



Dear Fellow Leader,

We are thrilled that you have chosen to teach and train our next generation! There is nothing on the face of the planet like using the outdoors and our sport to impact and empower students. Our curriculum is uniquely designed to meet the student where he/she is in this time of their life while bringing instruction and encouragement allowing you to become the best leader possible.

The following pages will answer any questions or concerns you may have for the use of our curriculum and the design of your club. Each session and chapter is written for the busy leader in mind. Lesson plans are brief, yet thorough. In a few short minutes, you can pull together all the elements of a dynamite E-Club meeting.

SOE's goal is to provide lessons, combined with your skill and passion, will make a dramatic difference in the next generation. Your students can "experience" something new each time they meet with you and will be challenged to become great future leaders in their homes, schools, communities and the outdoors.

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Leading the way,

John E. Stamper

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President & Founder of Student Outdoor Experience



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I. CLUB INTRODUCTION

a. Mission

E-Clubs come together monthly or weekly allowing students to have an opportunity to be mentored, motivated and educated toward becoming great sportsmen/women, conservationists and leaders in their homes and communities and the great outdoors.

b. Goal and Gain

E-Clubs create an exciting venue for students to become more involved in the world of hunting, fishing and the great outdoors. As the number of students grows each year, additional E-Clubs will be developed across the United States and Canada.

Revenue from each year's membership will provide enhancement of the programs, products and staff. Student Outdoor Experience (SOE) desires each student to find the leader within himself or herself and to achieve their highest level of potential, making them a successful leader in life.

II. WHY START AN E-CLUB?

a. Why E-Clubs?

E-Clubs provide a chance for young people to belong – be part of a group their own age, learn new things and do fun activities together. Through E-Clubs young people:

- Learn new skills, gain knowledge, and develop positive attitudes.
- Develop and use their creative talents.
- Learn to make intelligent decisions and develop problem solving skills



- Develop self-worth while respecting the rights and privileges of hunting and the outdoors.

Launching an E-Club will allow you to be a strategic partner carrying on the mission of Student Outdoor Experience (SOE). SOE educates the next generation by giving them needed life skills to be great role models and leaders. We use the backdrop of fishing, hunting and the outdoors to teach students lessons related to character, integrity and vision. This is done with a focus to preserve our heritage and sport.

b. Getting Started

You are on your way to becoming a valuable partner with Student Outdoor Experience. Becoming a leader of an E-Club singles you out as a very special person willing to dedicate time and expertise for the sake of the next generation.

c. E-Club Success

1. Leaders: Qualified leaders are the driving force behind all successful E-Clubs. Leaders must always value and demand safety and proper techniques for archery and firearms. A leader is a mentor who inspires, encourages, leads by example, and earns the respect and admiration of the members. We recommend that the leader(s) become NRA Range certified along with taking the NASP Basic Archery Training or equivalent through your state Department of Natural Resources. We can help you connect to these agencies.

2. Members: The key to any successful club is having members. Members are the backbone of a club that will ensure its success. Each student and volunteer will become members of Team SOE. Membership supports their local club with resources, expenditures and insurance.



3. Community Awareness: Your club can play an important role within the community but only if the community knows about it. Take every opportunity to promote the club and its members. Write articles for the local newspapers, invite community leaders, fish and game representatives, law-enforcement officers and those who will have a significant impact on the students they are leading, to attend or speak at your club. You will also be able to post your information and pictures on your states SOE Facebook page.

4. SOE Clubs Leaders and Personnel: These people can be your greatest allies! Publicize the accomplishments and achievements of your participants. Ask for support and recognition from local businesses. Providing a wholesome activity for your club is a valuable asset to any community.

III. FORMING THE CLUB

a. Electing Officers

Electing officers such as a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or a public relations director is optional, however, it does give the students ownership in their club and makes them feel proud of their accomplishments.

b. Responsibilities of E-Club Volunteers

Since E-Club volunteers act as representatives of Student Outdoor Experience they have the responsibility to:

- Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner and exhibit good leadership and sportsmanship.
- Refrain from the use of physical or verbal abuse.
- Refrain from inappropriate or unwanted touching of youth or



- adults.
- Refrain from destructive, offensive or sexually inappropriate behavior.
 - Refrain from the possession or use of alcoholic beverages during E-Clubs meetings and events.
 - Avoid smoking and using tobacco products at E-Club events when youth are present.
 - Respect the property of others, including clothing, personal items, equipment and facilities.
 - Operate machinery, vehicles and other equipment in a responsible manner.
 - Accept responsibility to promote and support SOE and its mission to invest in the lives of students.

