

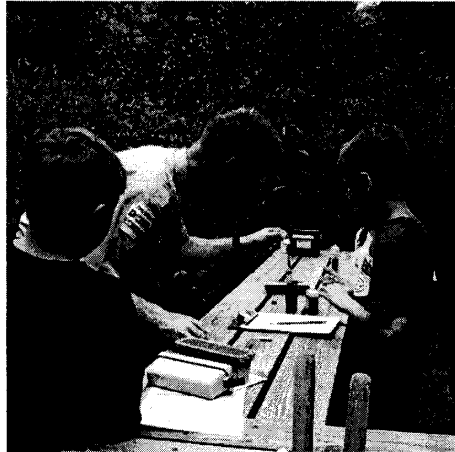
# Exciting New Camp by American Adventure Sports, LLC to Explore Great Outdoors and Build Confidence and Teamwork for Youth!

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Coming to Erie County, it's the **Junior Naturalist Outdoor Adventure Camp (JNOAC)**. The camp is hosted by Penn State Behrend University, Presque Isle State Park and Family First Park. The camp is for youth ages 7 through 12, and runs from Monday August 4<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. JNOAC was

developed by American Adventure Sports, LLC, a Pennsylvania-based company and leader in adventure-based programs. Doug Crytzer, the founder of American Adventure Sports, had the idea of nurturing a love for nature, by getting young people, playing outdoors. "We need to use every available mechanism to get children interested in, and exercising in the outdoors. To many children today would rather play X-box or watch TV, than go outside and play. That is a big reason why child obesity is on the rise. Once we show these kids how much fun they can have playing in nature, they really get into it."

Ideally located for this terrific adventure camp is the campus of Penn State Behrend & Presque Isle State Park. These beautiful, natural setting's provide an ideal location in which children can explore the outdoors, learn adventure sports like climbing, orienteering, canoeing, water safety & learn team building skills by challenging themselves both mentally & physically. They will also go through 8 hours of



Conservation Education and be certified as Junior Naturalists. Environmental Education Specialists from Presque Isle State Park will teach the Conservation Education.

JNOAC cultivates an active lifestyle and love for nature through participation in outdoor sports, conservation education and environmental enhancement.

To learn more about the camp please contact Stacy Pondo in the Penn State Behrend Athletic Office at (814).898.6240 or go online to:

[www.behrend.psu.edu/athletics/athletics](http://www.behrend.psu.edu/athletics/athletics) or

[www.pennstatebehrend.psu.edu/kids](http://www.pennstatebehrend.psu.edu/kids).

