

# TimberRidge Adventure Center

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Get your classroom on **TRAC!!**

## Teambuilding

Your students will learn how to become a team and work together in and out of the classroom. They will find success as a group, no one is voted off. We teach "challenge by choice" on our course, students and groups are encouraged to find ways to include everyone on the team regardless of skill. We emphasize peer encouragement over peer pressure.



## Respect

We help your students build respect for their peers and others. Throughout the day they will play, act silly, get dirty, make memories, and in the process

learn about each other creating a closer group to work with in the classroom.

## Adventure

At TimberRidge your students will experience the thrill of adventure as they walk to our 22 low element challenge course, nestled atop the rugged wooded southern ridge of TimberRidge Adventure Center. Your students will swing on a rope, balance on a log, and climb while learning how to listen and share ideas in this outdoor classroom.



## Creativity

Sparks will fly as creativity takes off! Students will learn to think in new ways, implement several ideas, form a plan, and solve elements. Groups will learn how to use their creativity and will rediscover their childhood imagination.

## Who we are:

TimberRidge Adventure Center has a unique relationship with Ernie Miller Nature Center allowing us to share staff, resources, facilitators, and volunteers to combine over 25 years of school programming experience. Both TimberRidge Adventure Center and Ernie Miller Nature Center are owned and operated by the Johnson County Park & Recreation District.

## What is a Challenge Course?

Challenge courses are built out of trees, cables, ropes, and platforms. They consist of several different elements that create different opportunities for groups to problem solve and work together.

## When are programs available?

TimberRidge Adventure Center (TRAC) offers a school program from 9am-2pm, Monday — Friday, for grades 6th and up. Students bring their own lunch and enjoy the day learning, working together, and spending time in nature.

## Why should I bring my class to TimberRidge?

Our staff of trained facilitators can cater the challenge course program to your specific classroom needs. When you schedule a program with us you will receive: a parent letter explaining the program, a list of what students need to bring, health & liability forms, and a needs assessment.



## Your students will:

- Learn problem solving
- Listen to others
- See different perspectives
- See value in each other
- Gain self confidence

*Encouraged the kids to think on their own, come up with their own solutions.*

*— Mahaffie Elementary 6th grade*



**Our Challenge Course program prides itself on the quality of program we provide.**

The **Challenge by Choice** activities incorporate elements of fun and excitement in a noncompetitive, safe, and supportive atmosphere.

TimberRidge experiences leave a lasting and meaningful impression for all who come.

## Other Opportunities:

TimberRidge Adventure Center can also offer programs for the following school groups:

- Student Council
- School Clubs
- Choirs & Bands
- Sports Teams
- Teachers & Administrator

## Where is the TimberRidge Adventure Center located?

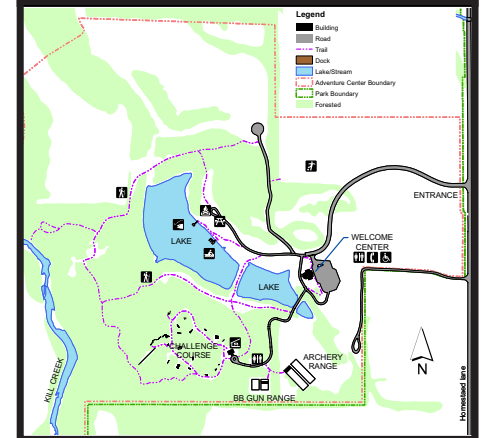
### Directions from K-10 Highway

- Take the Kill Creek Road exit located approximately 6 miles west of K-7 Highway.
- Go approximately 3 miles south on Kill Creek Road to 115th Street.
- Turn Right and go 1/2 mile west to Homestead Lane.
- Go approximately 1 mile south to TimberRidge.
- Entrance is on the right approximately 3/4 miles south of the Kill Creek Park main entrance.

### Directions from 135th Street/ Prairie Center Road

- Take 135th Street/Prairie Center Road to Homestead Lane (located 7 miles west of K-7)
- Go 1 1/2 miles north on Homestead Lane to TimberRidge.
- Entrance is on the left at approximately 123rd Street.

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## TimberRidge Adventure Center Facility Information

### Welcome Center

Registered groups and campers are greeted at the Welcome Center upon arrival at TimberRidge. The Welcome Center includes kitchen and restroom facilities, an outdoor deck overlooking the ponds, and a meeting room that accommodates up to 80 people.

### Site Rentals

TimberRidge Adventure Center grounds and Welcome Center are available for rental. Call the Ernie Miller Nature Center at (913) 764-7759 for rates and reservations.



### Outdoor Shelter

Registered groups and campers have access to the outdoor shelter featuring: an outdoor fireplace within the shelter, restroom facilities, and picnic tables. The shelter accommodates up to 200 people comfortably.



### Other Amenities

Other amenities offered on a limited basis for organized groups include an archery range, BB gun range, canoes,

paddle boats, catch and release fishing, and hiking trails.

### Future Development

The first phase of development at the TimberRidge Adventure Center was completed in spring 2002. Future phased development will include a 40-foot climbing tower, a multipurpose lodge, youth camping villages, and adult sleeping accommodations.

## What Participants and Educators Say About Their TimberRidge Adventure Center Experience

*The entire program taught the children to work as a team, identify their strengths, rely on each other and brainstorm... all in an atmosphere of fun. When they return to class, I believe they will perform better academically and understand how their behavior affects the whole group.*

— Walnut Grove Elementary, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

*I'll use it frequently in the classroom!*  
— Mahaffie Elementary, 6<sup>th</sup> grade



*Bonded us and helped us with communication.*  
— Frontier Trail Yearbook

*Out on the challenge course it was so easy to forget about the rest of your life and just concentrate on the element. My very favorite element was the wall. I was afraid to do it but I finally did and it felt great to conquer my fears. This was one of my best field trips ever! I will never look at teamwork in the same way again.*  
— 6<sup>th</sup> grade student

*It taught me a lot about team work and that everybody is good at different things.*

—Yearbook staff



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