

# KANSAS CITY WOW

National Outdoor Recreation  
& Conservation School

**Archery**



**Outdoor  
Cooking**



**Canoeing**



**Camping**



**Exploring, Discovering, Learning**

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**Kansas City WOW School**  
SWOPE PARK

**Sept. 21 - 22, 2018**



## **WHAT IS WOW?**

- WOW is a National Outdoor Recreation and Conservation School that introduces families and individuals to a variety of outdoor activities.
- WOW is a hands-on learning experience in a park setting that attracts a wide range of ages, interests and abilities.
- WOW is an affordable family outing with an educational component.
- WOW teaches basic skills necessary for families and individuals to enjoy outdoor activities in a safe and responsible manner.
- WOW is an affordable leisure time recreational activity with health benefits that promote the quality of life while enjoying the outdoors.
- WOW is taught by knowledgeable instructors.

For more information, contact Wonders of Wildlife at 417-225-1162. Forms are also available online at [wondersofwildlife.org/kansas-city/](http://wondersofwildlife.org/kansas-city/).

**Registration deadline is Sept. 7, 2018.**

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**Thank you Kansas City Parks  
and Recreation for assisting with  
the Kansas City WOW School.**



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## **Mission Statement**

WOW: National Outdoor Recreation and Conservation School is designed to teach participants how to enjoy a wide range of outdoor recreation activities while practicing personal safety and outdoor responsibility. Each WOW course will include an outdoor skill, conservation, safety and ethics component.

## **General Information**

WOW is designed as an annual event and offers a comprehensive educational program through selected courses and workshops. Some courses are designed to provide a complete range of instruction while others deal with only one topic. Each year, the program will vary depending on requests and previous participation.

## **Location**

WOW will begin Sept. 21 with check-in and campout at Camp Lake of the Woods in Swope Park in Kansas City, Missouri. Outdoor activities for WOW participants begin Sept. 22.



## Registration

\$15 per person.

Participants must pre-register for Kansas City WOW School and the deadline is Sept. 7. To ensure that the registration process is fair to everyone, registration will only be accepted by mail. Sorry, absolutely no registrations will be accepted by phone, fax or e-mail. Registrations received after Sept. 7 will be accepted only if space is available and will be subject to a \$10 late fee. Registration fees will cover camping, meals Friday evening, Saturday morning and Saturday noon; instruction and equipment; and one t-shirt per person.

**Kansas City WOW School registration deadline is Sept. 7, 2018.**

### To Register For WOW, You Must:

- *Complete a registration form (one family per form please).  
Registration deadline is Sept. 7.*
- *Enclose payment in full; make checks payable to WOW. Financial assistance is available.*
- *Sign and return the liability/photo release form.*

Mail registration materials and payments to:

**ATTN: WOW School KC  
Wonders of Wildlife  
500 W Sunshine  
Springfield, MO 65807**

***Please note: If any of the above is not received,  
your registration will not be processed.***

### Confirmation Packet

Participants will receive a confirmation letter after registration has been completed (please allow three weeks for processing). The confirmation packet will include an agenda, special instructions (including clothing or equipment needs), and maps of Swope Park.

### Program Changes

Organizers reserve the right to cancel, reschedule or relocate any proposed offering without prior notice. Insufficient enrollment or emergency cancellations by the instructor are examples of why a program offering could be canceled. Organizers also reserve the right to substitute instructors if necessary.

### Cancellation Policy

Cancellation and refund requests must be submitted in writing to the Kansas City WOW School at the above address prior to Sept. 7. All refunds are subjected to a \$10 non-refundable service fee. Absolutely no refunds will be given after Sept. 7. When/if applicable, refunds will be processed after a three-week (minimum) waiting period.

## **Financial Assistance**

Financial assistance for registration will be available for Missouri residents who are in need. To apply, submit a one-page request letter along with a completed registration form and liability waiver for each person in your party on or before Sept. 7, 2018. Please include in your letter why you want to attend, the ages of your family members and a contact phone number.

## **Age Requirements**

All individuals who attend any WOW class must be registered. **Participants must be 5 years and older.** Children between 5 and 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Please register another member of the family to act as guardian to attend together in WOW events. For youth over the age of 12, please use parental discretion to determine whether the youth is capable of attending classes unsupervised.

## **Physical Activity Guide**

To help participants anticipate each course and know what physical levels to expect of each course, a physical activity rating system has been created. Listed in the course catalog is a physical level rating for each course.

