

**Teacher Mid-Term Report Evaluation results
for the PARTY-On Grant by
Polk County Conservation Naturalist - 2007**

Results accumulated from 6 of the 7 instructors participating in the Party-On grant thru Sept 1, 2007.

1. Please rate your students overall experience of these sessions (GPS, Service Learning & Outdoor Skills sessions) with *1(the least beneficial) to 10 (very positive/beneficial)*

(Wouldn't do it again) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10(very positive/beneficial)
 - **10 rating from 5 evaluations – Very positive and beneficial**
 - **8 rating from 1 evaluation**
 - **Equals a 9.6 overall rating for the mid-term report from 6 teacher evaluations**

2. Did the GPS and Geocaching session assist your students in learning about technology and how it is being utilized in the outdoors?
4 –Yes's, I think it did and they loved it.
1- Many of our boys had used GPS before

3. As an instructor, was this a beneficial activity for your students?
If yes, please explain...
 - **Comments: Yes, they had to work together, problem solve, and learn a new skill**
 - **Yes, because it got them outdoors for the day and they were required to work together**
 - **Yes, it helped them understand technology more and understand directions**
 - **Yes, they learned a new technology utilizing hands on learning. This was very engaging for them and they enjoyed it.**

4. Which service learning project did your group participate in?
 - **Litter pick-up (Park Beautification) – 2 groups**
 - **Removal of Invasive plants**
 - **Other – Carney Marsh (Brushy Creek), Plant Trees, Spread mulch by trees by lodge, cleaned up sticks after the storm, Prairie restoration**

5. As an instructor, was this a beneficial activity for your students?
If yes, please explain...
 - **Yes, I was surprised with how much they got into it. They were excited and had great attitudes about picking up trash.**
 - **This was probably the best activity of the 3 weeks. They need to interact more with adults who are excited about the outdoors.**
 - **Help students learn why we need to give back to community and how to help with conservation of nature**
 - **Yes, it gave them a chance to give back to the community in an active way and gave them physical activity**
 - **Yes, taught them about the prairie**
 - **Yes, they were friendly and great with the kids.**

6. Which outdoor skills programs did your students participate in?
 - **Canoeing - 3**
 - **Fishing - 2**
 - **Other – Hiking - 1**

7. As an instructor, was this a beneficial activity for your students?
If yes, please explain...
 - **Yes, they really got into this also, all tried it, put worm on their own (hook) and enjoyed trying to catch fish. New skill learned and connected to outdoors right in our neighborhood**
 - **Yes, but we would have like more time!**
 - **It gave the girls many new experiences which led to more confidence by baiting and catching and releasing**
 - **Yes, it gave students the opportunity to be in nature, learn new skills or practice skills and help others to learn, and to be physically active**
 - **Yes, teamwork, new skill, and connection to the outdoors**

8. As an instructor, would you consider doing these series of classes again next year i.e. GPS instruction, service learning and an outdoor skill session?
 - **Yes – 3**
 - **Yes! – Love to have this resource again!**
 - **Yes, I hope to start planning groups soon.**
 - **Absolutely! - 1**

9. What changes would you recommend to make the program more effective or beneficial?
 - **None, PCC have great staff that relate to the kids and make it fun**
 - **I think a multi-week beautification project would be neat where youth had input into its development and implementation**
 - **None – Very nice programming.**
 - **The naturalists were engaging, encouraging, knowledgeable, and friendly! They did a great job of working lessons about nature and ecology into the activities we did. They did not let weather interfere with planned activities, but found way to adapt.**
 - **None, PCC is very flexible and connect well with the kids – no change needed.**
 - **I just wish we had more time to canoe.**

10. Did you gain new knowledge on by attending these classes with your students?
 - **Yes, everything I sit through, I learn something new.**
 - **Yes! - 2**
 - **No – 1**
 - **Some – especially with GPS**
 - **Many our case managers learned about some things for the first time such as, GPS, some environmental information, development of the park**
 - **Lots of knowledge about parks and GPS**

11. Did you visit new park areas as a result of participating in these classes?
 - **Not this year but in the past Yes**

- **No**
- **Yes, Yellowbanks**
- **No, but that is more to do with lack of time**
- **None yet but I plan to.**
- **Yes**

12. Would you be willing to pay for future outdoor skills classes?

- **Yes - 2**
- **Yes, as funding allows us**
- **Yes, if we had funds available**
- **Give a donation**

13. Other comments:

- **Thank you! Your program is great.**
- **Thank you!**
- **Heidi, Patrice & Lori did awesome jobs! They worked very well with the girls!**
- **This was and awesome program. We truly appreciated partnering with Polk County Conservation Board!**
- **Thank you for all the great experiences.**
- **Thank you! PCC team are great to work with!**