Outdoor Explorers Syllabus

Fall 2017

# Instructor Information

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| Instructor | Email | Class Location & Hours |
| **Patrick Underwood****Parks Naturalist****Berrien County Parks** | lovecreek@berriencounty.org | Love Creek Nature Center and various locations in Berrien County. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Two Fridays a month. |

# General Information

## Description

## During this twice a month class for 5-10 year olds, we will explore the outdoor world of Berrien County. Each class will have a topic that is usually based on what is “happening” outside. This class will hopefully be a supplement to your science studies at home, and will be as “hands-on” as possible. Classes will be on Fridays and will meet at Love Creek or other parks in the County.

## Expectations and Goals: (circle one): Pass/Fail

# Course Materials

## Required Materials (most should be provided by teacher covered in course fee, indicate if provided by student, i.e. sewing kit)

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## Optional Materials (provided by student/family) Boots/shoes will be needed for occasional water exploration classes.

# Course Schedule

| Week | Topic |  |  |
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| September 8 | Nature of The Beach---Weko Beach, Bridgman |  |  |
| September 22 | Bugs!---Love Creek |  |  |
| October 13 | Visit to a Bog!---Mud Lake Bog, Buchanan |  |  |
| October 27 | Night Hike---Love Creek |  |  |
| November 3 | Meet the Decomposers---Love Creek |
| November 17 | Nature Prepares for Winter---Love Creek |
| December 1 | Owls & Owl Pellets---Love Creek |
| December 15January 5 Winter Bird Adaptations/Snowshoeing (Snow Related)---Love CreekJanuary 19 Snowshoeing (Snow Related)---Love Creek | Animal Tracks & Signs---Love Creek |

# End of Semester: Finished Work

* Evidence of Learning (circle one): post-test