Oregon Outdoors

Newport High School
Est. 2008

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- Teachers (9 week segments for each teacher)
  - Ollie Richardson
    - Surfing, Kite Boarding, Oregon Boater Education, Board Sports
  - Adam Scarberry
    - Hunter Safety, Ecology, Survival, First Aid, Forestry
  - Dave Campbell
    - Scuba Diving, Snorkeling, Planning the Dive
  - Kurt Hargett
    - Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, Species Identification

*All teachers participate in National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)

Class Prerequisites/Goals

- 2.0 GPA or higher
- Passing all classes
- 90% attendance or higher
- Increase excitement about coming to school each day
- Improve attendance for all students
- Students are engaged in lifetime physical activities
- Expand student opportunities with hands on experience in each activity
- Develop students who are well informed about their outdoor activity options
- Expanded career opportunities and researching ideal travel locations for each activity

Class Logistics

- Semester Schedule (18 weeks)
- Meet everyday 1st Period
- 50 minute period
- Meet before school or weekends/non-school days for Field Trip activities
- Teachers Team taught class in year 1, then individually in years 2 - 4
- Alternative assignments & class locations for those not attending field trips

Field Trip Activities

- Surfing @ Agate Beach
- Kite Boarding
- NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program) Archery
- Scuba Diving & Snorkeling (Swimming Pool)
- Fly Tying
- Fly Fishing/Casting (Reservoir & Football Field)
- Gun Range (Siletz)
- Coast Guard Station (Newport)
- River Tour

Ollie Richardson (1st 9 weeks)

- Surfing
  - Weather Dependent, 4-6 surfing days
  - 60% off rental gear (board, wetsuit, boots)
  - History
  - Etiquette – don't drop in…etc.
  - Safety – rip currents, injuries, hazards
  - Choosing Equipment – board, wetsuit, boots
  - Predicting the surf "Know before you go"
  - Board design "How to shape a surfboard"

"It only takes 1 wave to change the rest of your life"

Ollie Richardson cont.

- Oregon Boater Education Card
  - Cost = $10, but card is good for life
- Collaborate with the OSMB
- Guest Speakers
  - Coast Guard Auxillary, Marine Deputy Sherriff
- Kite Boarding (land only)
  - Oregon Surf Shop
- Board Sport Presentation

Adam Scarberry (2nd 9 weeks)

- Hunter Safety Education Course
  - Safety, Safety, Safety
  - Cost = $10, but card is good for life
- Wilderness Survival
  - Worst Case Scenarios
  - Planning a camping/hiking trip
- First Aid
- Jobs & Careers related to the outdoors
- Forest/Tree/Bird/Animal Identification

Dave Campbell (3rd 9 Weeks)

- Local Dive Shop Fills Scuba Tanks
- Pool paid for by school/donation
- Scuba Diving Rules

1) NEVER hold your breath on Scuba! Always breath in and out, slow and smooth.
2) Equalize early and often
3) Plan the dive and dive the plan
4) Ascend at the rate of the smallest bubbles
5) Adjust your buoyancy to "hover"
6) Always leave 500 psi in the Tank
7) Keep the Regulator in your mouth
8) Take care of your gear and your gear will take care of you!

- Equipment Set-up
- Planning a Dive
- Snorkeling

Kurt Hargett (4th 9 weeks)

- Fly Tying
  - $20 fly tying kit
  - Huge fishing donation by Bittler Bros.
- Casting a Fly Rod
- Discussing ideal fishing travel destinations
- Fish Identification
- Fly Fishing
  - Big Creek Reservoir, 3-5 mornings
  - Catching a fish; Catch & Release

National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)

- Community members helped raise funds to purchase all equipment
- Teachers trained by NASP Instructor
- NASP promotes **international-style target archery** as part of the in-school curriculum, to improve educational performance and participation in the shooting sports among students in grades 4-12.
- Many students are extremely successful and this helps increase self-esteem

Challenges

- Financial/Cost
- Transportation
- Safety, Safety, Safety
- 1st Period
  - Many students unable to take the class, designed for Juniors & Seniors
- Using other Facilities
- Unsafe Students
  - All students must be safe, responsible, & respectful

Safety Concerns

- Surfing
- Kiteboarding
- Scuba Diving
- Archery
- Fly Fishing/Casting
- Gun Safety/Shooting Range
- Any off campus Field Trips require paperwork

Support

- Business Partnerships
  - Ossies Surf Shop, Bittler Bros., Newport Pool, Shilo Inn Pool, Siletz Gun Range
- Volunteers
- Guest Speakers
- Administration extremely supportive
- 100' s of students wanting to join class
- Students want more. Everyone talks about class & activities, increased curriculum excitement
- Local businesses & community members aid in success