

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 and NGSS standards.
- 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 (live raptors, amphibians/reptiles, insects)
- encourage different forms of outdoor recreation such as fishing, canoeing, orienteering, and use of GPS units.
- sometimes bring along our mascot Topper Turtle.



Please call us at 563-264-5922 or e-mail us at mberns@co.muscatine.ia.us to schedule a program for your group.

Plant Programs

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



Wildlife Programs

Animal Adaptations
Animals in Winter
Animal Signs (tracks, scat)
Backyard Birds
Bats
Bees

Bird Calls
Bird Feeding
Bird Migration
Bird Nest Boxes
Butterflies and Moths
Darkling Beetles
Eagles
Endangered Species
Fish
Food Chains/Webs
Forest Wildlife
Frogs and Toads
Illegal Wildlife Trade
Insects
Iowa Birds
Iowa Wildlife
Lifecycles/Metamorphosis
Mammals of Iowa
Monarchs
Owl Pellets



Pollinators
Prairie Wildlife
Raptors
Reptiles and Amphibians
Skulls
Snakes
Turtles
Vertebrates
Wetland Wildlife

Others

Astronomy (constellations, phases of the moon, planets)
Canoeing/Kayaking
Clouds
Day or Night Hikes
Earth Day
Fishing
Geocaching/GPS
Habitats

Hunter Education
Microscopes
Native American Games
Nature Appreciation
Nature Crafts
Nature Journaling
Orienteering
Pollution Solutions
Rainforests
Recycling
Storytelling
Water Cycle
Water Testing
Water Safety
Watersheds
Weather

