

# ***Wilderness Skills Syllabus 2024/25***

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**Tuesdays 1:30-3:30**

## **First Semester:**

### **Kayaking**

Location: AAA Canoe Rental (Rogue River)  
18 S. Squires St., Rockford, MI. 49341  
Session 1: Aug 20  
Session 2: Aug 27  
Session 3: Sept 3

Students will learn water and boating safety, paddling technique, and emergency techniques along with enjoying downriver excursions. Kayak rentals and gear are included in course fee. Parents will be required to sign a waiver on week 1. *(Please arrive 15 minutes early for each kayak session)*

### **Shelter Building**

Location: Paris Park Nature Preserve  
Address 3213 60th St SE, Kentwood, MI 49508  
Session 1: Oct 1  
Session 2: Oct 15  
Session 3: Oct 29

Students will explore various types of shelters, including simple, advanced, and stealth shelters. They will also learn several useful knots and practice campsite selection. All shelter materials and supplies are included in the course fee.

### **Orienteering**

Location: Millenium Park  
Address: 1415 Maynard Ave SW, Walker, MI 49534  
Session 1: Nov 12  
Session 2: Nov 19

Students learn to use a compass, move stealthily in the woods, and follow maps. They will also receive a camp hatchet and learn proper axe care and safety. They will undertake various bushcraft projects and learn woodcraft.

## **Second Semester:**

### **Archery**

Location: Grand Valley Sporting Goods  
6387 Lake Michigan Dr, Allendale, MI 49401

Session 1: Jan 14

Session 2: Jan 28

Session 3: Feb 11

Students will learn proper archery technique and practice archery using various distances and targets under the tutelage of professional instructors at Grand Valley Sporting Goods. Course fee includes rental bow, arrows, and range time. **Course length for these sessions are 1.5 hours, so this course ends at 3:00.**

### **Winter Survival**

Location: Pickerel Lake  
6001 Ramsdell Dr NE, Rockford, MI 49341

Session 1: March 4

Session 2: March 18

Students will experience winter in the woods, learn to prep, build, and maintain fires, cook outdoors, and create survival and camp tools.

### **Fishing and Foraging**

Location: TBD

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Session 1: April 8

Session 2: April 22

Session 3: May 6

Students will learn to catch and identify inland freshwater fish, as well as fishing techniques. This segment also includes tree and plant identification and foraging. Course fee includes a spincast rod & reel and fishing gear.