



BRING THE METROPARKS TO YOUR PRESCHOOL FOR FREE

WITH HELP FROM OUR EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Loads of learning fun for little ones! Age-appropriate and geared toward the developmental level of early learners, all of these programs include stories, puppets, songs and unique activities. Children are encouraged to use their senses during the up close investigation of furs, feathers, skulls and other animal artifacts.

*To be eligible, schools must have at least 50% participation in the Federal Reduced Lunch Program.

Preschool programs are best suited for children ages two through Kindergarten.

Most Preschool programs require 30 - 45 minutes based on the developmental age of the audience.

Group size limited to 25 students per presentation.

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PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

CHOOSE A TOPIC:

1. MAMMALS ARE MARVELOUS

Children will delight in learning what features make mammals unique by making comparisons between themselves and other animals "born alive and well." Mammals in Michigan representing herbivore, carnivore and omnivore diets are the main focus.

Topic: Mammal diversity & adaptations

2. OUTSTANDING OWLS

"Wide-eyed owls" and all their neat features from beak to talon are explored with movements, artifacts and taxidermy. Also included are the sounds of Michigan owls and a chance to mimic them.

Topic: Owl adaptations & Michigan species

3. SHELLS, SCALES & POLLYWOG TAILS

Frogs, toads and salamanders, their life cycles and special features, are introduced with games and artifacts. Then turtles and snakes make their debut with further activity. To wrap it all up, kids get to meet the live animals they've learned about.

Topic: Michigan amphibians & reptiles & their adaptations

4. LIFE CYCLES - WHEN I WAS A BABY

Kids have fun relating to how animals grow up such as hatching eggs, metamorphosis and mothering first-hand with unique activities. The strategies of familiar animals such as birds, butterflies and opossums are the focus during counting, movement, guessing games and dress up.

Topic: Diversity of life strategies

5. LIFE WHEN IT'S SNOWY

Wintertime can be hard for some, they say. But, the animals in this program have some special ways of surviving. Kids will investigate these methods with pretend and comparisons as well as hands-on artifacts.

Topic: Michigan animal behavior in winter

6. WE'RE FOND OF PONDS

There's a lot going on down at the pond. From food webs and frog calls to amphibian and insect metamorphosis, kids get a taste of all kinds of pond life with activities, artifacts and live animals.

Topic: Pond life of all kinds, particularly amphibians & insects

For more information, or to set up an outreach program at your school, contact Lisa Parsons at 810-227-2757 ext. 6422 or email lisa.parsons@metroparks.com

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