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Lac du Bonnet Senior School
Current Topics in Science – Outdoor Education
RE: Outdoor Education Camping Trip
Dates: June 1-2, 2024
Location: Tulabi Backcountry Campsites, Nopiming Provincial Park



Our Outdoor Education class has been focused all year on the fundamentals of outdoor preparedness and survival, trip planning, fire building, basic first aid, hiking, packing, camping and cooking.

I have focused our activities to highlight the accessibility and opportunity the local area has for everyone to enjoy, building confidence in our youth to get out and take advantage of the benefits the wilderness can offer.

As a culminating trip, bringing the knowledge and skills we have learned throughout the school year, I have proposed a hike-in, backcountry camping trip, to give the students an immersive experience to enjoy spending a night outside in nature.

The campsites are approximately 1 kilometer from the Tulabi Campground parking lot, which emphasises the need to plan accordingly, to limit the amount of excess gear that will be hiked in. The length of trip will ensure they meal prep and weigh varying options, forcing them to plan ahead and predict what they will need to successfully prepare food safely.

Each campsite has a bear safe food locker, and porta potty, creating a safer and more hygienic experience. Like all of our previous trips, safety is our number one concern when outdoors. I will have a robust first aid kit, emergency survival kit, bear spray and cell service. All sites are 4x4 accessible from the campground office, in the event of an emergency. There will be no swimming.

I have personal experience with the campground and have personally hiked the trail and visited each campsite within the last two weeks. I was very happy with the overall, lower level of difficulty this particular backcountry experience presents. Success for all students will be very achievable.

My students and I are excited about the prospect of this trip, they have enjoyed the course so far and have continued to gain confidence exploring what beautiful Manitoba has for them to enjoy. I look forward to the opportunity to make a memorable trip for these students and more in the coming years.

Thank you,

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