Alpine International Preparatory Academy

Experiential Learning Programs:
Outdoor Exploration (K–8th grade)
Outdoor Pursuits (High School)

Alpine International Preparatory Academy (AIPA) established the area of Experiential and Service Learning— as a method of fulfilling its mission. Experiential learning is a holistic learning process. The Outdoor Exploration Program is for kindergarten to middle school students and classes are held at various sites throughout the state. Outdoor Pursuits is for High School students that reside in Colorado.

We want students to understand that learning happens all the time, not only when logged on their computer or at home studies. The introduction of experiential learning is a strong program that will give our students this exposure to the real-world classroom. In addition, it allows for hands-on learning, which has a lasting impression on learners.

Please see our attachment in the Homeschool tab on the AIPA website for our K–8th grade programming.

Join AIPA High School Outdoor Pursuits (OP) as we travel throughout the state of Colorado and Beyond. The program offerings are half-day activities, virtual “Campfires”, single day to 2 weeks or longer field trips, and adventures. We will always put safety and education in mind first, believing learning should be FUN and challenging.

Traveling with your peers, creating new friendships, and enhancing current ones, naturally creates a spirit of collaborative teamwork and is a great way to earn some additional credit to help with completing your diploma. OP will teach some skills: Map and Compasses, hiking techniques, plants and animals, equipment selection, campsite selection, trip, and menu planning. By the end of the program, everyone should feel more comfortable traveling and being outdoors.
**Tentative Schedule 22/23**

**Introduction program and Community Building:**
- August 16th Staunton State Park
- August 18th Nature and Wildlife Discovery Center Pueblo

**Setting Goals and hiking:**
- September 6th Roxborough State Park

**Virtual Campfire/Circle/Class Getting Ready**
- September 20th 10-11:30
- 2 nights/3 days at the Pueblo Mountain Park Lodge
- October 3-5th

**Virtual Campfire/Circle/Class**
- October 13th 10-11:30

**Hike in the Park**
- October 20th Rocky Mountain National Park

**Virtual Campfire/Circle**
- November 30th 10-11:30

**Cross Country Skiing Tennessee Pass**
- December 6th

**Virtual Campfire/Circle/Class**
- December 13th 10-11:30 & 7-8:30 (need to attend one)

**Virtual Campfire/Circle/Class**
- 10-11:30 January 5th

**Leadville Inn of the Clouds**
- January 16th -19th Exploring the area, snowshoeing, and shelter building

**Virtual Campfire/Circle/Class**
- February 1st 10-11:30 & 7-8:30 (need to attend one)

**Museum of Natural History Denver Colorado**
- February 17th
Virtual Campfire/Circle/Class Canyon Ecology
March 1st (need to attend one) 10-11:30 & 7-8:30

Virtual Campfire/Circle/Class Canyon Ecology
March 15th 10-11:30

Off to the Canyon Country of Colorado
April 2nd-8th We will explore the Canyon Country of Colorado, Spending time at the Colorado National Monument, McGinnes Canyons, and Dinosaur National Park

Virtual Campfire/Circle/Class (Review and Project review)
April 5th 7-8:30

Rock Climbing
April 26th

Virtual Campfire/Circle
May 10th 10-11:30 & 7-8:30 (need to attend one)

Final day review and showcasing of skills and knowledge
May 26th Site to be determined.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE and there will be additional fees to participate in OP. We will help you raise the funds so everyone can attend.

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