

“What a difference the camping experience makes for these boys.



It allows them to be kids, which is the greatest gift you can give them. The hardships they face are unbelievable. When they leave the Canyon, you can see a difference. They stand lighter.”



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“I have never seen stars in the sky like this before.



It's too dangerous to go outside at night in my neighborhood.”



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OUTDOOR EDUCATION

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OVERNIGHT FIELD-TRIP EXPERIENCES ARE GREAT; CAMP IS EXEMPLARY!



HERE'S WHAT TEACHERS ARE SAYING.

- TEKS based cross-curricular experiences
- In-depth, hands-on learning opportunities for all
- Rich learning environment for English language learners
- Opportunities for increased self-esteem by overcoming safe challenges
- Practice problem solving and communicating as a valued group member
- Develop an appreciation for our role as stewards of the environment

...all in the heart of the beautiful Texas Hill Country at the Foundation Free Camps near Leaky, Texas

WHY OUTDOOR EDUCATION?

K-12 students participating in outdoor education programs at school do better on standardized tests in math, reading, writing and social studies [Abrams, K.S. (1999)].

Nature is important to children's intellectual, emotional, social, spiritual and physical development (Halkett, Kerri-Lee. "Is Your Child Left Inside?" Philadelphia Row Home Magazine 1 June 2010: 66-70).

When integrated into the core curricula, outdoor education has measurably positive impacts not only in science, but also in reading, math and social studies (www.cbf.org).

Author Richard Louv links the lack of experiences in nature to some of the most alarming childhood trends, such as rise in obesity rates, attention disorders, and depression (www.cbf.org 2010).

Senate Bill 866 - No Child Left Inside Act of 2009: set Outdoor/ Environmental Education Standards for grades K-12.

"The star gazing and jumping off the cliff at Blue Hole made them think they could do anything afterwards."

"These kids don't get to leave the city and were changed by their nature experiences."

"It's always a wonderful feeling when students tell you they have had a great time. They likely would not have had any other opportunity to experience a place like this."

"The teachers see the hours of prep as a good investment . . . both in the classroom and in the emotional growth of each student."

"After camp, for the remainder of the year, lessons reflect shared experiences from our Outdoor Ed program."

"The bond formed at camp allows teachers to interact with students on a more personal level. Students see adults in a different light."



"I liked dipping my fingers in the really cold water and watching the fish swim by."



For more information on Outdoor Education Camp opportunities at the Foundation Free Camps, contact Erik Silvius, Outdoor Education Coordinator, at 830-792-1225 or esilvius@fdnfreecamps.org.