OUTDOOR LIVING SKILLS INSTRUCTOR (OLS)

The Outdoor Living Skills Program (OLS) is designed to develop within each participant a desire to maintain environmental quality. Participants learn to make responsible decisions while participating in activities such as fire building, outdoor cooking, tent camping, and hiking, or while on overnight sailing trips.

OLS teaches participants environmental awareness, forges environmental ethics, and promotes environmental responsibility while learning skills to live comfortably in an outdoor environment.

Qualifications:

1. Experience and/or training in OLS from one of the many organizations offering this program. That might be National Outdoor Leadership School, Outward Bound, Leave No Trace, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire USA, 4-H or many universities offer training programs.
2. Personal experience wilderness living or extended primitive camping.
3. Ability to train and teach staff, youth, and children.

Responsible to: Program Leadership Team

Specific Responsibilities:

1. To provide training and demonstration for all summer staff in the aspects of the program.
2. To lead groups in the process as the program is implemented. To later provide support for counselors as they teach and model the program components.
3. To provide equipment and equipment care for all Outdoor Living Skills activities.
4. To focus on the areas of proper fire building, proper cooking skills over a fire or stove, effective tent and shelter use/building, and “leave no trace camping ethic”.
   a. Other programs lead by OLS Instructor includes, but not limited, to Archery, Orienteering, Survival Skills, Hazards of the Woods, and Knot Tying.
5. To assist the Quarter Master, as needed, with trip preparations.