Course Title: English (TKC) The Kingdom Course ELA (see also TKC section)

Grade Levels: 9-10 Course Length: Year-Long

Prerequisites: Enrollment in the Kingdom Course through teacher recommendation or application process. This course will function in collaboration with Kingdom Course Science and Physical Education. Because of safety concerns, students must be skilled in self-direction, working in a group or team setting, following both verbal and written directions and have a high level of integrity or truthfulness. Students must also possess a level of physical fitness and perseverance that allows them access to the field-based curriculum delivered in the remotest regions of the Northeast Kingdom amidst extremely harsh weather.

Course Description: "Education Through Adventure and Service." This course is outdoor oriented with most days spent outside in all types of weather. Writing assignments take place atop the tallest mountains and looking out over the best vistas of the Northeast Kingdom. Reading assignments often take place in hardwood forests. The texts explored in this course focus on ecology, stewardship, adventure, and mankind's ability to plan for and endure extreme environments, climates, and situations. Language-rich non-fiction will be a major focus. However, survival fiction and outdoor adventure tales by Paulson and London will be included as well. Time will be spent close reading texts introduced during the Kingdom Course Science class. Writing assignments will include; responses to literature, journaling, reflecting, a personal essay, comparing and contrasting texts, lab reports, a resume, a research report, and narrative writing. Student enrolled in this course are required to deliver an oral report as well as attend several lectures and Q and A's from local guest speakers.