



Texas Tech University Outdoor School Junction, TX

Outdoor Academy Information Sheet



The Texas Tech University Outdoor School is devoted to creating innovative educational programs. We provide a setting where children become engaged with the natural world and discover the joy of learning. We immerse learners in authentic, hands-on activities that stimulate imagination, develop a curiosity about life and create an environment to share discoveries.

The Outdoor School is staffed by certified teachers and staff who work with your child's classroom teacher to monitor and care for your child for the duration of their stay.

Why should your child go to The Outdoor School?

- The Outdoor School is an extension of the classroom and is important in preparation for your child's middle school years.
- The programs are designed to reinforce your child's fifth grade curriculum.
- The Outdoor School has a strong relationship with superintendents, curriculum directors, principals and teachers in order to design programs that meet state educational standards and develop the leaders of tomorrow.

The students will attend The Outdoor School for 2 to 4 days. During this stay, students will become scientists: Astronomers, Ornithologists, Aquatic Biologists, and Pedologists. Students will collect and record data, becoming immersed in the scientific method throughout their stay.

Will my child receive excellent physical care?



- Yes, the facilities provide heating and cooling for comfort.
- Yes, there are nutritious meals served in a wonderful dining hall.
- Yes, the instructors will assure that children get rest and have a clean environment.
- Yes, if your child has any special health problems such as allergies, diet, medicine or sleepwalking, he/she will be properly cared for in the time of need.
The matter will be kept confidential.
- We are sorry, but parent visits are discouraged at The Outdoor School due to possible interruptions of scheduling and instruction. If you have an emergency or any questions, please call: **325-446-2301, 8am-5pm**, or contact your child's teacher. Feel free to mail your child a letter; but mail early! Mail cards and letters **the weekend before** your child attends the TTU Outdoor School.

Child's Name
School & Teacher
TTU Outdoor School
PO Box 186
Junction, Texas 76849








Needed Clothes and Equipment

PLEASE LABEL all equipment and clothing with your child's name. Students will be outdoors, so be prepared for **any type** of weather. Clothing for TTU Outdoor School should be rugged and informal. All events at TTU Outdoor School are informal.




Bedding – pack bedding in a plastic bag so that it stays clean and dry.

-  Pillow with pillow case
-  Sleeping bag or sheet and blanket









Clothing and Personal Items

-  Enough clothing for the scheduled days, plus one extra outfit
-  Long pants: jeans or other rugged pants. (No shorts, please)
-  Sweatshirt, windbreaker, or jacket
-  Extra socks in a zippered bag for the river
-  Closed-toe, durable shoes (No flip-flops, crocs, or sandals, please)
-  Sleepwear (shorts are acceptable as sleepwear)
-  *Extra shoes that can be used in the river if a float trip is scheduled (No flip-flops, crocs, or sandals, please)*








Shower Needs

-  Toiletry items: deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb/brush, etc.
-  Washcloth and towel
-  Optional: shower shoes or *flip-flops (may only be worn for showering)

Other Needs

-  Rain gear or poncho – just in case
-  Seasonal items, such as gloves, a hat, and/or a coat
-  Insect repellent
-  Sunscreen and lip balm
-  Disposable camera, labeled with student name
-  Hat/Visor and sunglasses
-  Plastic bag for dirty/wet clothing
-  Optional items
 - Small amount of money for souvenirs, if permitted
 - Flashlight
 - Letter writing materials (stamp, envelope, paper)

Please do NOT bring:

-  Curling Irons, Flat irons, or hair dryers – we will provide hair dryers
-  Electronics: handheld game devices, cell phones, CD players, iPods, iPads, etc.
-  Food, including candy and gum
-  Soft drinks
-  Pocket knives or other sharp objects
-  Make-up, jewelry, nail polish, perfume, or cologne
-  Large amounts of money