



CHEROKEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

OUTDOOR AWARENESS



Outdoor awareness is an 8th grade elective. The class is designed to give the student a basic understanding of our outdoors and some basic skills. To provide a better understanding of the class course, visual aids, guest speakers, videos, hands on demonstrations and field trips will be offered. The class will be evaluated by teacher observation, attainment of basic skills, performance checks and written exams. I would like to recognize the following resources for their valuable service and contributions:



Missouri Department of Conservation



Missouri Department of Natural Resources



Springfield Nature Center



Doling Park (Under the direction of Melvin Johnson)



Bass Pro Headquarters

Classroom Assessment:

After each unit, the student should be able to demonstrate knowledge of the unit by...

- a. ...passing a written or verbal quiz.
- b. ...performing designated skills.
- c. ...proper use and care of equipment.

GRADING:

All students are assigned quarterly letter grades for their performances. Letter grades are determined as follows:

GRADING SCALE

100-93	A	92-90	A-	89-87	B+
86-83	B	82-80	B-	79-77	C+
76-73	C	72-70	C-	69-67	D+
66-63	D	62-60	D-	59% & below	F

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT:

#1 GOLDEN RULE—Treat everyone as you would like to be treated.

Each student is expected to be in class on time. If a student misses class, they are responsible for making up the assignment covered. If a student's behavior is disruptive to the class, one or more of the following may be informed: parent/guardian, counselor, assistant principal or principal.

TARDY POLICY For The Semester:

- 1st tardy—Warning
- 2nd tardy—Warning call to parents immediately
- 3rd tardy—Lunch detention
- 4th tardy---Lunch detention & call to parents or more tardies—I. S. S.
- 5th-7th tardy---After school detention
- 8th tardy---In School Suspension

WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS:

Each student needs to bring the following items to class:



PEN AND PENCIL



PAPER



FOLDER

Objectives:



To have fun!














Attain new or continue to improve upon skills pertaining to outdoor activities.



Develop an appreciation for your outdoors.

UNITS: Listed below are the units that will try to cover:

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|  Archery |  Fishing |
|  Topography |  Cave Characteristics |
|  Why do we hunt? |  Backpacking/hiking |
|  Missouri's Snakes |  Basic Astronomy |
|  Hunter Education |  Map and Compass |
|  Missouri's Endangered Species | |



We will take two field trips during the course of the semester. The cost is approximately \$25.00 each. This helps pay for transportation, fees, and equipment.

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| --Cave/hiking trip | (Doling Cave/Nature Center) |
| --Fishing trip | Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery (Trout hatchery)/Bass Pro Sportsman's Park (Pond fishing) |
| --Saturday Cave Field Trip | <u>NO COST!</u> This trip is non-school related. Information will come at a later date. |

Look for more information from the PTSA's newsletter or your son/daughter.





I look forward to this semester passing along my enthusiasm to those who have and have not yet experienced our great outdoors. Missouri offers a variety of outdoor and underground experiences. If you have any questions, please feel free in contacting me at school. (523-7274)

Student signature

Parent/Guardian signature Date

If you have a health concern for your daughter/son (i.e. allergies, asthma, or other health conditions) that I should be aware, please list them below.

Medication_____

Allergies_____

Thank You!
Coach Gary Gray