IV. BASIC FACTS ABOUT E-CLUBS:

a. Essential Club Elements

To ensure a quality life and skill building experience for students, Team SOE has the following guidelines that should be part of every E-Club experience. Every club is expected to:

- Clearly state at least one club goal for a community service project
- Provide members the opportunity to publicly demonstrate the skills they have learned.
- Meet at least eight times within a school year.
- Support service-learning projects throughout the year that connect club members with the community.
- Ensure that all adult volunteers are screened and club leaders have passed the SOE background check.
- Maintain an adult-to-youth ratio of one to ten.
- Encourage and support family involvement.



b. How Should Club Meetings Look?

The way club meetings are structured depends largely on the size of the group and the age of the members. Remember to keep the meeting interesting and change the pace approximately every 15 minutes. The average attention span for students ranges from 10 to 20 minutes. The E-Club meetings are divided into four parts:

1. Pre-Meeting: This bridges the gap between the time members begin to arrive and the time the actual meeting starts. Activities for the pre-meeting time may include food, mixers, playing music, games or simply some hang-time.

2. Educational Programming: Review the lesson online and have the students lessons printed. Have a way to play the three-minute course introduction either by computer, laptop, or handheld device. Instruct students to follow and take notes.

3. Curriculum Series: Each series has a specific focus and theme. Each student should have a printed "Student Lesson". This resource guides them in what we call the One-One-One approach.

In each session, students will learn one leadership trait, dive into one practical hunting, fishing or outdoor how-to and discover one thematic way to apply these traits to their life.

Keeping it simple ensures that students walk away with something practical each club meeting teaching them the importance of our heritage, sport, and the role they have in its preservation.



Sample topics and themes may include:

- Turkey Hunting & **DEDICATION**
- Fishing & **COURAGE**
- Wildlife Preservation & **PATIENCE**
- Archery & **VISION**
- Firearms & **CONFIDENCE**
- Deer Hunting & **TRUST**

4. Recreation/Refreshment/Social Activities:

Your imagination is the limit! Club gatherings can look however you would like. They can change in format. As a club, think about why members are involved and stay involved. What are they looking for? Then, plan your club gatherings to meet those needs. Focus on parts that meet the club's need for each meeting. Some meetings focus entirely on hunting, fishing or community projects to help members accomplish their goals and learn new leadership and outdoor skills.

Remember E-Clubs should be fun! Celebrate accomplishments or just take time to focus on recreation once in awhile. Field trips and community service projects are great ways to build a club team. Provide opportunities for youth projects to plan and organize while having fun.

Sample Schedule:

To maximize the curriculum to its fullest potential each club should meet at least 8-10 times a year for at least an hour each time. The hour can be broken down as the following:

- 10 min Hang time
- 5 min Play Online Course Introduction
- 15 min Lesson Outline and Review
- 30 min Activity/Hands on How To Session



c. How big should an E-Club be?

We recommend that each E-Club have at least 10 members. The maximum number, can depend on the number of youth that are interested, number of volunteers involved in the club, and how leadership is shared.

What is most important is that members have opportunities for learning and leading. Teen leaders can serve in leadership roles. It gives the students ownership in their club and makes them feel proud of their accomplishments. It is important to have meeting space that supports the size of the club and is accessible for all members. Recruit additional leaders as your membership grows (1 to 10 adult/students ratio is recommended).

d. How are E-Club members and volunteers recruited?

Recruiting new club members is easy. If exciting things are happening in the club, word will get out. Start with your own children and other youth you know. It is important to recruit adults to help with E-Club leadership. Parents of club members are often willing to help. Other possibilities include friends, local experts, retirees or people with a special area of interest that can teach. Remember that necessary volunteer applications and background checks are mandatory.

e. Where do E-Clubs meet?

Where the club meets will probably be determined by the size of your club and available local meeting places. Gymnasiums or outside areas of the school are great locations. Depending on the lesson, if you have a small activity that would not require the students to move around much, you may consider keeping your students in a classroom, but, if the lesson, for example, is archery, you may want to schedule that meeting in your gym or outside. Many community groups and other organizations are willing to allow their facilities to be used for club activities. Facilities used for club



meetings and activities should be accessible so all club members and leaders can attend.

f. How often does an E-Club meet?

The decision on how often your club meets should be determined by the needs and composition of the club and its members. We recommend that you meet a minimum of eight times a year although ten lessons are written if needed. Many clubs meet monthly, but you might want to consider meeting more frequently than that, especially if you have a club of young members. Frequent meetings can benefit a club by helping to maintain a high level of enthusiasm and keeping the members more involved.

g. What about insurance?

