

Earthshine Outdoor Education Overview



Earthshine Outdoor Education programs have a 30 year history in getting students engaged in an outdoor learning environment. Earthshine's Outdoor Education programs are integrated to state educational standards and are an enriching opportunity. This fall, we are offering our Outdoor Education programs for individual families, homeschool groups, micro-schools and the like as schools and families are working through changing dynamics.

Our programs are designed to get students engaged in a hands-on / minds-on learning environment. Typically, these programs are aimed at grades 4-6, but this year we are adjusting the content to flex to a broader range of ages. We welcome you to join us on the mountaintop for a unique, engaging, and memorable educational experience!

The Fall 2020 Outdoor Education public programs will be offered Wednesdays-Fridays on a rotating basis for small groups and families. Each group that travels together will be considered a learning pod and will be socially distanced from any other learning pods that are on-site. If your family is part of a larger learning pod, please contact us about exclusive education programs for your group, which are held Mondays - Wednesdays.

Choose between the following programs that are designed to state education standards and to augment the classwork that students are already doing:



Earth Explorers

Students are immersed in standards-integrated lessons that bring science to life! Earth Explorers topics include:

- Geology Aquatic ecology / Water Cycle
- Photosynthesis
- Animal Adaptations
- Food Web / Interdependence
- Environmental Stewardship
- Resource Allocation



Explore Appalachia

Travel back in time with the Earthshine staff to life in the 1840's and bring history to life for your child(ren). Each day the students (and chaperones) will be immersed into the Pioneer and Cherokee villages at Earthshine, where they will assist with the various "chores" to keep the villages running while their residents are out trading and at the mill. Students will learn about the hard work of life in the 19th century, the interactions between the Cherokee and pioneers, and several valuable pieces of North Carolina and the country's past through this unique living history program.

- Pioneer Village skills / topics include:
 - Blacksmithing / tools
 - Spinning / weaving
 - Fire / candle making
- Cherokee Village skills/topics include:
 - Archery / Tomahawks
 - Corn grinding
 - Life in the Cherokee community
 - Pottery--beads, their story and your story, Cherokee Syllabary

Earthshine also offers a program called Discovery during our Outdoor Education seasons which consists of team building, low ropes, navigation, communication, environmental stewardship, and leadership activities. Our Discovery Program and tailor-made Exclusive Use Outdoor Education arrangements are also available during Monday-Wednesdays this fall. To learn more or to book an Outdoor Education experience, please contact our Director of Outdoor Education, Ali Lien, at ali@earthshinenc.com.