



CHANDLER POLICE DEPARTMENT WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

Explore. Grow. Discover.



Program Overview

The Wilderness Experience is a program in which Chandler PD School Resource Officers provide an educational experience to students outside of the classroom. This program helps us build stronger relationships with our students/community. Typically, the students we pick would not be able to have these experiences in nature if it wasn't for a program like this.

The Chandler Police Department Wilderness Youth Experience mission is to promote self-discovery, principles of good character, constructive interaction with others, and a deeper understanding of nature through experiential education.

Learning Through Experience



Our educational philosophy emphasizes the use of experiential education. We provide participants with outdoor learning experiences, allowing time for processing and reflection. Learning experiences are then analyzed and synthesized.

The experiences provided are designed to challenge the individual and the group physically, emotionally, and intellectually.

Using the natural world as a classroom affords us many opportunities to expand the participant's life experiences and encourages personal growth. Support, trust, and respect are valued and promoted throughout all phases of instruction, management, and administration.



What Students Gain



It is the Wilderness Youth Experience goal to take participants into new environments and:

- Introduce participants to a new environment while fostering an appreciation for nature and their community.
- Challenge individuals through the use of physical and mental activities.
- Promote good communication skills that can be transferred to the participant's everyday life.
- Teach constructive interaction with others through the use of role modeling and activities.
- Enhance self-esteem and confidence through the use of character building group exercises.
- Foster responsibility and adherence to the law through individual and group-based activities.

Wilderness Youth Experience



Outdoor learning. Character building. Stronger relationships.

The Wilderness Youth Experience uses the natural world as a classroom to create meaningful opportunities for discovery, challenge, connection, and growth. Participants are supported as they build confidence, communication skills, responsibility, and respect for others.

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