

Louisiana Outdoors Outreach Program (L.O.O.P.) New Orleans – Program Guide

Elementary School [3rd & 4th Grades eligible]

Program	Description	G.L.E.s
<p>LOOP provides 3rd and 4th grade classes with a three-part curriculum for each season: Fall, Winter, and Spring. Each part includes an in-class instructional workshop that is followed by a half or full-day field trip, which provides a ‘hands on’ outdoor learning experience.</p>	<p>Fall: Discovering Bayou St. John Students learn the historical importance of Bayou St. John in the formation of New Orleans. In addition, species identification, geography, and nature awareness are addressed using an expeditionary learning model that includes journaling, mapping, environmental education ‘theater’ and problem-solving games.</p> <p>On site: Fall Workshop (1.5 hours) Off site: Fall Field Trip (1/2 day)</p>	<p>G-1A-E1 G-1A-E2 G-1A-E3 G-1B-E1 G-1B-E3</p>
	<p>Winter: Pirates of the Bayou State - Jean Lafitte National Park Students learn the significance of the natural surroundings of southeast Louisiana, their people and history, and how they shaped the state we live in now. Students visit the park and through a ‘pirate initiation’ treasure hunt, develop a base of knowledge that touches on a number of academic disciplines.</p> <p>On site: Winter Workshop (1.5 hours) Off site: Winter Field Trip (full day)</p>	<p>SI-EA-1 SI-EA-2</p> <p><u>ELAs</u> 6E-1-3 4E-1-5 G-1DE-1-4</p>
	<p>Spring: Cane Bayou – Fountainebleau State Park Students visiting Fountainebleau State Park have an intense wetlands experience. They travel through hard bottom swamps, fresh water marshes, and to the shores of Lake Pontchartrain. There are numerous opportunities to observe and identify local wildlife and plant species of our wetlands, as well as discuss the affects of human impact on this valuable resource.</p> <p>On site: Spring Workshop (1.5 hours) Off site: Spring Field Trip (full day)</p>	<p>SI-EA-1 SI-EA-2</p>

Criteria for participating Elementary Schools

Participating schools shall:

- 1) Obtain approval from district level and school level administrators to implement LOOP program.
- 2) Commit to entire grade-level participation (i.e. all classes in either 3rd grade or 4th grade - or both grades - must participate). The LOOP program cannot accommodate individual class participation.
- 3) Designate 1 school liaison (administrator, coordinator, or teacher) for program coordination.
- 4) Provide 1 school bus and driver per class for 3 off-site field trips.
- 5) Pay \$1500 per class (maximum limit of 30 students per class) to LOOP program.
- 6) Schedule dates with LOOP program manager for all off-site field trips (scheduling of dates for off-site trips throughout the school year should be completed by Labor Day).
- 7) Schedule dates with LOOP program manager and provide classroom or meeting space for on-site instructional workshops.

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Middle School [6th - 8th Grades eligible]

Program	Description	G.L.E.s*
<p>LOOP offers 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes an initiation to outdoor education. The initiation curriculum is offered in the Fall and includes three instructional workshops and three (2-3 hour) field trips.</p>	<p>Part 1 – Fall: Outdoor Initiation Curriculum</p> <p>On site: 3 instructional workshops focusing on Water Safety/Canoeing, Problem Solving, Initiative Games, and Orienteering (3 x 1 hour workshops)</p> <p>Off site: 2 canoe lessons (2 x 2 hours) and 1 field trip to Couturie Forest (1 x 1/2 day)</p> <p>All off site training sessions are conducted at Bayou St. John and City Park.</p>	<p>G-1A-M2 N-1-M N-4,5,6,& 8-M LS-M-C4 & D2</p>
<p>LOOP offers an Outdoor Club during the Fall/Winter/Spring for students who excel in the Outdoor Initiation Curriculum. This club is often used as an incentive by teachers to encourage good behavior and academic success.</p>	<p>Part 2 – Fall/Winter/Spring: Outdoor Club Experience</p> <p>On site: 2 instructional workshops focusing on Environmental Education, Equipment Training and Trip Orientation/Preparation (2 x 1 hour workshops)</p> <p>Off site: 2-3 full day field trips (5 hours each) and 1 overnight camping trip (1 x 2 days)</p> <p>The day field trips are to local natural settings such as Manchac Wetlands, Jean Lafitte National Park, and Fountainebleau State Park</p>	<p>SE-M- A1,2,4,5,6,7,&8 LS-M-D1 & 2 LS-M-L4 G-1B-M1,2,& 4 G-1D-M2 H-1A-M2 & M3</p>

