Camping 101 clinic: Using a knowledge gap to get involved with your community

Introduction

• As Outdoor and Community Recreation students, we decided to give back to our local community of Edmond, Oklahoma. We noticed there was a knowledge gap in the community related to camping. This program was designed to teach the community the basics of camping, so they could feel more comfortable in the outdoors and would venture somewhere outside their backyard. We covered the topics of safety, gear choice, Leave No Trace, wildlife, backpacking, kayaking and choosing locations for camping.

• We collaborated with local businesses and organizations to get them involved such as Backwoods and Project Wild Oklahoma, and were hosted by Katiebug’s Shaved Ice during a local music event this past spring. The event had an attendance of around 100 attendees, and then we were invited back by Katiebug’s for their Camping Night and had over 250 in attendance, including a local cub-scout troop.

• We hosted a third event on the University of Central Oklahoma’s campus to reach out to students who may not be familiar with the recreational opportunities available locally and around the state. This programming has been a revitalizing part of our recreation education as we learn about collaborations, marketing, organizing, planning, working as a team and bringing our community together.

Background

Presented by Outdoor and Community Recreation (OCR) students
University of Central Oklahoma            Edmond, Oklahoma

• Valerie Manriquez- Sophomore, majoring in Studio Art/minoring in Outdoor and Community Recreation. Her passion for the art and the outdoors have merged into a wonderful opportunity and she looks forward to expanding both into a career to teach others to love them both as much as she does.

• Emily Hale- Senior, majoring in Outdoor and Community Recreation and minoring in Community and Public Health. She is currently the President of the Outdoor and Community Recreation Club. She has a passion for the outdoors and helping the community, in particular children, to get up and get outside.

• Amanda Cooper- Senior, Intern with National Park Service at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and graduating in May 2018, with a degree in Kinesiology-Outdoor and Community Recreation and a minor in Biology. Upon graduation, she hopes to pass on the outdoors to the next generation so it can continue through them.

Objectives

• Participants will learn how to get more involved in their community, using something they know.

• Participants will learn how to change a program to serve different communities.

• Participants will learn how to work with other organizations in the community to strengthen programs.

Presenters Information

For more information on how you can get more involved with your community, or questions about our program, please email us at:

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Events

Camping 101
Hosted by: UCO Outdoor & Community Recreation Majors
May 20th
3:00-8:00pm
Come and Go

Partners and presenters include:

Activities