

# Berrien Springs Partnership Lab Syllabus and Instructor Qualifications

LABS (CLASSES) ARE PROVIDED AS AN EDUCATIONAL SOURCE FOR PBL (PROJECT BASED LEARNING)

**COMMUNITY CLASS TITLE:** Outdoor Explorers

**GRADE OR AGE LEVELS:** 5-10 years old

**FORMAT:** **IN-PERSON** Yes **ONLINE** No **FLEXIBLE**

**DAY AND TIME OF THE WEEK:** Specific Fridays at 1:30

**TOTAL REQUIRED HRS:** 11 **ADD'L POSSIBLE HRS (OPTIONAL TIME):**

**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS POSSIBLE:** 11

**LOCATION:** 9292 Huckleberry Rd, Berrien Center, MI 49102  
Lamanda Hilty, Naturalist

**INSTRUCTOR:**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** **phone:** 269-471-2617 **email:** lovecreek@berriencounty.org **website:**

**ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION AT SITE REQUIRED?** YES NO X

**IF YES, INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION:**

## INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS (may attach a separate page if necessary):

BS in Environmental Biology, 10 years in educational setting.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION (OVERVIEW):

During this class for 5-10 year olds, we will explore the outdoor world of Berrien County. Each class will have a topic that is usually based on what is happening outside that particular month. This class is presented as a supplement to your science studies at home, and will be as hands on as possible. Class meets on specific Fridays at Love Creek County Park or other county parks.

## SYLLABUS/OUTLINE: WEEKLY BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT-BASED LEARNING LAB ACTIVITIES

*Describe activities that will reinforce the lesson. Include any work and time to be required outside of class:*

September 23 – Bugs!  
October 7 – Fall, A Time to Prepare  
October 21 – Night Hike Adventure (6:45 p.m.)  
November 4 – Meet the Decomposers  
December 2 – Investigating Owls  
December 16 – Animal Tracks and Signs  
January 6 – Winter hike on Snowshoes

Students will be given a nature journal to work on at home after class. Progress will be recorded each class.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES AND APPROXIMATE TARGET DATES:

*Steps to check for student understanding, along with dates or # of weeks into class:*

## **STUDENT ASSESSMENT - what will be used to evaluate student progress and/or end of semester pass/fail status?**

- 1) Student agrees to attend at least 80% of class sessions/lessons offered. Attendance is kept online and tracked by Partnership staff. Failure to meet 80% or be on track to meet 80% may result in program discontinuation.
- 2) The Partnership Student Assessment or Performance Form is filled out by the teacher and turned in to Partnership staff. The link to this form is found on the web page for this class. Failing marks for lack of participation, behavior issues, practice time, etc. may result in program discontinuation.

**Class-specific assessment:** discuss and include the form or a link to the form that you use.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: (online, books, video, etc.):**

## **CLASS POLICIES: ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOR, WEATHER, ETC.**

**Attendance:**

**Weather:**

**Other:**