

DO'S AND DONT'S FOR OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

DO

1. Let your audience explore.
2. Talk confidently and use voice control.
3. Teach less and share more.
4. Give positive reinforcement.
5. Be firm and remain in control.
6. Key in on your audience's interests.
7. Set clear objectives.
8. Encourage a sense of joy.
9. Instill a sense of wonder about the outdoors.
10. Encourage new experiences and communication about those experiences.
11. Give explicit instructions.
12. Take advantage of teachable moments.
13. Move often and stay active.
14. Do your best.
15. Take time to listen to questions and comments.
16. Be enthusiastic and caring about nature.
17. Make learning and experiencing nature fun.
18. Think about the comfort of your audience.
19. Share your feelings and ideas.
20. Learn with your audience and never stop learning.

DON'T

1. Forget about the safety of your audience.
2. Yell or lose your composure.
3. Lecture.
4. Say "no" or "you're wrong."
5. Be overbearing or lose your temper.
6. Let your audience lead you.
7. Be inflexible.
8. Force your audience to do something they feel uncomfortable doing.
9. Expect your audience to accept everything you say.
10. Ask your audience to do anything you wouldn't do yourself - first.
11. Talk too much.
12. Give up.
13. Let the program be just a hike.
14. Be disappointed when things don't go as well as you hoped.
15. Pass your fears on to your audience.
16. Worry about knowing everything.
17. Label objects.
18. Lose your equipment.
19. Stop too long for exploration, talking, and listening.
20. Forget about the people at the back of the group.