

Adventure Education

(NRMS 7th and 8th grade Exploratory Class)



Objective: The main objective of Adventure Education is for students to discover both their strengths and areas of need. This is accomplished through a personal journey that each student undertakes during the term. The major disciplines involved are; Native American and Early American History and Culture, Earth Medicine, Natural History and Science, Team-building Skills and Adventure Activities.



Course Topics: The 6 main course topics that each class will partake in during their experience are; Nature Hikes, Small Worlds, Explorations, Earth Connections, Storytelling and Finding Your Way.



Grading: Class Participation: 30%

Personal Journal: 30%

Project: 40%



Teacher: John Simms is the Adventure Education teacher at NRMS. Mr. Simms has been teaching in the field of Adventure Education for close to 30 years and has been at NRMS since 2011. He holds a Master's degree in Environmental Studies and Bachelor degrees in Anthropology and History. His areas of specialization are in all aspects of Environmental Studies and Native American Culture, however, his top attribute lies in his ability to make strong personal connections with all of his students. His most influential teacher/mentor was Princess Evening Star – a well known Wampanoag from Mashpee.



Greg Johnson has been the Assistant Adventure Education Teacher for the past 2 years. Mr. Johnson is not only a teacher; he has also been a lifeguard, musician and professional nature artist for more than 30 years. Mr. Johnson and the after-school Mural Club are creating a phenomenal Nature Mural in the downstairs hallway by the Adventure Education class (worth a visit to NRMS itself).

Interested ?: Adventure Education classes are small in size and very popular at NRMS. If your child is interested in Adventure Education, please contact their guidance counselor, any teacher or Mr. Simms directly (simmsj@nausetschools.org).

