

Programs

When scheduling a program please contact us early. Often 1-2 weeks is sufficient for finding an open date. However, dates during April, May, September, and October can fill quickly. If you're looking for a specific date it is never too early to call or e-mail with your request.

Youth and adult programs are offered free of charge. Special events, camps, and public programs may have a fee.

The list of programs is a sample of what we offer. We can work from these, or new topics, to develop specific programs for your needs. In our programs we

- strive to address Iowa Core Curriculum requirements.
- often make them multi-disciplinary.
- incorporate nationally recognized curricula such as, WILD, Aquatic WILD, Learning Tree, WET (water related), Iowa's Clean SWEEP (recycling and pollution), Flying Wild (birds), and more.
- use numerous natural artifacts-furs, bones, preserved animal body parts, shells, nests, etc.
- use tools such as nets, magnifiers, and microscopes to more closely examine nature.
- use live animals when appropriate.
- encourage different forms of outdoor recreation such as fishing, canoeing, orienteering, and use of GPS units.
- sometimes bring along our mascot Topper Turtle.



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Plant Programs

Butterfly Gardening
Forest Life
Plant ID/Classification
Prairie Life
Seeds
Trees
Wetland Life
Wildflowers
Winter Tree ID



Wildlife Programs

Animals in Winter
Animal Signs
Backyard Birds
Bats

Bird Adaptations
Bird Calls
Bird Feeding
Bird Migration
Bird Nest Boxes
Butterflies and Moths
Eagles
Endangered Species
Fish and Fishing
Forest Wildlife
Frogs and Toads
Insects
Iowa Birds
Iowa Wildlife
Lifecycles
Mammals of Iowa



Prairie Wildlife
Raptors (live birds)
Reptiles and Amphibians
Snakes
Turtles
Wetland Wildlife
Whales (life-size inflatable)

Others

Canoeing
Day or Night Hikes
Earth Day
Habitats
Hunter Education
Native American Games
Nature Appreciation

Nature Crafts
Nature Journaling
Orienteering/GPS
Pollution Solutions
Rainforests
Recycling
Storytelling
Water Safety
Watersheds

