
- Catch and identify crawfish, salamanders, and nymphs

OTHER CLASSES OFFERED

- Boat tour of Lake Jordan
- Climbing Tower
- Tour of Jordan Dam
- Discovery Hike
- Bird Study

If you are interested in an activity other than what is listed, let us know and we would can put together a special course to meet your needs.

THREE-DAY/TWO-NIGHT PROGRAM

This program has been developed to give children the maximum learning experience. It includes your choice of 10 class offerings and two evening programs. Children stay in a comfortable, climatized, modern lodge with a minimum of one parent per group of 12 children. For overnights, Camp Chandler offers heated and cooled accommodations for up to 150 people. All meals are included in the cost (two dinners, two breakfasts, and two lunches).

THE OVERNIGHT PROGRAM

This program can be structured in many ways to meet your needs. Typical program would have a class arriving at 9:00 a.m. on the first day with a full set of four classes and an evening program. The second day would also include four classes and departure at 2:00 p.m. Children stay in a comfortable, climatized, modern lodge with a minimum of one parent per group of 12 children. All meals are included in the cost (two lunches, one dinner and one breakfast).

THE ONE-DAY PROGRAM

This program starts about 9:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. with four classes and lunch.

CONTACT US TO SCHEDULE YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

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