

ROCKFORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

# Environmental Classroom

6th grade



## Program Highlights

- An emphasis on teaching students how to become responsible stewards of God's creation and challenging them to discover ways to renew this world
- Integrated thematic instruction focused on the environment, featuring hands-on learning experiences within a natural setting
- Comprehensive, standards-based curriculum, which takes advantage of how students learn best
- Full range of extra-curricular opportunities, such as band, orchestra, sports, and other activities
- Year-long projects such as monitoring environmental conditions in a wetland area, constructing scaled maps of areas being studied, and making observations within their own "God's acre"

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Rockford Christian School challenges students with a rigorous and well-rounded academic curriculum enriching your child's experience with arts, music, athletics, technology and a strong focus on environmental stewardship in a supportive, Christ-centered environment.



### **A Wonderful Place to Grow**

The Environmental Classroom at Rockford Christian is a unique learning experience for sixth-grade students focused on environmental issues and taught from a distinctly Christian perspective.

### **The Curriculum**

Based on the Michigan Core Curriculum Standards and Benchmarks for sixth grade, the sixth grade Environmental Classroom curriculum is organized around these core themes: Journeys, Diversity, Our Changing World, Winter Adventure, Small World, and Going to the Hills.

In each theme students explore Bible knowledge, math and science, language arts and social studies, as well as fine arts and practical arts.

Students use technology where it enhances the learning experience.

We maximize students' learning experiences by putting into practice the best of what we know about learning and learners. Students demonstrate what they have learned in a variety of ways.

Students participate in year-long projects, such as monitoring wetland areas, creating habitats, constructing scaled maps, and making observations in their personal "God's acre."

## Location

GRCS Environmental Classroom is housed on Rockford Christian's campus. Students will spend much of their time within the natural setting at Camp Roger and in other locations within Cannon Township.

## Students

The Environmental Classroom is designed as a full-year sixth grade experience. Students who have an interest and love for nature, who are inspired by it, and who learn best through hands-on interaction with a natural environment will do well in this type of setting and learning experience.

## Tuition

Tuition is the same as other Grand Rapids Christian Schools. Financial aid is available.

## Transportation

Rockford Christian offers students the convenience of bus transportation through Rockford Public and Grand Rapids Christian Schools. GRCS drivers safely transport over 500 students each day and provide transportation to field trips, athletic events, camps and more. Our fleet of buses is maintained in top condition and continually receives highest rankings from state inspectors.



*Preparing students  
to be effective  
servants of Christ in  
contemporary society*



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## Our Core Belief

God created the world and found it to be very good.  
God crowned His work with the creation of human beings made  
in His image and gave them the responsibility to care for the earth.

Sin destroyed that wholeness and perfection, and ever since the fall,  
human beings have struggled with caring for that world.

Through the work of redemption, Christ reclaimed the world.

As children of God it is our task to reclaim and renew the world  
as instruments of the Creator, caring for it as God would care,  
until that day when the whole world is made perfect again.

Through renewal and transformation we bring thanks  
and praise to our Creator and Redeemer.

**For more information or to enroll your child,  
please call us at 616.574.6400.**

