Building Culture

15 Day Bootcamp

Bootcamp Overview

One important step in developing an equitable, nature rich classroom is to implement a classroom management plan that empowers students. The 15 day bootcamp helps teachers build the necessary culture required for impactful learning in the classroom, in the natural world and in the community. Using the provided menu, teachers will work alongside Outdoor Discovery Center Ambassadors to implement a structured experience that **empowers students to co-craft classroom expectations and routines** necessary for high quality work. The bootcamp concludes with students presenting co-crafted expectations for the variety of situations place based and project based classrooms encounter. Most bootcamp lessons are designed to be completed within a 30 minute time frame while providing avenues for extension.

The 15 Day Sequence

Day 1: Going Outdoors
Day 2: Gathering Outdoors As A Group
Day 3: Moving Away From The Group
Day 4: Focused Attention
Day 5: Teamwork/Group Thinking
Day 6: Being A Good Observer
Day 7: Using Tools and Equipment
Day 8: Respecting Nature
Day 9: Journaling In Nature
Day 10: Menu Choice
Day 11: Menu Choice
Day 12: Menu Choice
Day 13: Making Classroom Decisions
Day 14: Being Prepared To Present
Day 15: Presenting to Others
Menu Choices

a. Visiting Public Places
b. Creating In Nature
c. Rhythm of Words
d. Symbols and Map Making
e. Using A Field Guide

Communication

Each lesson will be provided in digital format to the classroom teacher. Support is offered via on site check in visits and virtual interactions as planned.

Final Presentation

At the conclusion of the bootcamp, students will present classroom expectations alongside visual representation of their work to school administrators, ODC ambassadors and other stakeholders.