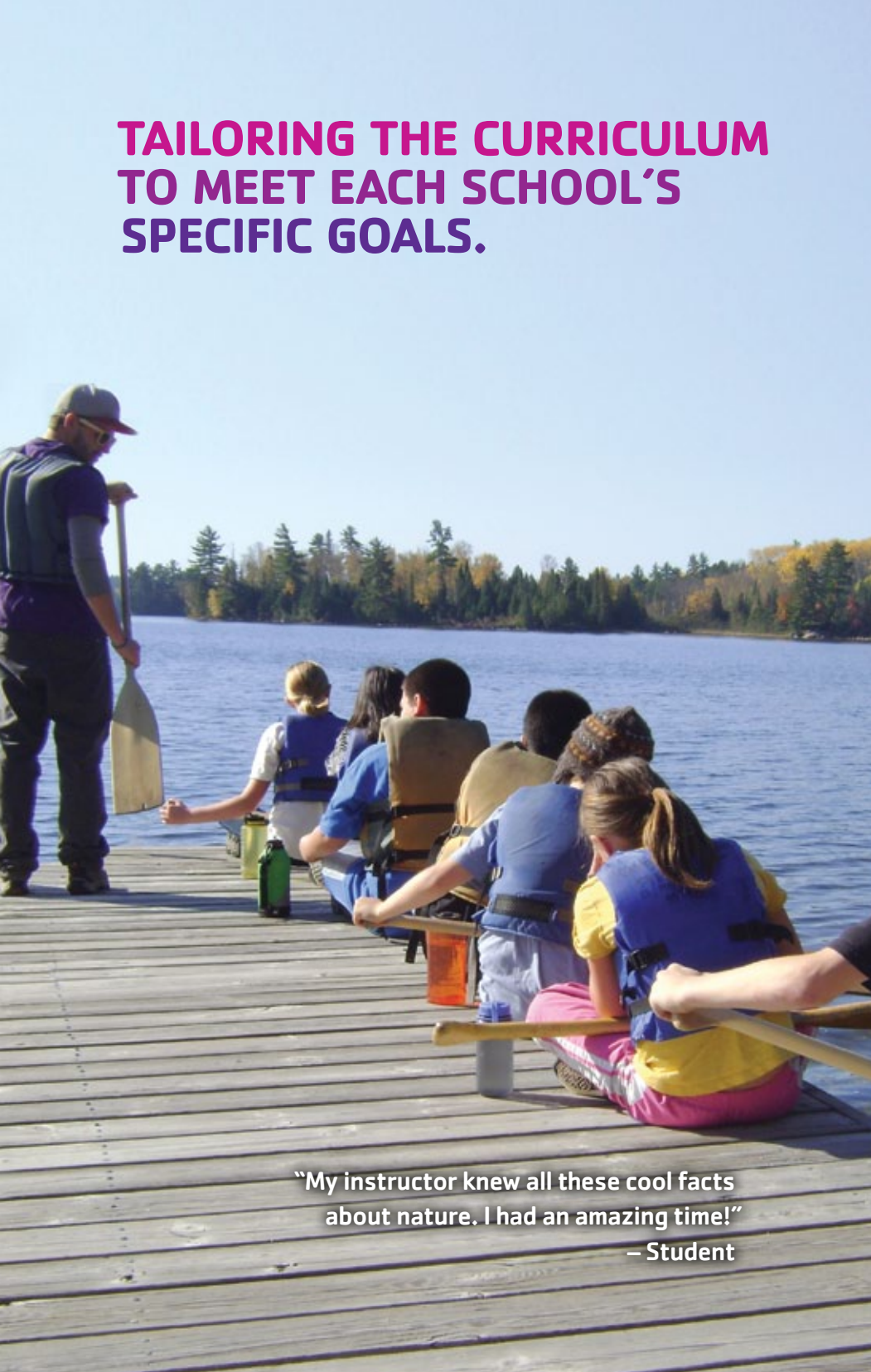


**TAILORING THE CURRICULUM
TO MEET EACH SCHOOL'S
SPECIFIC GOALS.**



**"My instructor knew all these cool facts
about nature. I had an amazing time!"
– Student**



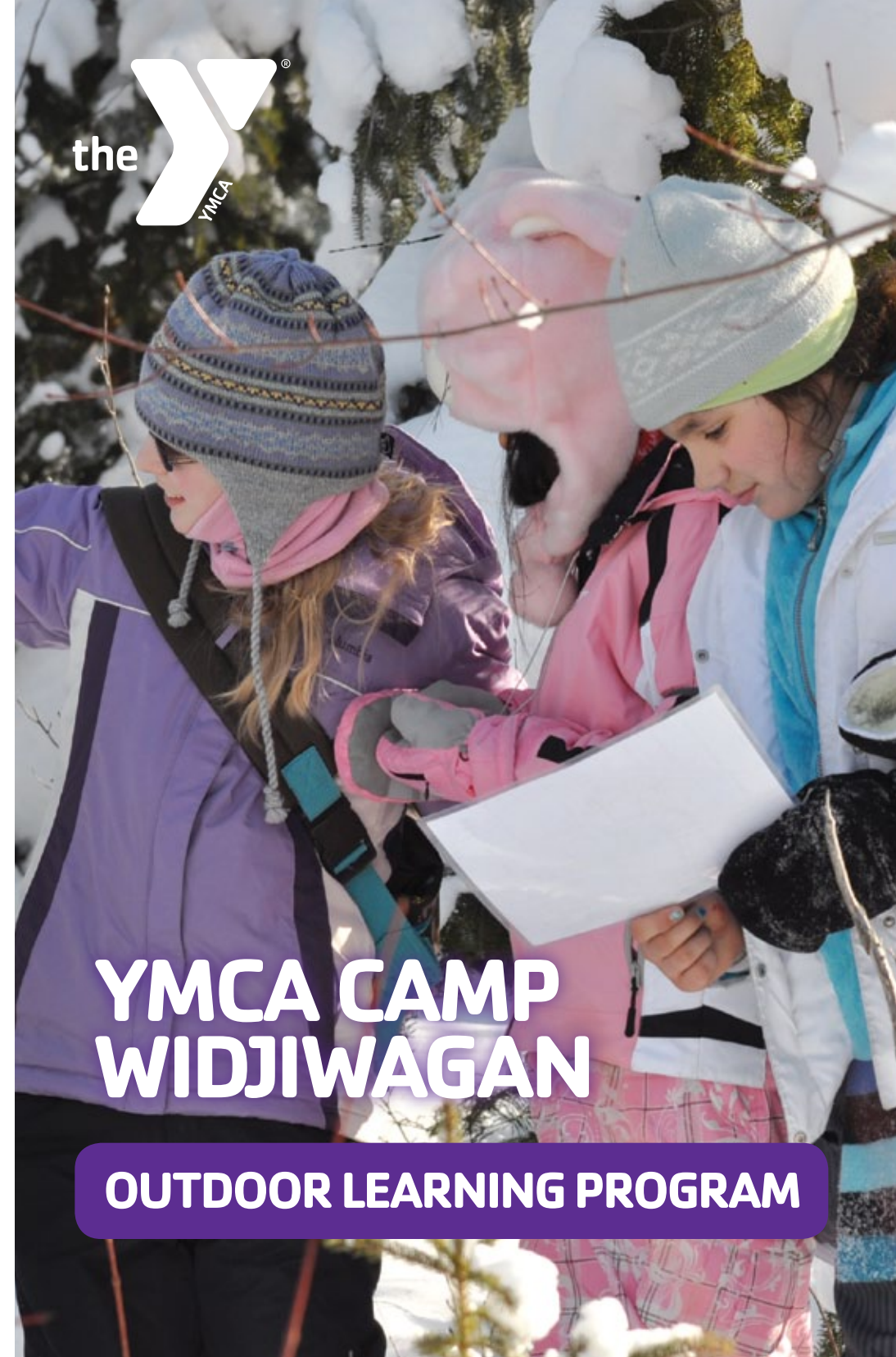
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For more than 35 years, Widji has offered residential outdoor and environmental education to school groups. Our program provides learning opportunities which empower students to invest in themselves and an environmentally sustainable future. The Widji curriculum is designed to provide an understanding of ecological concepts, knowledge of cultural and natural history of the region, problem solving, and teambuilding skills. We tailor the curriculum to meet each school's specific goals and objectives.



"Solid teaching. Fabulous modeling of conservation behaviors and genuine passion for the outdoors and the world. Deep caring for our students."
— Teacher



Our facility is located on the edge of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Thousands of acres of unspoiled boreal forest surround Widjiwagan. The call of the loon, howl of the wolf and bright displays of the northern lights are common. Utilizing this incredible classroom is a priority of all our activities. Hiking at night under starry skies, relaxing after lunch on a glacier scoured rock or learning orienteering skills in the wilderness is how Widjiwagan works.

We structure Widjiwagan's program to make cooperation and teamwork part of every day. Outdoor activity usually takes place in small groups of six to ten students paired with one or two Widji Instructor Naturalists. This low student to staff ratio offers the ideal environment for personal challenge and group development.



"My instructor was really fun and had interesting stories and games that taught us a lot and made it fun."
— Student



CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES:

- Animal Studies
- Forest Studies
- Freshwater Studies
- Teambuilding
- Map & Compass
- Canoeing
- Voyageurs and the North Canoe
- Wilderness Survival
- Cross Country Skiing
- The Night Sky
- Wolves of the North
- Global Issues
- Glacial Geology
- Snowshoeing
- Native Cultures of Northern Minnesota
- North Woods Birds
- Boreal Black Bears
- Snow Crystal Study
- Sustainable Living; Big Ideas and Small Steps
- Environmental Simulation
- Predator and Prey
- Quiz Bowl

"The kids learned to LOVE life without screens, build confidence and friendships. This memory will last a long time."
— Teacher