

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

We help classes discover the reason and beauty of Creation



COME DISCOVER the beauty and reason that surrounds us all in creation. In the Environmental Stewardship Program, Prairie Star Ranch aims to guide students into a deeper understanding of the purpose and reason imbued in creation. In this experience, students are not mere observers; they are called to explore and wonder in their study.

The program is inspired by the revelation of Sacred Scripture and the writings of the saints and popes throughout the centuries. It has been developed so as to let students take the lead in their learning while hitting on many of the standards laid out by the Archdiocese.

The curriculum guides participants from conceptual principles of environmental stewardship into concrete environmental studies. Participants examine each concept through outdoor exploration and prayer.

In total, participants delve into creation through seven distinct pods on Environmental Stewardship, each pod hitting multiple Archdiocesan standards.

CREATION EXPLORATION

Encouraging students to look on creation with wonder and awe lies at the heart of this program. To do so, we will guide students on an exploration hike through property, during which they will cover several fundamental environmental concepts and observe more of the world we all call home.

LAKES AND STREAMS

Discover the diversity that exists below the waters of our native Kansas lakes and waterways. Students will canoe and creek stomp their way to a deeper understanding of lakes and streams.

HUMAN EFFECT

What is the relationship between mankind and creation? What responsibilities do we as Christians have toward creation? Environmental Stewardship is more than simply a study of ecology; it is a guide to help us care for our fellow man and world as Jesus has commissioned us to do.

PRAIRIE LANDS

Kansas has some of the most fruitful prairie lands in the world. In this pod, students will

explore the beauty and diversity of our native grasslands.

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL

Christians throughout the millennia have gone into the wild to pray and live, with the hope of keeping Jesus at the center of their lives. Learn how to live off the land, letting creation care for you as you care for creation.

FORESTS

Students will explore the beauty and the mystery of our native woodlands. They will study the oak and the elm, the forest floor and its ceiling. They will study its place in creation and all the creatures that call the woods their home.

NIGHT STUDIES

Giving students the opportunity to study the stars while gazing into the mystery of the universe, the night studies are often the students' favorite pod. With a focus on the moon, stars, and nocturnal creatures, these activities naturally encourage students to delve deeper into the mystery of creation and love of Jesus Christ.