

SURVIVE Off the Land (single semester class SPRING 2025)

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Grades- 4th – 8th

Tuition- \$35/month, **one time supply fee-** \$30, plus needs a dedicated folder for class

Course Description:

Haven't you ever wondered what it would be like? Hasn't it ever crossed your mind if you could do it? In the 1800s, thousands did. They either packed or sold everything they owned, loaded into a covered wagon, and set out for a promise of land that was hundreds or thousands of miles away. Homesteaders, they were called... settlers and pioneers. And they were determined to secure their future, but in order to make it they would need to survive off the land. Where would they live? What would they take with them? How would they cook food? What about water, a way to cook, and food? Most of us have at least imagined what it would be like... even if it wasn't for us. What if we wanted to do it now, in modern times? Would it have to be all or nothing? This unit helps you to discover it on your own adventure!

Whether you are wanting to dabble in some self-sustaining or you are a diehard homesteader wanting to try some new techniques, there's something here for everyone. The first unit in this volume will help you to realize it's not just about the resources—it's about knowing how to use them to their ultimate capacity. That's what self-sustaining living is all about. We intentionally created this unit so that the main lessons could be used by families anywhere, with any home, land, lifestyle, or desire. Whether living in a subdivision or on a farm, don't know anything about these skills, or have a homestead of your own already... this unit is for you! Students are learning the ins and outs of resources and learning a new appreciation and new techniques for them all, along with skills many homesteaders don't know! Then, the SYW pages dive deep into the "how to" for those wanting to truly grow in the specific homesteading skill. It all comes back together. It's the perfect molding of not just having great resources, but knowing the why and the how behind them. It takes your hand and leads you through, step-by-step, so you don't even have to think of what to do next, or how to apply more knowledge. From cream to eggshells, from cob ovens to rocket stoves, from knot tying to cooling without a refrigerator... we have that and so much more!

We will look at the incredible history of the frontier and the settlers that made it their own. Learn all about the Homestead Act, the Oregon Trail (the other trails, too!), Daniel Boone, and the evolution of the settlers over the 19th century, and more! All this, while nature journaling and learning grammar rules (and ones you can break), while you're at it!