

## **AMERICAN OUTDOOR SCHOOLS**

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Dear Teachers:

Outdoor education week is on its way! Undoubtedly you are as excited about your week as your students. We are also looking forward to spending the week with you. It can be one of the best experiences that you and your students will have this year. We are hoping that this week will expand your relationship with your students beyond the role of a teacher to include their counselor and friend.

Taking the time to determine the goals or focus of the program you want for your students will be a step toward a successful week. Are you wanting to focus on the academic, social, or a mixture? Please realize that the time of year that you attend outdoor school will affect these goals as well. Fall will emphasize an introduction to the academic content for your grade levels attending; social relationships will be at beginning stages. **Spring will generally be a review of the year's academic content; social relationships will be strongly developed and at the testing point.** Let us know how we can assist you to meet your goals through our program.

The following pages are designed to make your week as enjoyable and successful as possible. Please read them carefully so that you will be oriented to the outdoor school program. Included are materials that you will need to use prior to camp, as well as in-camp materials. A list of vocabulary is part of this information. By introducing your students to the vocabulary, they will have a stronger foundation on which to build their outdoor school concepts.

All of your preparation prior to outdoor school will reap many positive results. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to your students.

Looking forward to working with you,

Bob Frembling  
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