



OUTDOOR EDUCATION at Stella Niagara

**Although students will not have their normal lockers this year,
OUTDOOR ED LOCKERS ARE BEING USED to store OE gear and supplies.
On the days that students have outdoor education, they are allowed to wear
their gym uniforms to school and throughout the school day.**

Outdoor education activities and lessons require specific clothing or additional clothing at times. All students are required to keep outdoor gear at school in their outdoor education locker throughout the school year to insure their ability to participate. **Students without proper gear will not be permitted to participate in activities and lessons.** Keep in mind the items you choose to stock your child's outdoor gear bag may get dirty and wet. Dress your child appropriately for the weather each day. This will allow us to move outside more often without the need to change clothes, maximizing our learning opportunities. Outdoor gear is due the first week of school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Supplies for the 2020-2021 School Year

Place all items in a **sturdy bag (old backpack, cinch sack, or non-plastic reusable grocery bag)** for at school storage. **PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS, including the bag, with first and last name.**

Fall/Spring Outdoor Gear List - Send to school by September 11, 2020

Bug spray*
Sunscreen*
Hat – baseball cap or wide-brim hat
Long pants (for working in the garden and hikes)
Long sleeve shirt
Short sleeve shirt
Fleece zip-up or warm sweatshirt
Socks – 2 pairs
Outdoor shoes - athletic shoes, hiking boots/shoes, or rain boots

*Place in a ziplock bag labeled with first and last name

***Rain boots** are highly recommended for **8th grade** students participating in the Day in the Life of the Lake Erie/Niagara River Watershed citizen science project in October, and **5th grade** students for participation in vernal pool investigations in the spring.*

Winter Outdoor Gear List - Send to school by November 2, 2020

Hat – warm winter hat covering ears
Socks – 2 pairs long warm socks
Mittens or gloves – 1 pair medium weight, 1 pair heavy weight (waterproof like ski gloves)

Winter Additional Gear - Dependent on weather, students will be alerted ahead of time

Snow pants
Snow boots



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Outdoor Gear Exchange and Donations

Please consider donating **GENTLY USED hiking boots, snow pants, snow boots, and rain boots** to stock the Outdoor Gear Exchange. Deliver donations to the gray bin below the OEP bulletin board on the first floor (under the TV, across from Door A). The exchange is open throughout the school year. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

For any questions or concerns regarding Outdoor Education gear and supplies, please contact Ms. Kostin by email at jkostin@stella-niagara.com