



Ranch Life

- Spend time in the organic garden discovering natural farming methods.
- Tend to ranch animals, such as cows, goats, and horses, as the early settlers did.
- Practice packing a saddle for the journey ahead.
- Learn to ride a horse and participate in an actual trail ride while learning the history of the cattle industry in Texas.
- Discuss and learn about famous cattle trails, and participate in a cattle drive game where they gain experience in choosing what supplies to bring.

American Indians

An interactive journey back in time, the AMERICAN INDIANS course exposes students to the American Indian culture by hands-on learning and examination through the eyes of the early explorers. During the class, students will:

- "Join" Rene-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle as the first European explorer to enter East Texas.
- "Meet" woodland and plains Indians and learn how they lived before the influence of European culture.
- Compare and contrast the structure of a tipi and a wigwam.
- Taste samples of foods eaten by many American Indian tribes.
- Learn to hunt with a bow and arrow.
- Hold tools crafted with bone, stone, and sinew.
- Make a bead bracelet and learn how paints were developed and used.
- Experience a Pow Wow and receive an individual tribal name.
- Observe a native winter count and learn how to create their own.

Challenges

- Discover the value of good communication skills, along with trust and cooperation.
- Utilize creativity and high level critical thinking skills while working together as a team to solve problems and accomplish goals.
- Learn to lead, as well as follow, in order to achieve a common purpose.
- Build individual character and confidence as well as strengthen team dynamics within collaborative groups.