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ENOR ENVIRONMENTAL DISCOVERY CAMP

Environmental Education Through a Camp Delivery Method at ENOR Environmental Day Camp in Jefferson County

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ENOR CAMP INTRODUCTION

ENOR is a special camp that focuses on environmental education, active outdoor experiences, genuine care, and community partnerships. Their goal is to cultivate a deep appreciation for nature, deepen understanding of the environment, and foster youth development. Each week offers a new group of campers the opportunity to hike through Jefferson County Open Spaces, helping them stay physically active while nurturing a lifelong connection to the outdoors

INTERNSHIP GOALS

- Cultivate my teaching skills in an outdoor, experiential learning environment
- Understand how Extension professionals design adaptable, community-focused programs
- Share my knowledge of the outdoors with young learners
- Create more stewards of the environment



WHAT DID I DO

My role as an Environmental Educator involved:

- Leading groups of 10 children on daily hikes through Jefferson County Open Spaces
- Teaching hands-on lessons about the environment to foster curiosity and understanding
- Inspiring a sense of appreciation for nature
- Encouraging kids to be stewards of the environment

APPLICATION TO MY EDUCATION

Today, more than ever, we need environmentally conscious leaders. In an effort to inspire future generations to protect and conserve our environment, we must show them why nature is worth protecting through education and early exposure. This internship aligns with my belief that environmental stewardship begins with accessible, engaging, and meaningful experiences.

TAKEAWAYS

What did I gain?

- A deeper commitment to promote sustainability through education
- Awareness of the importance of adaptable teaching methods in engaging diverse learners

What did the kids gain?

- 93% → "I felt excited and interested during camp activities."
- 90% → "I learned new things and felt comfortable trying them."
- 92% → "Because of camp, I care more about protecting nature and the outdoors."
- 97% → "My camp leader made camp feel safe, fun, and welcoming."

NEXT STEPS

Going forward, I hope to engage people, especially the younger generations, with the outdoors so they can understand the importance of protecting and preserving it. Promoting environmental stewardship can be in the form of leading organized group hikes, volunteer work, social media promotions, and more.