

# Conservation Experiences Afterschool

Go Beyond + Conservation Management



# Intros

## Dakota Staggs

- Beyond School Bells
- UNL Environmental Studies (GBR)
- 2018 Conservation Management Mentor
- ECAP - conservation career insights

## Mitch Findley

- Go Beyond Program Manager
- Master of Education (MEd)
- Taught elementary education for 5 years
- Emphasis now on getting trauma impacted youth out into nature

# JamBoard #1.0

- What are some examples of your first connections to nature?



# JamBoard #2

- What is your most memorable experience in nature?





# GO BEYOND

LEADERSHIP THROUGH NATURE

NE  
ELO  
INNOVATIONAL  
INVITATIONAL  
2023

Mitch Findley, Program Manager

[gobeyondne.org](http://gobeyondne.org)

## VISION

Go Beyond's extraordinary outdoor adventures bring diverse groups of young people together to facilitate self-discovery and build community.

## MISSION

Go Beyond provides year-round outdoor experiences, featuring life-changing Mountain West adventures.

## VALUES

**COURAGE**

**COMPASSION**

**DEVELOPMENT**

**INCLUSION**

## FOCUS

Trauma impacted youth who would never otherwise have access.

Based in Omaha, 13-15 year old campers from across the region come together through Go Beyond.

## YEAR ONE: 366

366 hours programing.

Through local partnerships we hike, rock-climb, and connect to nature, science, service, and each other.

**+ the world-class mountain expedition of a lifetime!**

## NATURAL LEADERS

Campers continue growing towards future leadership, gaining self-management, group leadership and job skills + paid roles.

**ALL PROGRAMS FREE OF CHARGE.**

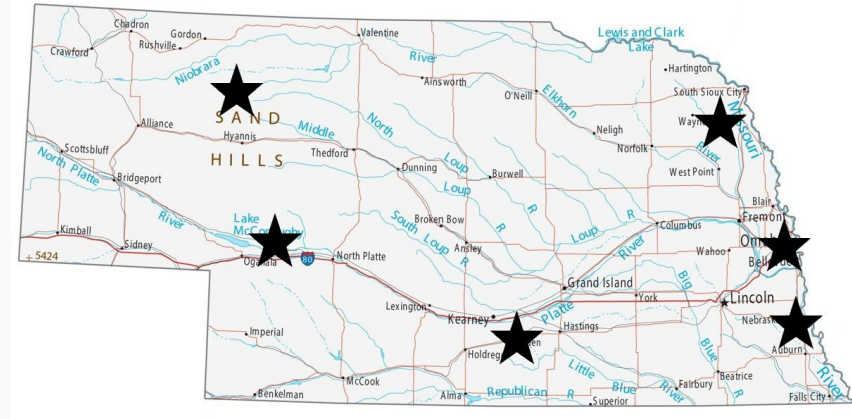
**ALL GEAR PROVIDED.**

**TRANSPORTATION ALWAYS AVAILABLE.**

# Conservation Management Internship

## Conservation Management Internship

- Began in 2017 with the support of NET
- 2 Groups composed of 3 HS + 1 Mentor
- Traveled NE for 2 weeks visiting conservation organizations / sites



# Conservation Management Internship

## Purpose

- Connect students to conservation careers and organizations
- Expose students to Nebraska's biodiversity
- Create a future of environmental citizens





# Conservation Management Internship

Nebraska is incredible!

- Environmental Conservation is (or needs to be) woven into every community and industry in our state
- Students know it - they just need some connections



# JamBoard #3

- What does conservation look like near you?



# JamBoard #4

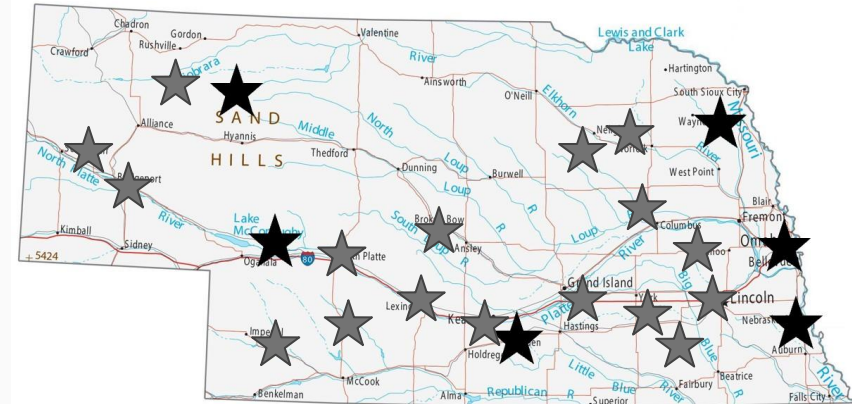
- Are your students connected to conservation?  
How? Why / why not?
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  - Consider your own connections or programs if you are not directly connected to students



# Conservation Introductions

## Conservation Management Day Trips and Weekend trips

- 2022 Response to post (ish) covid
- Shorter, closer experiences
- Goal of scaffolding experiences and connecting trails of programming



# JamBoard #5

- What opportunities are there to connect your students to Conservation? (service, study, careers, etc.)

