

GV-NCP: Wilderness and Culture 2

Syllabus

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Instructor Information

Instructor

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Class Location & Hours

(10 weeks, 2-hour class periods)

Fernwood Botanical Garden, Niles, MI

3 to 5 PM, Thursday

Jan 30,

Feb 13,

March 19, 26

April 9, 16, 23, Apr 30

May 7, 14

Instructor Bio

Zoe Elrick has a background in education, culture, science, art, history, as well as landscape architecture and ecology. In 2011, she started the Galien Valley Nature and Culture Program (GV-NCP), in Three Oaks, Michigan. Also, she is a registered landscape architect, in Michigan, and works part time for Pizzo and Associates, an ecological restoration firm of prairies, woodlands, and wetlands. Her landscape architecture degree is from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Plus, she has taken classes from the Tracker School of tracking, awareness, nature, and wilderness survival.

General Information

Description

This class is both informative and fun! A continuation of Wilderness and Culture One, but it's not a prerequisite. The class explores nature as well as studies how various cultures (primitive and modern) use and care for the wilderness, nature, and the land. Learn about nature and cultures through a variety of hands-on nature-exploration skills, weekly lesson topics, and monthly units.

Wilderness and Culture Two - Topics include: Nature and Culture; Nature-Art; Handmake Stuff from Scratch from Nature, including cordage and baskets; Primitive Culture Wilderness Living; Primitive Culture Land Use and Land Care; Native American Stories; Modern Culture Land Use and Care; Nature Journal; Deep-Sensing Nature; Tracking and Awareness; Plant Identification; and Local Plants and Animals. During each class, students will be outdoors, studying nature. There will be outdoor and indoor parts to class. The class aims to help each student develop a (daily or weekly) routine of skills to continue to learn about nature in class and at home and wherever they go, during the school year and beyond.

Wilderness and Culture Two - 2 Units: Primitive Cultures and their use and care of the land, and Modern Culture and its uses and care of the land.

See next page for schedule, etc.

Expectations and Goals: Pass/Fail

Pass / Fail

1. Students pass if they attend 80% of the days of class.
2. Test - required by Berrien Springs. Each student will take a pre-test (10-multiple choice questions), during the first class; and a post-test (same 10-multiple choice questions), during the last class.
3. Scrapbook - Journal, per each day of class. Each student writes and or draws a journal page - a “story of the day” of something the student learned about and or experienced in class that day. Thus, by the end of the semester, each student will have a 10-page journal (scrapbook) on the class.
4. Online quick assignment. At home, students read and look at pictures at a short online assignment, which reviews what was covered in class. Each assignment includes a quick quiz with 3 to 6 multiple choice questions.
5. Student Scrapbook - Journal, of the Semester. On the last day of class. On one sheet, each student writes about 3 things the student learned about during the semester.
6. Teacher makes Scrapbook - Photo Journal - group evidence of learning - required by Berrien Springs. Teacher will submit to Berrien Springs, a photo journal of class learning and activities. Teacher will email the photo journal to the students too.

Course Materials

- Teacher provides class website, weekly paper info-sheets, nature books, outdoor nature, land, leaves, flowers, sticks, and more.
- Required to bring to class (provided by student/family): dress for weather, class is indoors and or outdoors. Outdoor picnic style Workshop: bring a drinking water bottle, 3-ring binder, paper, pencils, clipboard.
- Optional Materials (provided by student/family) Suggested optional stuff to bring: picnic blanket, color pencils, pens, markers, hat, snacks, camera.

Course Schedule

Week	Topic
1 - Jan 30	Intro to Class: how nature relates to culture
2 - Feb 13	Primitive Cultures and Wilderness
3 - Mar 19	Spring Stories and Nature-Art
4 - Mar 26	Land Care in the Community
5 - Apr 9	Modern Culture and Cities
6 - Apr 16	Earth Day
7 - Apr 23	Modern Land Use and Care
8 - Apr 30	Living, Learning, Working on the Land
9 - May 7	Modern Landscape Architecture
10 - May 14	Class Review

End of Semester: Finished Work

1. Test - required by Berrien Springs. Post-test (10-multiple choice questions), during the last class.
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