

OAKWOODS METROPARK  
NATURE CENTER



SCHOOL PROGRAMS



## GETTING STARTED

Group reservations can be made by calling 734-782-3956 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. We are happy to send you a School Outreach Application. Dates are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. All reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance.

To schedule a program, have the following information ready:

- date and time you would like to visit
- number of children
- activities you would like to schedule
- school address, email address and phone number

## COST

### IN-PARK

Programs are \$2 per student per hour, \$30 minimum per group.

### EDVENTURE

*These programs are at your school.*

Cost is \$75 for the first program, \$50 for additional programs the same day. There is a maximum of four programs per day, with 30 students per program (*subject to change due to topic choice*)

## CONFIRMATION

A confirmation email, chaperone information and a map will be sent after you schedule an appointment.

## VOYAGEUR CANOE RIDES

MID-MAY, JUNE, SEPTEMBER & EARLY OCTOBER · \$75/TRIP

The Voyageur Canoe is a 34-foot, 18-passenger canoe. Availability and times are dependent on themes.

Themes include:

### RIVER ECOLOGY EXPERIENCE

1½ HOURS · This tour emphasizes the flora and fauna of the Huron River, which is broken into two unique experiences.

*FOCUS: ecosystems · habitats · adaptations · resources · erosion*

## CONTENT EXPECTATIONS

All programs meet the Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE), Next Generation Science Standards and support Common Core standards.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- These programs are designed to highlight Michigan's plants, animals and ecosystems.
- Programs are generally 1 hour, starting between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.
- There is a group minimum of 15 children and maximum of 35 children.
- Park entry is \$7 per vehicle per day. School buses are free.

## NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

- One of the following interactive programs will be presented by an Oakwoods Interpreter. All participants will have the opportunity to explore the Exhibit Room.
- In these programs, students will enjoy a ¾ to 1 mile walk guided by an Oakwoods interpreter.
- Signs of the season will be emphasized along with elements of the previously mentioned subjects for each grade level or other topics of interest (when possible).

### RIVER ECOLOGY

1 HOUR · This tour emphasizes the flora and fauna of the Huron River.

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### VOYAGEUR EXPERIENCE

1½ HOURS · This tour will be emphasizing the fur trade era, which is broken into two unique experiences.

*FOCUS: Michigan history · fur trade · natural resources*

## ANIMALS OF OAKWOODS

### PRESCHOOL

Students will be introduced to the animals that live right in their own backyard through the use of study skins, mounts and live animals.

*FOCUS: basic needs · habitat · adaptations · observable traits*

## PREDATOR & PREY

### 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Find out who survives in the struggle for food. What adaptations are found in predatory animals? What clever ways do prey animals use to protect themselves? All are discussed during this interactive program.

*FOCUS: adaptations · food webs · individual differences · basic needs*

## TURTLES & SNAKES

### KINDERGARTEN

This program focuses on the unique reptiles that are found in our area. Live animals are used during this program.

*FOCUS: adaptations · observable traits · life cycles*

## WHO LIVES WHERE?

### 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE

This fun program focuses on habitats and the animals that use them. Included, is an introduction to food chains.

*FOCUS: habitats · adaptations · life cycles · food webs*

## AUTUMN ADVENTURE

### 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE & UP · 90 MINUTES · MID-SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER · 6\$/STUDENT

This fun and exciting program is designed to immerse the kids in the sights, smells and tastes of autumn. The program consists of a hayride, cider pressing, cider and donuts, leaf printing and an autumn hike.

*We can accommodate two classes per day. Each class (up to 30 students) will be split into two groups.*

*FOCUS: seasons · characteristics of plants · life cycles*

## BIRDS OF A FEATHER

### 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE

Discover what makes birds so special as we compare different species while focusing on their adaptations.

*FOCUS: life cycles · observable traits · life functions*

## ANIMAL ADAPTATION

### 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE

This program is designed to get kids thinking about the special attributes that make every animal unique.. Also, touches on habitats and food chains.

*FOCUS: adaptations · observable traits · form & function · producer, consumer, decomposer*

## WETLAND WONDERS

### 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Explore the plants and animals that thrive in a wetland habitat, and discover the specialized life strategies and adaptations that allow them to live in this awesome habitat. Food chains will be discussed as well.

*FOCUS: ecosystems · food · webs · adaptations · producer, consumer, decomposer*



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