

### **Low Ropes Course**

The low ropes course at Camp Chandler is an excellent experience in team building. The experience will help children grow in their relationships with others, as well as improve their own self confidence and leadership abilities. It will help young leaders blossom and the shy students to come out of their shell as the whole group reaches the goal. Low ropes is best as a two-period class.

### **Discovery Hike**

In this class we will:

- Visit the nature trails of the camp
- Make discoveries about the world around us
- Incorporate information from other classes
- Learn about plants and wildlife habitats

### **Aquatic Study**

In this class we will:

- Participate in water testing of a local stream
- Discuss invertebrates that live in an aquatic environment
- Learn that many insects start their lives in the water
- Talk about nurseries and why they are important
- Catch crawfish, salamanders, and nymphs that live in our creek
- Identify the animals we catch

### **Birds**

In this class we will:

- Discuss migration, adaptations, nesting and diversity of our flying friends
- Learn how to use binoculars
- Participate in a bird watching hike where we will look at different types of native birds
- Use field guides to identify birds seen on the hike

### **Canoeing and Pedal Boats**

In this class, students are able to participate in this ancient form of transportation that is still a huge recreational activity today. Children will learn the proper way to handle the paddle and different strokes to control the boat. Camp Chandler staff is life-guard trained and require that all participants wear life jackets.

### **GPS-Orienteering for the Future**

In this class we will:

- Learn what GPS is and how it works
- Learn why GPS is so important to today's researchers
- Use GPS units to find specific points
- Determine how accurate our GPA units are

### **Animal Tracks**

In this class we will:

- Learn how and where to find animal tracks
- Talk about key elements in identifying tracks
- Learn how to pour plaster casts of animal tracks
- Pour some plaster casts of animal tracks

### **Tour of Jordan Dam**

Jordan Dam is about a mile from camp. We can set up a tour with Alabama Power Co. to see the inside workings of the dam. The tour starts with a video of how electricity is made from the water stored in the reservoir. After the video, we get to tour through the inside of the dam. If we are lucky, they may even open a flood gate for us before we leave.

### **High Ropes Course**

The high ropes course provides a challenge to students to break out of their own boundaries. This course is designed to build self-esteem through challenge. Success is not in completing the course but in going farther than you thought you could. "Can't" is a dirty word at Camp Chandler—we want to hear students say "We'll try". Allow one hour for every ten students on the average.

### **Orienteering**

In this class we will:

- Learn the parts of a compass
- Discover how to find a heading on the compass
- Learn how to accurately follow that heading
- Practice measuring distance in paces
- Put our new skills to work on an orienteering course

### **Climbing Tower**

This is an experience the students will never forget. Students scale our fifty foot tower while safely secured to a belay line. The tower is a great lesson in self confidence and in not giving up.

### **Owl Pellets**

In this class we will:

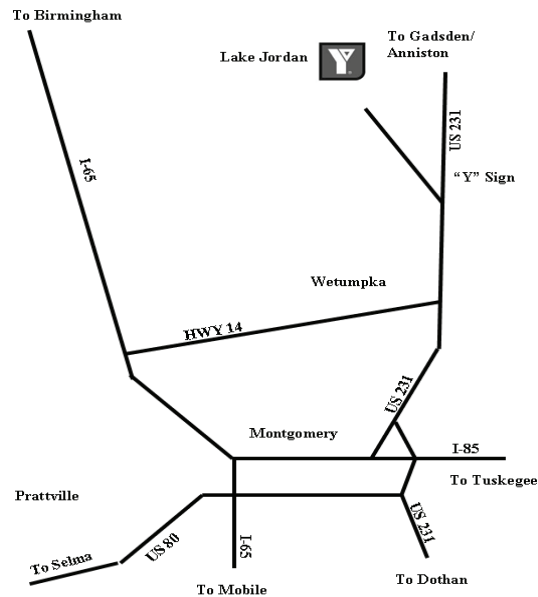
- Discover that much of what an owl eats is not digested but is coughed back up in pellet form
- Learn that by dissecting these pellets we can determine what the owl ate and how much he is eating
- Dissect our own owl pellets
- Determine what our owl has been eating by identifying the bones found in the pellet

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We offer many options teachers can choose from to get the most out of the Outdoor Education experience:

- A two day/one-night program
- A one day program with or without lunch
- Teacher in-services and Retreats
- Recreation Days or End-of-Year Fun

For Overnights Camp Chandler Offers: Heated and Cooled Accommodations for up to 150 people.

### Prices:

Day Trip:

- \$10 per child= day trip only
- \$14 per child= hot lunch
- \$6 per adult chaperone for lunch

Overnight

\$50 per person= 1 night/2 days + 4 meals

*Teachers & Bus Drivers— always free*



*"Outdoor Education is a completely different type of learning for these kids"-Principal from Montgomery Public School System.*

### Boat Tour of Lake Jordan

Take a boat ride on our twelve passenger deck boat on Lake Jordan and see the lake from a whole new perspective. This is great when mixed with some canoeing time to keep everyone busy.

### White Water Canoeing on the Coosa River

White water trips are available on the Coosa River which is only minutes from camp. This is best when combined with an overnight stay so that we can do canoeing instruction on the first day and then paddle the river on the second day. The Coosa is a beautiful river with some moderate whitewater along the way. With some luck we may get to see the bald eagles.

*If you are interested in an activity other than what is listed, let us know and we would can put together a special course to meet your needs.*



# CAMP CHANDLER OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## 7th - 12th Grade Activities