



THE WILDERNESS CENTER



School & Youth
Programs



Bring your group to explore nature through experiential learning at The Wilderness Center, set on over 600 acres of incredible natural habitat and ~12 miles of trails. Spend a memorable day of adventure immersed in hands-on investigations and data collection covering a variety of topics in our incredible habitats – forest, prairie, and wetland. TWC provides educational programs for various ages and abilities and engages in numerous conservation efforts including habitat and watershed restoration, conservation burial services, sustainable forestry, protecting pollinators, dark skies initiatives, and citizen science projects.

The programs offered at The Wilderness Center reflect and align with Ohio learning standards. Our goal is to provide your group with a meaningful experience that engages your students. Please let us know of any special goals, interests, or needs when you book your field trip.

Phone: 330-359-5235

Email: Programs@WildernessCenter.org



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PLANNING YOUR TRIP TO THE WILDERNESS CENTER

Program Registration and Customization:

Most educational offerings are designed for 1 hour or 1.5 hours of programming. Our guided hike and planetarium show are only offered for 1 hour. Each program is designed to meet the learning requirements and abilities of children at their grade level which is indicated next to the program description. We are open to customized programs when given adequate preparation time; if interested please call or email us.



If you need assistance deciding on a program or wish to register your group, email programs@wildernesscenter.org, call 330-359-5235, or contact us through our website at www.wildernesscenter.org/school-youth-group-programs/. Scan the QR code to access the webpage. Please let us know of any special goals, interests, or needs when you book your field trip.

Program Availability:

Programs are normally available Tuesday-Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm. To request programs during or outside of these hours, call 330-359-5235, or email programs@wildernesscenter.org. We require at least a 2-week notice for a program and be aware that certain times of year will book quickly so plan accordingly.

TWC programs are designed to be conducted at The Wilderness Center utilizing our resources. However, if you would like to schedule a TWC educator to come to your site, we do offer traveling programs. Please contact us to find out what offsite programs we have available. These programs are subject to a surcharge.

Weather Contingency Programs and Program Cancellation:

Programs at The Wilderness Center are developed as hands-on, primarily outdoor learning experiences. Outdoor classes will continue except during dangerous weather conditions. We have a limited amount of rain ponchos available to borrow. Please encourage your group to dress appropriately for the weather. In the rare event that the weather prevents us from providing the scheduled outdoor programming, an indoor version of the program may be available. If concerned about the weather prior to your scheduled day at TWC, please call us to discuss options.

Additional Amenities Available For Your Trip:

We encourage you to enjoy the following amenities while your group is at The Wilderness Center at no additional cost: Nature Playscape, lunch at one of our picnic shelters, hiking trails, and Interpretive Building displays. At your discretion, there is also a Nature Gift Shop which students can visit during the trip.

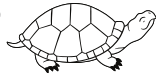
***If you choose to cancel your booking, you must do so a minimum of 5 days prior to your event.
Failure to give us a 5-day notice will result in a \$25 cancellation fee.
This fee will also apply to no show groups.***



AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

BARNABY'S NEIGHBORHOOD

PRE-K - 3RD



Meet Barnaby, one of The Wilderness Center's Eastern box turtles, in this engaging program about habitats and healthy ecosystems. After learning about Barnaby's life history, enjoy a short hike as you explore habitats and the plants and animals that coexist in them. Optional add-ons depending on program length include an inspiring children's book story about backyard habitat and neighborhood wildlife and a planting activity to create a native plant starter to bring back to your school.

INCREDIBLE INSECTS

K - 5TH



Insects are truly amazing, and in this program, you'll learn why! First, you'll catch some insects (and maybe some other critters commonly confused with insects) and see them up close through magnifiers. Then, learn about insect bodies, and discover some incredible feats of insects!

THEMED GUIDED HIKE

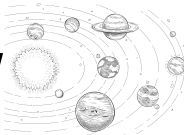
K - 12TH



Our trails are not only beautiful, but they tell lots of stories. Tune in to nature sounds and enjoy some fresh air on a medium length hike. Full of amazing discoveries, our popular hikes are now better than ever, because you can choose the theme! Choose from: Habitats, Wildlife Flowers, Trees, or Birds.

PLANETARIUM SHOW

K - 12TH



Our full dome planetarium offers a variety of kid-friendly shows, each with a follow-up feature led by our Astronomer, Robin. For a list of shows with descriptions, or for questions or customization, please contact by email: programs@wildernesscenter.org.

LET'S WING IT

2ND - 5TH



Embark on a captivating journey through the skies with our migratory bird class. Explore the remarkable world of avian migration as you discover why and how birds undertake these incredible seasonal journeys, all while exploring the importance of migration routes and the challenges our feathered friends face along the way.



AVAILABLE PROGRAMS CONTINUED

ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS



3RD - 5TH

Explore the fascinating world of animal adaptation. From camouflage to extreme weather survival tactics, learn how animals evolve unique features to survive in their environments through engaging activities, games, and real-life examples.

POND COLLECTION



3RD - 8TH

This popular program is better than ever! Begin with a short hike through the woods to our pond, where you will discover a world of activity both in and out of the water. Grab a dip net to catch macroinvertebrates, tadpoles, and the occasional salamander! Learn how to identify your catch, and then learn what they need to survive in the pond.

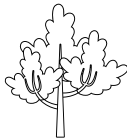
INVESTIGATING SOILS



3RD - 8TH

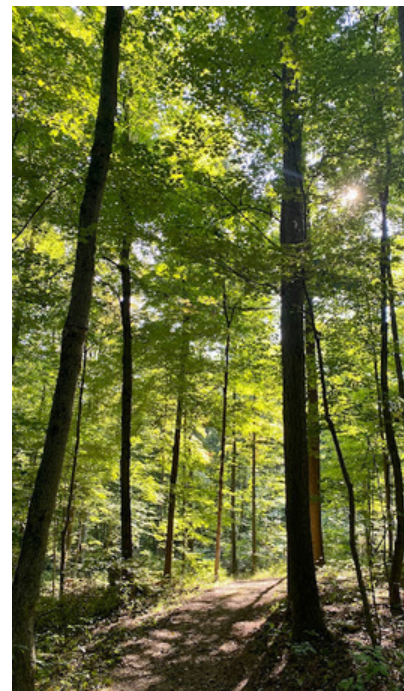
The soil is alive! Get your hands dirty in this highly interactive program as you perform LOTS of experiments, with customizable options to focus on the scientific method and/or data interpretation. Students will learn about the basic properties of soil and problems such as erosion and compaction.

THE TREE LOVERS GUIDE



3RD - 8TH

Who doesn't love trees? In our tree lovers program we will learn all about trees and the reasons we should care about them. Learn about different species of trees, examine their fruits, seeds, and nuts, walk through an Old Growth Forest, and discover the wildlife that uses them. The benefits of trees are numerous and the best way to understand them is to start at the roots and work our way to the canopy!



ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING OFFERINGS

Did you realize that The Wilderness Center is more than a field trip destination? The following educational offerings can be used to supplement field trips or as alternatives to field trips.

We are always creating new content, so we welcome requests and suggestions for future options.

Afterschool
Programs

Nature Night
Programs

Professional
Development

Summer
Enrichment
Programs

Virtual Presentations



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