- Low: Requires minimal physical skill/endurance
- Moderate: Requires moderate physical skill/endurance
- High: Requires high levels of skill/endurance

## **Special Needs**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, WOW will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate people with special needs. Please enclose a letter with your registration form stating any special needs you might have, including dietary restrictions.

## **Transportation**

Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from Kansas City WOW School at Swope Park.

## **For More Information**

If you have any questions, please contact Wonders of Wildlife at 417-225-1162.

# KANSAS CITY WOW SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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## FRIDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Located at Swope Park

4 - 7 p.m.

**Registration**  
**Tent Set Up**  
**Campfire Cooking**

5:30 - 8 p.m.

**Nature Art Crafts**

9 - 10 p.m.

**Campfire Program**

10 p.m.

**Quiet Hours Begin**

**NOTE:** Restrooms are available inside the dining lodge, but there are no shower facilities.

## SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Located at Swope Park

7 - 8:30 a.m.

**Breakfast - Swope Park**  
**Pack up tents and clean campsites**

8:30 a.m.

**Group photo and divide into assigned groups - head out for first activity of the day.**

*\*Classes will include canoeing, archery, orienteering and hiking. Each group will participate in each of the four classes.*

9 - 10 a.m.

**\* First Class Session**

10 - 11 a.m.

**\*Second Class Session**

11 a.m. - Noon

**Lunch**

Noon - 1 p.m.

**\*Third Class Session**

1 - 2 p.m.

**\*Fourth Class Session**

2 p.m.

**Pack and depart 2018 WOW**

## **FRIDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES**

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*All Friday evening activities will take place at Camp Lake of the Woods in Swope Park.*

### **Camping**

Camping will be available for participants of WOW at Camp Lake of the Woods in Swope Park on Friday evening, Sept. 21. Friday evening's meal is provided and is a hands-on outdoor cooking experience.

If you do not have a tent, tents are available to borrow. Please indicate on the registration form the number of tents needed for the number of campers in your group. Staff will be available to assist with tent set up from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Bring everything you need for an overnight experience. Campers will have access to bathrooms located at Camp Lake of the Woods. No shower facilities are available. Breakfast will be provided.

*Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products are not permitted at WOW. Registration is required for camping, meals and activities.*

### **Nature Crafts**

WOW will offer crafts that get you in touch with nature. Using new materials with old/used items, you can make a great souvenir of your WOW experience. All craft supplies will be provided.

### **Campfire Program**

Join staff in a fun game-show style program exploring and investigating Missouri's natural resources.

## **SATURDAY ACTIVITIES**

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*All Saturday activities will take place at  
Camp Lake of the Woods in Swope Park.*

Please dress for the weather and be prepared  
for changes in the weather.

Everyone that has **registered** will be able to attend every class.

### **BEGINNING ARCHERY**

**Low/Moderate**

Like Robin Hood, you too can enjoy a time-honored sport that is growing in popularity. Archery is enjoyable, inspiring, a good work out and a great family activity. This course will cover archery safety, ethics, shooting techniques and equipment selection. Participants will receive personal instruction and adequate time to practice what they learn.

### **CANOEING**

**Low/Moderate**

Safety instructions and equipment will start this session off as you learn your bow from your stern. Learn the basic strokes and how to get in and out of a canoe before setting forth as you enjoy the safe pond environment. Paddle and enjoy the great outdoors as you experience the feel of being a “canoeist.”

### **ORIENTEERING**

**Low/Moderate**

Orienteering is the skill of navigating through an unfamiliar area using a detailed map and perhaps a magnetic compass. It’s an enjoyable, recreational activity for all ages. It offers a walk in the woods with a little added mental stimulation as you find your way from one point to another. Possum Trot Orienteering Club (<http://www.ptoc.org>) will talk about reading a map and how to use a compass as you try out a few checkpoints.

### **HIKING**

**Low/Moderate**

From hiking, biking, off road, equestrian and kayaking, there are trails available for everyone. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers park rangers will discuss the different types of trails available to the public in the KC Metro Area, along with trail gear, techniques, etiquette and safety. Park rangers will finish the presentation with an interpretive nature hike along trails in Swope Park.

## 2018 WOW School Schedule

WOW events are held around the state.  
Some offer many more courses to cater to both  
beginners and the more experienced.

Roaring River State Park .....Oct. 5 - 7  
St. Louis .....Oct. 6 - 7

For more information, check out  
<http://www.wondersofwildlife.org/education/wow-school.html>.

For questions regarding other WOW Schools,  
**contact [registration@wondersofwildlife.org](mailto:registration@wondersofwildlife.org).**



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