

Sample Schedule 5 Day Wilderness Field Course Monongahela National Forest

Day 1: Introductory Day Hike to campsite. Introduction to land navigation Skill building session: camp craft Team-building initiatives near camp. Solo journaling time Evening: Campfire games and tone-setting discussion

Day 2: Valley Day: Stewardship Focus Stream analysis of Potomac River head water streams Forest history and record tree measurements discussion Exploration of beaver dams & stewardship project Evening: Stargazing and constellation stories

Day 3: Caving Day: Overcoming Fears & Pushing Comfort Levels Cave and bat ecology, karst topography Cave Exploration Solo time, journaling Skill building session: survival (one match fires/debris huts) Evening: Sensory awareness activities

Day 4: Mountain Day: Putting it into Perspective Orienteer using map and compass to Spruce Knob Summit Mountain geology and forest ecology Evening: Reflective campfire games and activities

Day 5: End of Expedition Hike out to the main campus Clean and de-issue borrowed gear Showers, brunch, and program evaluations Group departure between 10-12