I am going to Glen Helen Outdoor School!

A social story about what Outdoor School has to offer
My class is going to spend time at Outdoor School!
Glen Helen is a 1000+ acre nature preserve, and we will turn it into our classroom!
My naturalist is someone who loves teaching about nature and science and is very excited to spend the week with me! My trail group will spend the whole week with one naturalist teacher.
A trail group is a group of me and your classmates that will be learning together during Outdoor School.
HIKE LESSONS
I will be going on two lesson hikes each day to learn with my trail group and my naturalist.
We will be learning about nature, science, and teamwork.
We will be learning about ecosystems, plants and animals, geology, the nocturnal world, and more!
Each lesson hike will be two hours long and outside!
For my lesson hikes, I will need to pack: a water bottle, layers of clothing, good walking shoes, a jacket or sweater, a small backpack, and whatever else I need to feel comfortable outside.
I will get to visit the Yellow Springs, visit the Raptor Center and meet an owl or hawk, meet a snake or a turtle, and so much more!
I will be staying in the dorms at the Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center.
There are three dorms: Hickory, Sycamore, and Cedar Center
Each wing has 2 wings. Each wing has bunkbeds, a teacher/chaperone room, and a bathroom.
For my dorm, I will need to pack:
- a sleeping bag or bedroll and a pillow
- toiletries like my toothbrush, soap, shampoo, and towels
- indoor quiet activities, like a book or puzzle
- and whatever else I need to feel comfortable spending the night in the dorm
I will remember that I am responsible for carrying all my luggage to and from the dorms. If I forget anything, I can ask my teachers or naturalist and we have extras to let you borrow.
MEALS
I will be eating meals at the Glen Helen OEC Lodge.
We will also be having snack in the afternoon and before bedtime
I will play during afternoon activities at 4:30, called 4:30s! I will be able to choose between three different options each day for 4:30 Activities.
I can choose an active activity like capture the flag or kickball
a moderate activity like shelter building or tree climbing
or a calm activity like a craft or baking cookies
After dinner, we will have an evening program! There will be a skits and songs night, a night hike, and perhaps even a campfire!
At the end of the week, I will head back to school with new knowledge, new friends, and lots of great memories of Outdoor School!
We look forward to seeing you soon!
– Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center Staff & Naturalists