

"The Relationship of Public Schools
To Camping of the Future"

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The camp program has been accepted by colleges and universities as an essential part of their educational program. Instances of this are found in schools of engineering, geology, science, biology, nature, forestry, physical and health education. Camping is included as part of the curriculum in these various schools because opportunities for learning in the particular subjects are greater in camps and outdoor situations than in the classroom.

The public school camp is suggested as a practical and constructive means of meeting the increasing need and demand for a longer school year. Perhaps we feel that organized camping has demonstrated worth-while educational outcomes, but I doubt if we have sufficient scientific data to convince educators and taxpayers of this point of view. Carefully set up experiments are needed. These should be carried out in public school situations under competent leadership and with carefully worked out procedures. A public school camp could be set up on a shifting plan so that students could spend part of each year in school and a part in camp.