

# Electives

Electives provide students a choice and a fun alternative to their regular learning activities, exposing them to activities that they might not otherwise experience.

Electives are offered once a week, on the afternoon of the third day, by teachers, naturalists, the Program Director, and sometimes by cabin leaders and guest presenters. Elective topics for the week will be set by the end of the second day, and students will sign up at lunch on the third day. Each elective presenter should give a brief (one minute or less) presentation on their topic to get students excited. A number of electives will be offered so that group sizes average 12 students, but some activities will require larger groups. Each activity will have a maximum number of participants set on the sign up, and may also have a minimum number set.

Students will sign up for an elective in cabin groups. The order of cabins may be determined by cabin awards or by random selection.

Topics are not limited to those below – these are just starter ideas.

## **General Topics**

Nature writing, team building challenges, solar oven cooking, nature photography, sand castle building, orienteering, tracking, shelter building, Frisbee golf, destination hike, sensory trail/ blink walk / blind trail, un-nature trail, worms and composting, volleyball (as an organized learning activity), the physics of rock skipping

## **Art & Crafts**

Friendship bracelets, animal drawing, nature art (drawing with natural materials), earth art (constructing art projects in nature with natural materials), watercolor, journal making, dream catchers, paper making.