**It should be noted that the multidisciplinary nature of LOOP includes but is not limited to these GLE's.*

Criteria for participating Middle Schools

Participating schools shall:

- 1) Obtain approval from district level and school level administrators to implement LOOP program.
- 2) Commit to entire grade-level participation for Part 1 (i.e. all classes in either 6th grade, 7th grade, or 8th grade - or multiple grade levels - must participate). The LOOP program cannot accommodate individual class participation.
- 3) Designate 1 school liaison (administrator, coordinator, or teacher) for program coordination.
- 4) Provide 1 school bus and driver per class for off-site field trips.
- 5) Pay \$1500 per class (maximum limit of 30 students per class) for Part 1 and Part 2. An additional \$20 is charged for each student who participates in the overnight camping trip (maximum limit of 30 students per trip).
- 6) Schedule dates with LOOP program manager for all off-site field trips (scheduling of dates for off-site trips throughout the school year should be completed by Labor Day).
- 7) Schedule dates with LOOP program manager and provide classroom or meeting space for on-site instructional workshops.

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High School [9th -12th Grades eligible]

Program	Description	G.L.E.s*
<p>LOOP offers an extra-curricular Outdoor Club to 9th – 12th graders who are interested in learning about and engaging in outdoor education and recreation.</p> <p>Participation in a range of outdoor activities includes canoeing, backpacking, camping, wilderness travel.</p> <p>In addition, there are opportunities for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academically-based programs in science and other relevant areas • Community service projects • Internships with LOOP 	<p>Part 1 – Fall: Initiation and Practice Starting in early September, members will be required to attend weekly trainings/meetings for one month (4 x 1 – 2 hour meetings) to acquire basic knowledge and skills. Upon successful completion, club members will be certified as trained members. This qualifies them for participation in the full range of programming offered through out the school year.</p> <p>On site: Program orientation, skills workshops (4 x 1-2 hours) Off site: 4 canoe and outdoor skills lessons (4 x 2 hours)</p> <p>Part 2 – Fall/Winter/Spring All ‘certified’ club members are qualified to participate in academic-based school day trips and weekend overnight trips, but only a portion of the club may participate in any given outing. Prior to each of these outings, there will be a mandatory workshop where relevant information and/or skills are shared with participating club members. Programming would typically come together as follows:</p> <p>Day outings On site: Pre-trip educational workshop (1 x 1 hour) Off site: Day trips (number to be determined by school)</p> <p>Camping trips On site: Pre-camping trip training and meeting (1 x 2 hours) Off site: Overnight camping trip/s (number to be determined by school) 1 year-end multi-day trip (1 x 3 days) is also offered, where an ‘esprit de corps’ of club members from all high school outdoor clubs attend a culminating retreat.</p>	<p>SI-H-1/2/3/4/5 SE-H- A5/6/7/8/9/10 SE-H- B1/2/3/4/5/6 SE-H-C1/2/3/4/5 SE-H- D1/2/3/4/5/6</p>

Criteria for participating High Schools

Participating schools shall:

- 1) Obtain approval from district level and school level administrators to implement LOOP program.
- 2) Commit to core membership requirement: minimum of 20 student members and a maximum of 40 student members. Members can come from any grade level between 9th and 12th grades.
- 3) Designate 2 teachers for program coordination.
- 4) Pay \$1500 per club (minimum of 20 and a maximum of 40 student members). An additional \$20 is charged for each student who participates in overnight camping trips.
- 5) Schedule dates with LOOP program manager for all off-site field trips (scheduling of dates for off-site trips throughout the school year should be completed by Labor Day).
- 6) Schedule dates with LOOP program manager and provide classroom or meeting space for on-site trainings/meetings.