The safety of E-Club members and volunteers is critical. Registration forms with parent/guardian authorization is required for each student and volunteer and is vital for record keeping at the SOE headquarters. We will provide a letter of insurability for each club, which is liability insurance for ALL students and EACH volunteer.

h. What can you expect from the SOE staff?

Our National SOE Program Director is there to provide clear communication and will be there to support you with anything you need. Our staff can help promote your club during open-house and orientation to school newspapers and emails. We will stay in close contact during registration and launching the club. Then we will be available at anytime as we give insight on activities or if you have any need downloading lessons or forms. **You will be receiving communications like SOE e-blast, video-blogs, etc. These communication pieces will share fun facts and ideas for games, ice-breakers and activities. It will also introduce you to other leaders for encouragement and comradery.** Often they will contain registration instructions for future events. Occasionally, these forms may request information for SOE personnel to assist your club.



The Wild Turkey

Lesson 1

“My son, forget not my law” - Proverbs 3:1-2

Life Application

Hunting turkey is considered by many to be one of the most exciting forms of hunting out there. There is nothing like waking up in the morning and have an old tom send chills down your spine when you hear him gobble on the roost. Today, wild turkey are plentiful in many states, however, this has not always been the case. The wild turkey as we know it had to make a giant comeback from signs of extinction.

“Every conservationist must prepare for the future” - John Stamper

The health and success of today’s turkey populations is a testament to conservation and protection efforts. The same can be said in our lives. What are you doing today to ensure long term health and success in the future?

Biblical Application

Proverbs 3:1-2

¹ My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

² For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

These are the words of a father to a son, but they could easily be the words of any adult to a young man or woman. The key words here are “do not forget” and “keep.” We teach young men and women God’s way of living, but we need to remind them regularly, “Do not forget what I have taught you,” and “keep these instructions.” All other things being equal, this will give to us prolonged life and contentment with our lives.



How To

The Wild Turkey that we see today are actually native to North America and we have seen turkey populations make a giant comeback throughout the US. Their numbers have boomed over the last decade due to great conservation efforts. The Wild Turkey was here long before the Europeans colonized America. They are not to be confused with their cousins, domestic turkeys (the ones you eat for Thanksgiving). Common Descriptions: Male = Tom or Gobbler, Young Male = Jake, Female = Hen, Young = Poult. The four major species of turkey found in America are listed below:

Eastern Wild Turkey: The Eastern Turkey has the largest range of all turkey species found in America. It actually covers the entire eastern half of the United States. It goes as far north as Maine, South to Florida and west as Oklahoma. This species has chestnut brown tips on the upper tail and can weigh 30lbs. They have been known to grow to four feet. They number from 5.1 to 5.3 million birds.

Osceola Wild Turkey: This species is known for being found throughout Florida. It has been documented that their name came from the famous Seminole leader Osceola, and was first described in 1890. They are known for being very dark, smaller and have longer legs than the other species. When you look at the feathers you will see an iridescent green and purple color. Their numbers range from 80,000 to 100,000 birds.

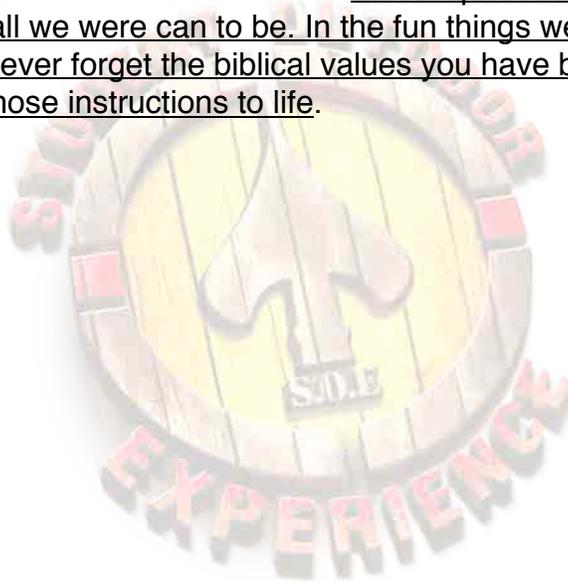
Rio Grande Wild Turkey: This species is known to range in specific states which include California, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Oregon. You can also find this species in Hawaii and a few regions in the northeast. You will find that it's feathers often have a green-coppery sheen to them as well as a light tan color along the tips of the tail and on the lower back feathers. Their numbers range from range from 1,022,700 to 1,025,700.

