Animal Adaptations

Grades Pre K-1

Length: 1 hour

Students discover the physical traits and behaviors of animals adapted to survival in their environment. 4LE: 1-6, 4PS:2

Mammals of NY

Grades 1-6

Length: 1 hour

Students use skulls, pelts and animal specimens to observe and learn about adaptations and the diversity of local mammals. Guided hike optional. 4LE: 1-7, 4PS:2

Honeybees

Grades 1-6

Length: 1 hour

Learn about honeybees, lifecycles, interdependence, and natural resources. Includes live bees.

4LE: 1-7 4PS:2

Project WILD Activities & Games

Grades K-6

Length: 1 hour

Students learn about ecological concepts as they "become" wild animals in an ecosystem. 4LE: 1-7

Scheduling a Program

- Programs are offered Tuesday through Friday.
- All programs may be brought to your school.
- Group sizes range from 15 to 25 students. Maximum number is 80 students per program.
- Programs may be 1 to 4 hours long by request.

Program Fees

- Groups up to 25 participants: $50
- Groups over 25 participants: $2.50 /Student
- All school staff and chaperones are free

For more information or to schedule a program, please contact Shannon Morley at Shannon.Morley@co.genesee.ny.us or call 585-344-1122

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Using Our Senses

Grades Pre K-1

Length: 1-1 1/2 hours

Do animals use the same senses that we do? Students test their sensing skills with games and exploration in the outdoors. 4LE: 1-6, 4PS:2

Plants and Animals

Grades 2-3

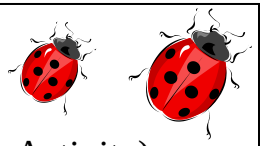
Length: 1 1/2- 2 hours

Students learn about the interrelationships between plants and animals and how they depend on each other in an ecosystem. 4LE: 1-6

Insect Safari

Grades 2-3

Length: 2 hours (Spring Activity)



Insects are fascinating! Students use sweep nets to discover insects, their habits and their life cycles in the field. 4LE: 1 - 7 4PS: 2

Seeds of Success

Grades 4-7

Length: 1 hour

Students demonstrate their understanding of plant adaptations as they work in groups to create a model plant. 4LE: 1 - 7 4PS: 2

Geocaching

Grades 1-12

Length: 1 1/2 hours

Using GPS units, students will find waypoints and discover geocaches in the park. Students learn about natural science topics and use clues to find the caches. STEM 1-6

Pond Ecology

Grades 4-6

Length: 1 1/2- 2 hours

(Spring Activity)

What do macroinvertebrates tell about the water quality of a pond? Students will use dip nets to collect specimens from a pond and make assessments based on their findings. 4LE: 1 - 7 4PS:2

Habitat Study

Grades 4-6

Length: 2 1/2- 3 hours

Three habitats are studied by teams of students. Conclusions are drawn based upon students' data and observations. 4LE: 1 - 6 4PS:2

Guided Ecology Hike

All Ages

Students learn about food webs, energy flow, human impacts and more. 4LE: 1 – 7, 4PS: 2

Forest Ecology

Grades 4-6

Length: 2- 2 1/2 hours

Discover the growth and development of a forest. Habitat study, sampling, soil sampling, and exploring leaf litter and decomposing logs are part of the program. 4LE: 1-6

Stream Safari

Grades 4-6

Length: 1 1/2- 2 hours

(Spring Activity)

Discover what's living in a stream. Students will use dip nets to collect specimens from a stream. Life cycles and adaptations will be discussed. 4LE: 1 - 7

Winter Ecology

Grades 5-6

Length: 1- 1 1/2 hours

How do plants and animals survive the winter? Students will explore the outdoors looking for evidence of wildlife activity (sightings, tracks, scat, etc.). Snowshoes may be used. 4LE: 1 - 6 4PS: 3, 5