Berrien Springs Partnership Syllabus and Instructor Qualifications

**CLASS TITLE:** Love Creek Outdoor Explorers   
**GRADE OR AGE LEVELS:**   5-10 years old   
**START DATE:    Sept or Jan                   END DATE:  Dec or May (depending on semester)**

**# WEEKS TOTAL:    9            WEEKS OFF: Classes are held on specific Fridays  
DAY/TIME REQUIRED:   Fridays 1:30-3:30            ADD’L DAYS/WK AVAILABLE:**     
# **HOURS (REQUIRED):**    14                               # **HOURS (POSSIBLE): 18  
TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS POSSIBLE: 18**  
**LOCATION/ADDRESS: DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION (if needed):**Love Creek County Park, 9292 Huckleberry Rd Berrien Center, Mi

**MAIN INSTRUCTOR:**  Lamanda Hilty, Parks Naturalist

**ADDITIONAL PRIMARY INSTRUCTORS (background checked): Assistant Naturalist**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**    **phone: 269-471-2617    email: lhilty@berriencounty.org        website: www.berriencounty.org**

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION AT SITE REQUIRED?     YES     **NO**  
IF YES, INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION:

MAIN INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS:  BS in Environmental Biology, 3 years of assisting former Naturalist conduct classes.

COURSE DESCRIPTION (complete overview shown on website): 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 that particular month. This class is presented as a supplement to your science studies at home, and will be as “hands on” as possible. Classes will be on specific Fridays and will meet at Love Creek Nature Center or other county parks.

A Nature Journal will be handed out at the first class for the students to take home and bring to each class. It is expected that each student will write or draw their observations, thoughts, etc at home after each class.

An email reminder will be sent out on the Wednesday before each class. This will include items to bring and/or a specific location to meet if necessary.

SYLLABUS/OUTLINE:  WEEKLY BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT-BASED LEARNING ACTIVITY

*Describe activities that will reinforce the lesson.  Include any work and time to be required outside of class.  List here or (circle) SEE ATTACHMENT.*

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND APPROXIMATE TARGET DATES:

*Steps to check for student understanding, along with dates or # of weeks into class:*

STUDENT ASSESSMENT - what will be used to evaluate student progress and/or end of semester pass/fail status?  
All classes abide by the following:

1. Student agrees to attend at least 80% of class sessions/lessons offered.  Attendance is kept online and tracked by Partnership staff. Failure to meet 80% or be on track to meet 80% may result in program discontinuation.
2. The Partnership Student Assessment or Performance Form is filled out by the teacher and turned in to Partnership staff.  The link to this form is found on the web page for this class. Failing marks for lack of participation, behavior issues, practice time, etc. may result in program discontinuation.

**Class-specific assessment:** discuss and include the form or a link to the form that you use.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: (online, books, video, etc.):

CLASS POLICIES: ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOR, WEATHER, ETC.

**Attendance: Must attend 7/9 classes**

**Behavior: Must follow class rules and complete activity during class**

**Weather: Dates and topics are subject to change based on staffing and weather.**

**Other:**