Merriam's Wild Turkey: The Merriam is typically found in Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota as well as New Mexico and the Rocky Mountains. They can be easy identified with their white tips found on the tail feathers. You will also find white tips and some purple and bronze coloration along their back feathers. Their numbers range from 334,460 to 344,460.



Did You Get It?

1. What gender do you need to be to turkey hunt? Any Gender. The great thing about hunting is that ANYONE can experience our sport.
2. Why have we seen the turkey population increase? great conservation and care.
3. What species has white tips on their tails? Merriam Wild Turkey.
4. Why is it important to care for ourselves? Ensure preservation today, but assist us in becoming all we were can to be. In the fun things we do in life, even in turkey hunting, never forget the biblical values you have been taught, and make sure you apply those instructions to life.





Sample How To's

The How To section should be fun and exciting for each student. Make sure that you have all the necessary elements available to insure you are properly teaching this section. Make sure you reiterate SAFETY and the importance it has in our lives and in our sport. Having them participate will have a significant impact on their overall experience of your group:

Sample How To's:

1. **Gold:** Help students identify the species of turkeys through pictures.
2. **Platinum:** Bring in a mounted Turkey and describe the species and the colorization of the feathers. Test their knowledge to see if they can determine the species name based on the description.
3. **Titanium:** Have a local taxidermist come in and bring several species of turkey. You could also invite a local conservationist to describe the species of local turkeys along with helping students understand what is needed to preserve their habitat.

LESSON #1



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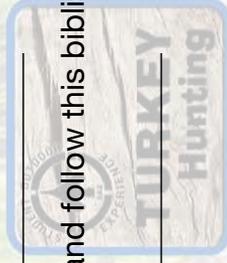
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LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

In consideration for being accepted by Student Outdoor Experience, for participation in an SOE E-Club, we (I), being 21 years of age or older, do for ourselves (myself) (and for and on behalf of my child-participant if said child is not 21 years of age or older) do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless Student Outdoor Experience and the E-Club sponsoring organization and the club director, sponsor or instructors thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the child-participant that occur while said child is participating in the above described trip or activity.

Furthermore, we (I) [and on behalf of our (my) child-participant if under the age of 21 years hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein.

We (I) are the parents(s) or legal guardian(s) of this participant, and hereby grant our (my) permission for him or her to participate fully in said SOE E-Club, and hereby give our (my) permission to take said participant to a doctor or hospital and hereby authorize medical treatment, including but not in limitation to emergency surgery or medical treatment, and assume the responsibility of all medical treatment.

Parent/Gardian Signature:

Printed Name

Parent(s) phone

Then tear off flap and turn in to the E-Club Leader

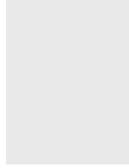
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E-Club Registration



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CLUB ACTIVITIES

E-Club sessions are combined with high energy, interactive programming. Samples includes:

- Interactive Outdoor Games
- Hunting and Fishing Seminars
- Archery and BB Gun Shoot (enclosed and contained BB Gun Range)
- Student Lessons and Study Guide
- Club Community and Group Projects



FAQ's:

When: _____

Where: _____

Local Contact: _____

Cost: \$ 35.00 Annual Registration (To S.O.E.)

**!Includes: T-shirt/Club Dues/Sticker/Band

REGISTRATION FORM	
Name _____	Age _____
Birth Date _____	Grade Level _____
Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Email _____	
School _____	
Home # _____	
Emergency # _____	
Allergies/Medical Info _____	
To Whom It May Concern:	
The undersigned does hereby give permission for our/my child, (print name of child) _____ to attend and participate in E-Club activities sponsored by (S.O.E.) Student Outdoor Experience.	
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____	Date _____
Print Name _____	
Cost: \$35.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Membership <input type="checkbox"/>	
payable to Student Outdoor Experience	
Payment: Cash _____	Check _____ VISA/MC _____
VISA/MC # _____	
EXP. DATE _____ Security Code _____	

CERTIFICATE of ACHIEVEMENT



This certifies that



*This certificate has been awarded for the completion of all steps
contained within the Student Outdoor Experience Turkey Hunting
requirements to include all safety and how-to sections.*

DATE

SOE LEADER



Our **E-Club** creates an **exciting** opportunity for students to become more involved in the world of the great **outdoors**, **hunting** , **fishing** and the **shooting sports**. **Join today!!**

When:

Where:

Who: Open to Anyone

How: Just show up and we will do the rest!!

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