

# Outdoor school experience offered to local students



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Most children go away to camp in the summer. But during the spring 11 and 12-year olds from local schools are getting those same "camp" advantages along with students from Clackamas Community College.

Terry Spahr, Bilquist elementary teacher, is teaching an Outdoor School Counselor class (ED 299) this term at CCC. This is the first time such a class has been offered and also the first time Spahr has taught it.

"My purpose was two-fold," said Spahr. "One, was to provide Bilquist with 19 trained counselors for their one week at Camp Nate Creek and second, to possibly provide counselors for Oregon City and surrounding school districts that are involved in the Outdoor School program."

If enough student interest is generated the college would provide well-trained senior counselors for next year's Outdoor School program."

Nineteen of the CCC students leave May 15 for a week as counselors at Camp Nate Creek with the Bilquist school. Four students have already participated in the Oregon City program at Camp Arrah Wanna, near Wemme, and four other students will be spending their counseling week with various Clackamas County School Districts throughout spring term.

"I'd like to see more community college students as counselors," Spahr said. "Many don't know what they want to become and the Outdoor School experience changes many into thinking about elementary education."

"Twinkle", a high school counselor from Oregon City (upper left), autographs name tags at Camp Arrah Wanna as her admirers look on. A lonely student on soil study plot (lower left) thinks wistfully of home as the instructor explains about erosion. "Boe Deanie", counselor also from OCHS, (upper right) and another student express delight in the noon meal. "Tumbleweed", also of OCHS, enjoys the sunny weather with students on survival study plot. (right)

