

*TLC's Field Schools can help  
you reach these 4-6 grade  
BENCHMARKS:*

**IOWA HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES**

- Trace the development of Iowa culture & agriculture.
- Identify factors that aided U.S. expansion & westward movement.
- Examine impacts of immigration on Iowa culture.
- Determine the impact of the Industrial Revolution.
- Experience and relate to Pioneer life in America.
- Gain map and globe experience.
- Consumerism – Identify natural resources and needs for protection; participate in service.

**SCIENCE/GEOGRAPHY/HEALTH**

- Describe the water cycle & relation to our water supply.
- Describe how weather affects people and animals.
- Discuss properties of air and water, time and seasons.
- Investigate layers of soil in the local area; relate components of soil to plant growth; identify landforms.
- Explain how plants help control erosion.
- Describe the physical characteristics of wetlands.
- Observe and identify common plants and animals found in Iowa environments.
- Show that traits are passed from a parent to its offspring (plants & animals)
- Understand structures of living things, life cycles, biotic communities, biological adaptations, and environmental interaction.
- Observe and understand our solar system.
- Use the Scientific Method and scientific inquiry.
- Geography – Discover Iowa's physical features: identify geography's impact on plant/animal types and agriculture in Iowa and other states.
- Nutrition – Explain nutritional labeling. Analyze food intake compared to Dietary Guidelines for America.

**LANGUAGE ARTS**

Silent And oral reading: presenting original plays; writing letters, stories, reports, poems and plays; increase use of listening skills, proofreading skills & cursive handwriting.

**MATH**

Work with addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fundamental processes, common & decimal fractions, ratios & percent, word problems in daily life and extend geometric concepts.

**...As well as several ART projects, plenty of PHYSICAL activity, and the promotion of the 6 pillars of CHARACTER.**



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# THRESHOLD LEARNING CENTER

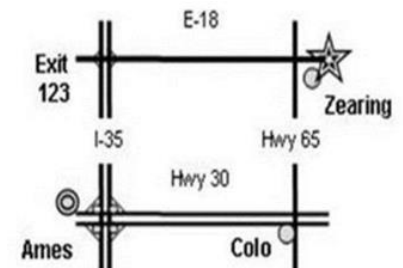


## YOUTH FIELD SCHOOLS

- \* Astronomy
- \* Geology
- \* Archaeology
- \* Iowa History
- \* Water Quality
- \* Survival Skills
- \* Native American Studies
- \* Team Building/Bullying Prevention
- \* Conservation & Earth Day Activities
- \* Nature Mapping/Habitat Assessment

*Stay in our Barn Dormitory!*

Threshold Learning Center is located one mile east of Hwy. 65 on Hwy. E-18 near Zearing, IA



# FIELD SCHOOLS FOR YOUTH

## Educational Overnight Experiences for Your Students

TLC has several programs your group can research in an outdoor classroom. Study one or multiple topics and stay for 1-5 days. YOU design the program YOU need. Choose from the following:

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|---|------------------------|
| <b>Astronomy</b>                                      | <b>Survival Skills</b> |
| <b>Geology</b>  | <b>Recreation</b>      |
| <b>Iowa History</b>                                   | <b>Archaeology</b>     |
| <b>Native American Studies</b>                        | <b>Team Building</b>   |
| <b>Nature Appreciation &amp; Conservation Studies</b> |                        |



### Costs Per Student:

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| Day Field Trip   | \$5.00 (4 hrs./no meal)   |
| Day Field School   | \$10.00 (8 hrs. w/ lunch) |
| Overnight fees include meals & board as well as instruction: |                           |
| 2 days/1 night   | \$ 28.00                  |
| 3 days/2 nights  | \$ 55.00                  |
| 4 days/3 nights  | \$ 75.00                  |
| 5 days/4 nights  | \$100.00                  |

**Teachers and chaperones are ½ price!**

## OUR CURRICULUM

The *Field Schools For Youth* curriculum is geared for grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> from public, parochial and home schools. Our curriculum is not a “walk and talk” approach. Your students will be using our woods, prairie & waters to begin research that they can continue to study throughout your school year.

An entire year of science can be covered in a stay with us. The programs are an in-depth, hands-on experience involving all the students’ studies – math, art, history, reading, writing, PE, social studies and drama.

## OUR STAFF

Gretta Reischauer, our Naturalist, has 30 years of experience in outdoor education & camping.

Bill Slinger, our Curriculum Director, has 25 years of experience in the classroom as well as 20 years in outdoor education.

*Thanks so much for another great experience... you have such a great rapport with the kids! Plus they learned so much! Everything was very age-appropriate. You are all a great TEAM!"*

## OUR UNIQUENESS

***WE TEACH; you participate, observe and enjoy!***

You and your chaperones are only needed for evening supervision, not for teaching! In fact, your chaperones may go to work during the day and join us in the evenings, allowing them to spend time with their child, without sacrificing vacation time.

***We are committed to making your stay a pleasant and memorable one!***

## OUR FACILITY

TLC’s Dormitory is a newly renovated barn with 7 bunk rooms, a girls’ bath, a boys’ bath and a lounge on the lower level and dining/classroom space in the upper level. The dorm sleeps up to 36 in beds. We have camping options as well.



**START EARLY!**  
Contact us **TODAY** to set up **YOUR Field School.**

**Gretta Reischauer: 641-844-7084**  
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### We will need the following information:

- Your Name
- Name of your School/Organization
- Grade Level
- # of Students
- Dates you are interested in
- # of DAYS (ex: 2nights/3 DAYS)
- Programs you are interested in
- Phone
- Email
- Address

**We are willing to help in any way to make this simpler for YOU!**

Worried about getting approval?  
We can come and speak with your planning committees, administrators, group of parents, or school board to help you.

Worried about planning?  
We will help you design a program that is best for your classroom curriculum. We know how to cover all the “little details”.

Worried about how to raise the money?  
We have ideas on grants & fundraisers for your class to help with the cost.

**NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE!**