

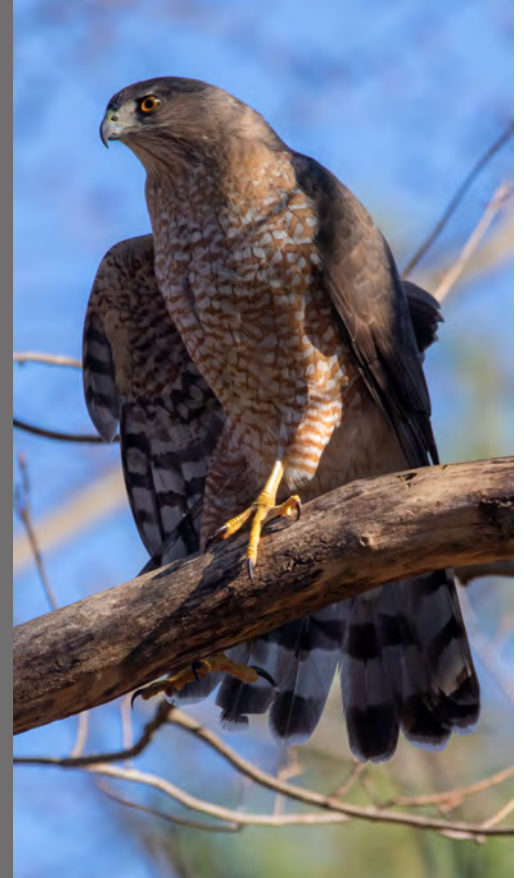


SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR AT FOREST VALLEY OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

SHSM CERTIFICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Call us to learn more about how to connect your students
to the wonderful world of outdoor education.

416-395-5110



ABOUT SHSM AT FOREST VALLEY OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

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

- Programs will be 3 hours in length and will begin at 9:45 or bus arrival time. Where possible, certifications may be bundled to offer up to two certifications in one day.
- Students will depart Forest Valley at 2:00 pm.
- 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 or food delivery.
- Program Fee - \$300/class. This price does not include transportation.
- Materials Fee - \$20 per student.

PROGRAMME OFFERINGS

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 at our website at:

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/forestvalley/Program-Offerings/Grade-9-12/SHSM>

ALL SHSM PROGRAMS: LEADERSHIP

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)

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

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

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**

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