

COLORADO OUTDOOR LEARNING SCHOOL - HOMESCHOOL OVERNIGHT TRIPS

The Colorado Outdoor Learning School was created in 2014 for the purpose of providing schools in the Four Corners area with a high quality Outdoor Education option for their students. Our desire with this program is to assist teachers with meeting educational goals, and to teach valuable life lessons that will enable young people to become difference makers in their community.

HOME SCHOOL OUTDOORS Over the past few months, we have had numerous inquiries from homeschooling families in regards to running one of our trips specifically for homeschoolers. As a result, we are opening up two of our sessions specifically for home-school trips. These trips will be three days and two nights and will include 2.5 hour time periods for each of the following activities: High Ropes, Low Ropes, Archery, Canoeing and Horseback Riding. We are limiting these trips to students ages 8-18 so that we can maximize the experience for everyone involved.

ADVENTURE IN LEARNING During each session we spend one hour studying fields that relate to that specific adventure activity. Each lesson focuses primarily on social studies and environmental sciences. When the students go canoeing, our lesson will focus on hydrology and water ecology. When the students go horseback riding, our lesson will focus on forest ecology. Additionally, we will be in contact with parents prior to the trip so that we can focus specifically on areas of study that are most relevant to what your students are studying at the time of the trip. Upon arrival, we will split students up into 3 smaller age groups so that we can customize teaching to the maturity level of the students.



HIGH STANDARDS OF TEACHING We believe that when students are removed from the normalcy of everyday life and the setting of normal daily instruction, opportunities for growth through new and exciting lessons and challenging activities are endless! We strive for the highest of standards for reading, writing and communication, physical education, science, and social studies through our hands-on, experiential lessons.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT Along with a high quality educational experience, we endeavor to see growth in other areas of our participants' lives. We do this through challenging activities designed to build character and draw out personal strengths. We believe that when young people are challenged, removed from their comfort zones, and stretched to achieve new personal goals, opportunities abound to teach lessons about teamwork, communication, self-confidence, and self-worth. When students are supported through these challenges by both skilled program instructors and a supportive group of peers, teachers, and parents, small victories occur. These moments of victory can propel them forward and provide them with the confidence and skills to handle the more challenging situations in life and be a valuable member and role model in their circle of influence.

SESSIONS We will be offering two different sessions. The educational content of each session will be identical. However, the session occurring October 20-22 will include evening Christian Bible studies that are taught by a staff member from our sister nonprofit, Cross Bar X Youth Ranch. You can learn more about Cross Bar X's statement of faith at www.crossbarx.org.

October 6th-8th Home School Session 1 ages 8-18

October 20-22nd Faith Based Home School Session 2 ages 8-18

Cost: \$125 for 1st child in immediate family, \$100 for second, \$75 each additional. Cost includes all materials, food, lodging, and activities. Parent chaperones, \$50.

Experience will begin at 1pm on Monday and conclude at 12 on Wednesday. Meals are provided Monday night, Tuesday all day, and Wednesday morning.

