



## YOUR ROLE AT OUTDOOR SCHOOL (for teachers and adult chaperones)

Teachers and adult chaperones play an important role at outdoor school. At the Straub Environmental Center's outdoor school, you are a:

**\*PARTICIPANT** – The students will want to share this learning adventure with you. Be in every moment with them. Use cell phones for photos only. Turn off phones at all other times.

**\*GROUP LEADER** – Monitor your group every minute. Anticipate challenges before they develop. Encourage teamwork within your group. Always carry your group's zip lock bag with you.

**\*ROLE MODEL** – Model positive behavior for the students at all times. They will look to you as an example of how to behave at outdoor school.

**\*COACH** – Your excitement and enthusiasm will motivate the students to seamlessly handle chores, rainy weather, bedtime and wake up time.

**\*MEMBER OF OUR OUTDOOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY** – Pitch in when help is needed. Work together with others to create a positive, can-do atmosphere.

### OUR OUTDOOR SCHOOL PLEDGE:

**“We are here to honor and respect nature and to honor and respect each other.”**

Teacher and adult chaperone supervision areas during free time:

- Teacher: main lodge room and restrooms
- Adult chaperone for Group A: oak grove area
- Adult chaperone for Group B: open field near lodge deck
- Adult chaperone for Group C: pond
- Adult chaperone for Group D: pond

*Note: Students do not need to stay in their groups during free time.*

**Note: Each adult needs to bring their own sleeping pad.**