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Outdoor Classroom
MOHAWK PARK
Tulsa Parks

**Innovative STEM Life Skills &
Workforce Development**

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Outdoor Classroom – Tulsa’s Mission: *To positively affect communities from the kids up, by empowering innovators with STEM/Entrepreneurial habits, through repetitive exploration of a natural, living laboratory.*

Tulsa, OK: Outdoor Classroom is back in the woods and creating our own not-for-profit corporation to accelerate growth, outreach and create a sustainable business model with our friends, awesome funders, and collaborative partners. Our first steps will be within **Tulsa Community Foundation’s** emerging non-profit program and establishing a new base camp for a January 2024 re-start!

Base Camp and Objectives - The 3,300-acre Mohawk Park and “saving [young explorers] from **Nature-Deficit Disorder**” as inspired by author Richard Louv’s Last Child in the Woods (2005). We continue to frame our Adventure Trails to grade-specific academic standards, with a healthy dose of fun and discovery. Since 2015, we have been blessed with the fostering and oversight originally at the wooded Camp Loughridge, then a serendipitous transition in 2019 to the Tulsa Garden Center at Woodward Park. Now we spread our wings and soar!

The award-winning Outdoor Classroom project develops and instills a **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) mindset of a resilient, resourceful, human-centered design for young innovators, teachers, and non-traditional educators. The program primarily serves older elementary scholars, guided by brain-science, from Tulsa’s underserved and under-resourced communities. We foster ambitions where youth mentoring and workforce development are absent or greatly underdeveloped. We work with high schools to provide internships that encourage their continuous learning.

Since its inception, we have served over 23,000 young citizen scientists and adults. We plan to double that number in the next 4-years! **Please help support our brave new adventure from Base Camp Mohawk Park, where the Wild Things Are! Request a Business Plan to learn more.**

With Gratitude - Brian



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