



A Tribe called Eden

For school groups staying at Woodland Valley Farm, www.woodlandvalley.co.uk, this 2+ day challenge sets students a mission which will take them to Eden's Rainforest Biome and Woodland Valley's Cornish woodland in search of adventure and understanding. Their challenge; 'To discover your own Magic Seed and so become members of the Eden Tribe'.

Children work together in small groups or 'tribes' on three key tasks and other creative activities which aim to grow their understanding of how ecosystems work and how humans are linked into, and depend on, these natural systems for our food, clothes, medicines, fresh air and clean water. Activities encourage immersion, discovery, exploration and fun – leading to an enhanced sense of connection to the natural environment. Through developing knowledge, experience, social and practical skills we hope that children will develop their confidence to learn and play outside.

Tribes represent their progress on a journey stick – using found objects, coloured wool, wire and sparkly stuff to record their experience and learning in a creative way. With each successfully completed task, tribes are rewarded with an amulet to add to their stick, and stars celebrate good team work wherever possible.

By the end of the programme tribes will have collected all three amulets and will be invited to join the Eden Tribe and each participant will receive their prize (their 'magic seed'). They are set their first challenge as tribe members for their return to school; to work as a tribe to take action to improve their school 'biome'. Tribe members who send us photos and news of their back in school task will be represented on our 'Mud' website.

The details

Aim: To encourage children to become more active citizens capable of creating positive change for the environment

Through participating in the programme children will;

- Develop their understanding of their place in nature and all humans' dependence on it through looking at ecosystems, food webs and nature's cycles.
- Feel confident to be outdoors through having the knowledge, experience, social and practical skills to tackle challenges creatively and by having fun outside.
- Develop a sense of their emotional connection to the natural environment.
- Build a range of social and teamwork skills essential to active citizenship.
- Science, Geography and Citizenship curriculum links
- 2 day + 1 evening programme for Year 5, 6, 7 groups staying at Woodland Valley [April – October 2009]. Comprises an evening introduction and challenge setting at Woodland Valley, a full day at Eden including a 2 hour facilitated rainforest session and a fully facilitated day outdoors back at Woodland Valley.
- Maximum group size 35
- Costs £12/student, with a minimum charge of £348 (equivalent to 29 students)

To find out more please contact Eden's Education team on 01726 811913, or email education@edenproject.com

Mud between your toes is an Eden Project programme which aims to get children back outside, creating opportunities to experience, understand and celebrate the natural world and their communities.

