

Unit 1 – Team challenge

Team C – A great opportunity for high school students in the USA!

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Host 1: These Ames High School students spend more time learning outside than they do in the classroom. Sounds like a good thing to me! With the pressure of school tests and state-wide assessments, it can be hard for teachers to find time to get kids outdoors.

Host 2: Channel 13's Megan Reuther takes us to a class where it's part of the curriculum. The story is new at 5:00.

Teacher: Because each of these is a different microhabitat where you might find some things!

Reporter: It's 9 am on a weekday...

Teacher: Root wads, fallen trees, silt or mucks...

Reporter: ... and these Ames high school seniors...

Student 1: Underwater caterpie...

Reporter: ... are hard at work...

Student 2: I'm looking for some bugs!

Reporter: ... outside!

Student 3: So we're testing the water here to see the differences in between the school-quality water and the actual water that people think is clean.

Reporter: Squaw Creek...

Student 4: We're at a little bend in the creek behind the school.

Reporter: ... has become their classroom.

Teacher: They're focused on outside learning. All they want is to get us outside, not look at a textbook but actually get to feel the plant and see what this waterway is like. It's an integrated class between Environmental Science, English, U.S. Government and Sociology. It is what the kids get credits for.

Reporter: Mike Todd handles the science. He's a graduate of Iowa State University and crafted the class to spend most of the time learning outside.