

Environmental Education



WELCOME
TO
LOMC
VISITORS PLEASE
STOP AT OFFICE
PRIVATE ROAD

SPEED
LIMIT
15
MPH

LOMC

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center

October 13-14, 2011

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center

- Built in 1974 to help students of public and parochial schools connect what they learn in the classroom to the environment.
- Located on 640 acres in Oregon, Illinois.
- Provides an opportunity to explore various ecosystems
 - 200 acres of prairie
 - 7 ½ acres of pond
 - Hardwood Forests
 - Ravines
 - Sandstone outcropping



Courses



- Taught by experienced teachers to small groups of about 12 students.
- Designed to meet Illinois Learning Standards.
- Utilize technology to enhance the study of nature.
- Focus on ecology, environmental ethics and leadership activities.



Hiking

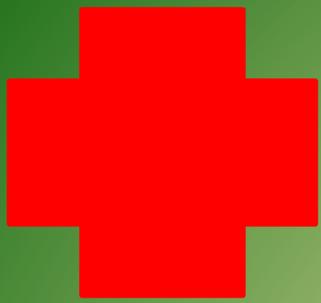
Prairie Hike

This expansive prairie provides an opportunity to study varied plants and animals. Some plants are very rare and cannot be found anywhere else in the world.



Ravine Hike

Milkhouse Ravine was carved through generations of water flow and shows what the bedrock under the topsoil looks like. This hike will show erosion, a sandstone outcropping and the Rock River Valley.



Wilderness Skills

This class explores skills which can be applied in the event of a disaster or emergency.

- Stay calm, Think, Observe and Plan
- Basic first aid
- Shelter and fire building
- Survival scenarios



Team Building Courses

These activities are based on the group's needs. They can include mental or physical challenges or a low ropes challenge course. Students work together to problem solve and develop communication as well as leadership skills.



Technology and Nature

Pond Study

- Underwater infrared cameras help students to explore the 7 ½ acre Paul's Pond.



Astronomy

- Computers show the constellations before students use telescopes to view the night skies.



Owl Pellets

To correlate with the fifth grade science curriculum which centers around biology, students dissect owl pellets. They are amazed to discover how and what the owl eats.



Cabins

- Meadows and Timbers
- Cabins have 4 rooms with 8 bunks in each
- Indoor bathrooms- showers, sinks and toilets
- Meeting room inside each cabin



Meals

- Served family style in the dining hall
- Nutritious and “kid-friendly”
- Snack at 8 P.M.
- Friday Lunch Cook Out (Weather Permitting)
- Special dietary needs (Ex-allergies, vegetarians) can be arranged

