

Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

The Outdoor Discovery School



The Outdoor Discovery School (TODS) is a multidisciplinary overnight environmental education experience for grades 4th-12th. The program includes options for courses spanning topics such as ecology-related disciplines to outdoor skills, recreation opportunities and nighttime activities. We offer 2-day, 1-night programs for the cost of \$110 per student or 3-day, 2-night programs for \$175 per student. We require a minimum of 20 students and maximum of 60 students per group. Students and chaperones are housed in Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center's (CEWC) lodge and eat at the dining hall during their stay. Course selections are aligned to current Georgia Standards for Excellence in Science.



DAYTIME COURSES OFFERED

Changes Around Us

Ever wonder what goes on as a tree is decaying? Students will dissect an entire microhabitat of a rotten log to investigate microorganisms and macroinvertebrates. We'll also look at what happens in an environment that is constantly under change as we hike one of CEWC's trails looking at the forest ecosystem.

GSE Science Standards addressed: S4L1a, S4L1b, S5L4a, S5P1c, S7L4c, S7L4b, SB5b, SB5c, SB5e

Geology Rocks!

Experience the rock cycle as we hike along CEWC's Granite Rock Outcrop Trail to explore one of Piedmont's most interesting geologic features. Students will also explore different rock features through fun and interactive hands-on activities.

GSE Science Standards addressed: SSE1a; SSE1b; S6E5c; S6E5e; S6E5h; SEC3b; SEC3d; SES3a; SG2c; SG5a

Skins, Scales, and Skulls

Explore the science behind animal classification and identification of mammals, reptiles, and birds through skins, skulls, and animal encounters.

GSE Science Standards addressed: S5L1a; S7L1a; S7L4a; S7L4b; S7L4c; SB5a; SB5c; SB5d; SB5e; SEC1c; SEC5a; SEC5b; SEC5c; SEV1d; SEV4a; SEV4b; SZ4a; SZ5a

Wildlife Conservation Management

Why do we hunt and fish for some species, but not others? What regulations are in place to protect and conserve both game and non-game species for future generations? Investigate these questions and more throughout this course!

GSE Science Standards addressed: SB5a; SB5c; SB5d; SB5e; SEC2a; SEC2b; SEC3a; SEC3b; SEC3c; SEC3d; SEC3e; SEC5a; SEC5b; SEC5c; SEC5d; SEV4a; SZ5b; SZBc

Recreational Opportunities

Join us for an adventure in archery, fishing, canoeing, guided hiking, or teambuilding (low ropes challenge course). Or complete our Charlie Elliott Junior Ranger Activity Guide to earn a badge. Some activities may be subject to class size.

Water Water Everywhere

What happens to water when it reaches the clouds or the soil? Students will explore the life of a water droplet and see how water moves throughout Georgia's ecosystems. We will further analyze water's role through a pond investigation to demonstrate the connections and food webs in an aquatic ecosystem and explore the world of macroinvertebrates.

GSE Science Standards addressed: S3L2b, S4L1c, S4E3a, S4E3b, S5L4a; S5L4b; S6E3a; S6E3b; S6E6b; S7L4b; S7L4c; SB5a; SB5c; SB5d; SB5e; SEC1a; SEC1b; SEC1c; SEC3a; SEC3d; SEC4a; SEV1b; SEV1c; SEV1e; SEV4a; SZ5a

NIGHTTIME ACTIVITIES OFFERED

Astronomy

Offered November through March due to time of sunset. Be part of a stellar star-gazing program and discussion provided by the Charlie Elliott Astronomy Club.

GSE Science Standards addressed: S4E1b; S4E1d; S6E2a; S6E2b; SAST2a; SAST2b; SE51a

Owl Prowl

Learn about what makes some of our late-night feathered friends unique, then go on a short walk to try and call one!

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Sensory Night Hike

Use your senses as we hike on one of the CEWC education trails at night to discover some of the nocturnal species and their specialized adaptations.

GSE Science Standards addressed: S5L1a; S7L1a; S7L4a; S7L4c; SB5c; SB5d; SB5e; SEC3a; SEC3c; SEC3d; SEV4a; SZ4a; SZ5a

Campfire

Enjoy s'mores and free time to socialize around the fire pit.

For more information on these programs, please call (770) 784-3059 or cewc.info@dnr.ga.gov
www.georgiawildlife.com/CharlieElliott-educational-opportunities

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The format of our overnight field trip programs generally follows these schedules, depending on which program type is selected.



2-Day, 1-Night Program Schedule

DAY 1

- Arrival
- Introduction Activities
- Lunch
- First Day Course

NIGHT 1

- Dinner
- Night Course

DAY 2

- Breakfast
- Second Day Course
- Lunch



3-Day, 2-Night Program Schedule

DAY 1

- Arrival
- Introduction Activities
- Lunch
- First Day Course

NIGHT 1

- Dinner
- First Night Course

DAY 2

- Breakfast
- Second Day Course
- Lunch
- Third Day Course

NIGHT 2

- Dinner
- Second Night Course

DAY 3

- Breakfast
- Fourth Day Course
- Lunch

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