

# SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR FOREST VALLEY OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

## SHSM CERTIFICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Call or email to learn more about how to connect your students to the wonderful world of outdoor education

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# ABOUT SHSM AT FOREST VALLEY OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

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At Forest Valley, we are committed to providing rich and authentic outdoor education experiences for all students in the TDSB. We believe that every student deserves the opportunity to learn about the wonders of nature through experiential education activities that are designed for, about and in the environment. Forest Valley Outdoor Education Centre is an ideal location for your SHSM certification because of the resounding benefits of nature-based education on student achievement and wellbeing, and provides excellent opportunities to integrate Indigenous perspective and worldview into each program.



*"Outdoor education is seen as a distinct and critical component of environmental education, concerned with providing experiential learning in the environment to foster a connection to local places, develop a greater understanding of ecosystems, and provide a unique context for learning."*

Ontario Ministry of Education, Shaping Our Schools, Shaping Our Future (2007), p.6

## PROGRAM FEES AND DETAILS

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- Program Fee - \$300/class. This price does not include transportation.
- Materials Fee - \$20 per student. This fee includes certificates and material maintenance.
- Select programs have additional material fees.
- Students may bring their own lunch or they can have a cookout (food arranged and brought with the visiting teacher), or schools can arrange pizza delivery.
- Students will depart Forest Valley at 2:00 pm.



# PROGRAM OFFERINGS

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Contact us for more details and to see how we can tailor SHSM Certifications to the needs and strengths of your students.

Descriptions can also be found on our website: [schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/forestvalley](https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/forestvalley)

## ALL SHSM PROGRAMS: LEADERSHIP

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This interactive program will help students develop leadership skills and experiences that are aligned with the TDSB's Global Competencies to help prepare students to flourish in their prospective sectors and careers. Using an outdoor wilderness setting, students will identify traits of positive leaders and participate in and lead a variety of leadership activities. They will be given the opportunity to strengthen their own voice and develop leadership and communication skills that they can carry in their classes, school, community and beyond.



## INNOVATION, CREATIVITY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (ICE)

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Take a tour of Forest Valley and fall in love with our landscape and wildlife. Spend the day developing your Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE) skills as we work on solutions to the greatest threat to the planet- climate change. ICE training involves the integration of innovation, or the generation of new ideas; creativity, based on the idea of multiple perspectives and ingenuity and entrepreneurship. Through the examination of complex issues, students will put their skills to work by pitching potential solutions.

# CERTIFICATIONS

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## ARTS AND CULTURE

Advanced Training in Environmental Art  
Advanced Training in Indigenous Art  
Advanced Training in Nature Photography

## ENVIRONMENT

Wilderness Survival, GIS, Species ID,  
Habitat Restoration, Watershed  
Management, Below Zero, Project Wild  
*Project Wild and Below Zero Certifications have an additional \$50 per student material fee for manuals*



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Stress Management Techniques - Treelaxation, Yoga

## HORTICULTURE AND LANDSCAPING

Species ID, Weed and Pest Identification and Management, Plant Identification,  
Tree Planting, Seed Saving, Plant Layout and Design, Soil Testing Techniques  
*Tree Planting, Seed Saving, Plant Layout and Design, Soil Testing Techniques have an additional \$25 per student/day material fee*

## HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

GIS, GPS, Heritage Interpreter: Maple Syrup

## NON PROFIT

GIS, GPS, Environmental Awareness, Ethical Considerations, Group Dynamics

## SPORTS

Wilderness Survival, GIS, GPS, Fitness - Yoga, Fitness - Running, Fitness - Fast Packing