

Initiatives for Outdoor Education and Recreation - Around the World

1. **COURSES:** Northland College: Dr. Elizabeth K. Andre, professor of Nature and Culture created an online based course which is called Outdoor Fundamentals, Everything you need to know to stay safe: <https://www.thegreatcoursesplus.com/outdoor-fundamentals-everything-you-need-to-know-to-stay-safe>
 - a. Flipped Classroom idea- Students Learn basic information and ideas outside of classroom allowing you to have more in depth conversations when they arrive in the classroom
 - b. I told you last week about the professor who was encouraged by his university to create a Hybrid classroom for his outdoor recreation course. One of the activities he did was a video journals to help his students practice giving activity briefings, and he noticed a significant improvement in the in person briefing quality of participants during that course.
2. **COLLABORATION:** amongst universities: My friend who is the Georgia State University Outdoor Coordinator is joining with California State University Bakersfield and University of Nevada Las Vegas, to teach an online course in Leave No Trace- Could only find mentions of the course on their website and social pages but nothing with any real information.
 - a. **Leave No Trace Virtual Trainer Course:** <https://Int.org/event/leave-no-trace-virtual-trainer-course/>
3. **WORKSHOPS:** Navagia Journeys- German- Online Workshop for Experiential Education. <https://www.facebook.com/events/555647515087849/>
4. **RESOURCES:**
 - a. Local Area Activities: Cornell University: Place based adventure, encouraging and providing resources to the community in local adventures https://coe.cornell.edu/covid_activities
 - b. At Home Activities: Nature Play WA: Resources galore in nature play, and activities to do from home or local area-
<https://www.natureplaywa.org.au/resources/for-families/coronavirus-covid19-resources>

5. **TEAM BUILDING:** James Madison University- Virtual Operations Virtual Team Building and other resources: <https://www.jmu.edu/recreation/activities/virtual-resources.shtml#adventure>
 - a. **Team Building Ideas:** https://museumhack.com/virtual-team-building-for-remote-teams/?utm_term=virtual%20team%20building&network=g&device=c&adposition=&source_id=278608&gclid=CjwKCAjwwYP2BRBGEiwAkoBpAj7UKLyрмаBFoj8f5fRU870 CoAersQk9ieKuXpXcJWs7gAOsd4XrxoC eQQAvD BwE

6. **CONFERENCES:** AORE, Virtual Conferences https://aore.org/annual_conference.php
 - a. People everywhere can attend, cost effective, virtual presenters

7. **FILMS:** Free Adventure Films
 - a. Outward Bound Blog- <https://www.outwardbound.org/blog/10-inspirational-adventure-films-must-see/>
 - b. The Clymb - Netflix- <https://blog.theclymb.com/out-there/top-10-outdoors-movies-streaming-on-netflix-right-now/>

8. **VIRTUAL TOURS:** National Parks Services: Virtual Tours and more
 - a. Visit NSW: https://www.visitnsw.com/love-nsw?gclid=Cj0KCQjwnv71BRCOARIsAIkxW9GaNc6Jsbj4KurmqrRqAyl8pInbSZ9-PL25bLDCp3FNTTEaJQT47gkaAnK9EALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds
 - b. Kakadu National Park: <https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/discover/virtual-tour/>
 - c. National Geographic: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/2020/04/can-virtual-reality-replace-real-tourism-during-pandemic-and-beyond/>
 - d. Live Outdoor Tours and videos
https://www.facebook.com/SeeAustralia/videos/928250110936772/?v=928250110936772¬if_id=1589676915762588¬if_t=live_video

9. **OTHER INDUSTRIES,** What are they doing?
 - a. First Aid: Online courses in First Aid where the learning portion is through a synchronous online class and the materials are shipped to the location of the participants. <https://www.realresponse.com.au/online-first-aid-courses/>
 - b. Zoo live streams,
 - i. Dublin Zoo- <https://www.dublinzoo.ie/animals/animal-webcams/penguins/>

- ii. Melbourne Zoo- <https://www.zoo.org.au/animals-at-home/>
- iii. US Smithsonian Zoo- <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams/panda-cam>
- c. IKEA- <https://edition.cnn.com/2020/05/15/world/ikea-russia-blanket-forts-trnd/index.html>

10. **SHARING AND CARING:** Outhaus, QORF Outdoor NSW, Outdoor Education Australia, AORE, Institute for Outdoor Learning: all creating social forums to connect people in all aspects of outdoor ed/ rec/ experiential ed: Through these forums we can continue to share information and ideas.

11. Other things we CAN do at this time:

- a. Revamping policies and procedures
- b. Getting creative with changes in activities
- c. Creating videos to get participants excited
 - i. having future participants create videos that relate to outdoor ed, getting themselves and others excited.
- d. Creating instructional videos on how to “Fix a flat tire”, have a live video session where students can learn to fix a flat tire from home, on their own bike. Or other gear maintenance instructional videos and live sessions.
- e. Keep Sharing...

12. Types of Online Courses: <https://oe.uoregon.edu/types-of-online-courses-2/>- If anyone is interested in learning about online classroom formats, this link takes you to a brief overview.

Bonus Video: How to buy a Mountain Bike:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yotOZVELSMc>