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## KINGFISHER OUTDOOR EDUCATION POLICY

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1. Rationale

Lakehead District School Board recognizes the importance of outdoor experiential environmental learning for its students. The Kingfisher Lake Outdoor Education Centre provides unique opportunities for students and teachers of Lakehead District School Board to experience a variety of curriculum-related outdoor and environmental education activities.

2. Policy

It is the policy of Lakehead District School Board to support the participation of students and teachers in outdoor education and environmental programs at the Kingfisher Lake Outdoor Education Centre (the Centre) under the auspices of the Kingfisher staff.

3. Philosophy of Operation

- 3.1 The underlying purpose of the operation of the Centre is to instill in the student an awareness and appreciation of the natural environment.
- 3.2 Programs at the Centre focus on natural science study, outdoor skills, and social learning experiences to support the Ontario Curriculum.
- 3.3 For all activities, the main resource is the natural environment. This necessitates the preservation of the environs of the Centre in as natural a state as possible. Therefore, the maintenance of the area is the cooperative responsibility of all.
- 3.4 Elementary students should have the opportunity to participate in at least one day program in the primary level and one overnight program between Grade 5 and Grade 8. Bookings for secondary students are filled as requested.
- 3.5 Every effort will be made to include all students for participation in Kingfisher programs.
- 3.6 Participation in all Kingfisher programs is voluntary and subject to parental approval.
- 3.7 Lakehead District School Board supports the limited use of the Centre by community groups. The needs of the students of the Board as well as environmental considerations will determine the extent to which the Centre will be available to outside users.
- 3.8 Weekend and holiday use by school staff and students shall be covered by 6020 Extended Field Trip Policy and Procedures.
- 3.9 Alcoholic beverages, smoking and pets are not permitted on-site. Exceptions will be made for approved Guide Dogs/Service Dogs or Service Animals.
- 3.10 Lakehead District School Board employs fully qualified personnel at the Centre.

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4. Review

This policy shall be reviewed according to 2010 Policy Development and Review Policy.

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<u>Cross Reference</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>Legal Reference</u>
6020 Extended Field Trip Policy and Procedures	November 1985	
8011 Use of School Buildings, Facilities and Grounds Policy and Procedures	<u>Date Revised</u> June 24, 2003 January 24, 2012 February 25, 2020	
8075 Service Animals in Schools		

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