

LEARNING THE OUTDOORS

Outdoor Recreation is more than an average gym class. Students do a lot of activities that wouldn't normally be done in a regular physical education class.

Gary Listermann, physical education teacher, started the outdoor recreation program 12 years ago for students who like the outdoors, and for students who want a different option than just regular gym classes. As a boy, Listermann was raised on a farm around guns and canoes. Now he wants to teach a fun and safe way to do these and other outdoor activities and sports.

Listerman said that some of the students take the class because of its field trips. One trip was to Perfect North Slopes where the students got an opportunity to go downhill skiing for an entire day. The classes also went on an all day canoeing trip down the Little Miami River. Classes also spent a lot of time in a classroom learning about survival skills, backpacking skills, mapping skills and several other outdoor skills that would be necessary to survive and have fun in the outdoors. In most cases after the students learned about a subject, they were given an opportunity to try these activities. Some of the activities

they did around the school were fishing on the pond in front of the school, shooting guns on a practice shooting range, practicing shooting on the archery range, and cross country skiing.

Outdoor recreation was offered during the school year, and summer school. During the summer, the curriculum was a little different than the winter. Instead of going skiing the classes took a trip to Listermann's farm in Indiana. On this camping trip the students lived off the land, caught their own fish for dinner and slept under the stars near the lake and their campfire. Listermann said that he really enjoyed watching the students make it in the wild on their camping trip.

Listerman said "I enjoy the summer program more than the class during the regular school year because we (the class) can do more swimming, water sports, and I can take the class on more trips."

Most of the students that take outdoor recreation say that it was a very enjoyable class and that it was more than your ordinary physical education class.

by Michael Leichman

"I like PHYSICAL EDUCATION because it gives you a break in your academic schedule."

- Amy Willinger,
Senior

"I think that BUSINESS courses will help you down the line in a career. Most careers are going to a computer related system."

-Michelle Better,
Junior



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