Instant Activity

- Pick a station and try an Outdoor Awareness activity.
- Station options:
  - Fishing - Backyard Bass
  - Knot Tying
  - Hunter Education
Creating an Outdoor Awareness Program for your school
Outdoor Awareness Program

- Started by one teacher with a passion for the outdoors.
- Designed to meet the mission and objectives of both SPS and the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC)
- Many students are inner-city youth with little opportunity to experience and appreciate the outdoors.
Outdoor Awareness Program

- Offered at all 9 middle schools and 5 high schools.
- OA is offered as an elective at the MS level.
  - Over 3,000 MS students are enrolled in OA.
- OA is a ½ credit of PE at the HS level.
- Summer School opportunities
  - Over 600 students in summer school OA classes.
Partnerships

- Assess your local community.
- Look for common interest.
- SPS Partners
  - Missouri Department of Conservation
  - Springfield Greene County Park Board
  - Missouri State University
  - Watershed Committee of the Ozarks
Discover Nature Fishing

- Free Instructor training
- Free Curriculum and equipment
  - 4 lesson unit
- Culminating event is a fishing field trip
- Grant opportunities for equipment and transportation when paired with Nature Unhooked funds (MDC)
Hunter Education

- Meets state mandated requirements for firearm hunting license and permits
- Free instructor training
- Free curriculum
  - Online resources available
  - 3 - 4 weeks of classroom time
- MDC provides supplies needed to teach lessons
Missouri National Archery in the Schools Program

- Engages the non-traditional athlete
- Proven safety record
- Free instructor training
  - 8 hour Basic Archery Instructor class
- Free curriculum
  - Grades 4 - 5, 6 - 8, 9 - 12
  - 2 week minimum of classroom time
  - Team opportunities
- MDC provides reimbursable grants for schools starting a MoNASP
  - New School grant $1500
  - Archery Kit Cost $3500
Discover Nature Schools

- Free instructor training and printed teacher guides.
- Free curriculum with outdoor activities
  - Student book provided
  - Student-centered, collaborative, and experiential learning approach
- MDC provides education grants for field trips and exploration equipment.
OTF Curriculum

- Standard based
- Flexible
- Menu of options
- Appropriate for Grades 6 - 12
- Cost $1,000 - Reimbursable or get $1,000 matching equipment funds.
- Units vary from Hiking, Survival, Ice Fishing, Outdoor Cooking, and many more.
Field Trips

A hands on connection to the learning.
Funding

How do you pay for that?
Funding

- School site funds
- PE Department funds
- School Fundraiser - Archery Tournament
- MDC Educational Grants
- Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation
- OTF Educational Grants
- Non-Governmental Organization Grants
Backpacking

- OTF backpacking unit
- Grant funded supplies
- Hands on learning experience
- Field Trip opportunity
PROCESS

Partnerships

Curriculum

Experiences
“In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks.”

-John Muir
Helpful Resources

SPS OA Curriculum Pacing Guide - Click here
MDC website - Click here
MDC Contact Information - Click here
MDC Education Grants - Click here
MO Conservation Heritage Foundation Funding - Click here
Discover Nature Fishing - Click here
Discover Nature Schools - Click here
Hunter Education - Click here
NASP - Click here
OTF website - Click here
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OTF “Getting Started” framework - Click here
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