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ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE NATURAL WORLD





— 2017-18 homeschool programs

Enrich your homeschool curriculum! Classes will be age-appropriate and include hands-on learning, outdoor exploration, and other activities to help students understand the presented concepts. Adults must stay with the child or be available on the campus. For families with multiple aged children, a room may be available for other schoolwork during both class sessions.

Trees, Please! - Thursday, September 14

Grades K-3: (10:00-11:30) We'll learn the parts of the tree and how they work together to help trees survive and grow. A walk in the woods will highlight tree growth, tree parts, and tree usage. Each student will plant a tree seed to take home.

Grades 4-6: (12:30-2:00) Which tree is which? For this class, we'll learn tree characteristics and learn how to identify trees using a dichotomous key during our walk in the woods.

Dirt Don't Hurt - Thursday, October 12

Grades K-3: (10:00-11:30) Experiment with soil and get a little dirty! What makes up that stuff that's under our feet? We'll learn about soil composition through a variety of experiments.

Grades 4-6: (12:30-2:00) Soil scientists see "dirt" in very special ways. Students will learn about soil composition, texture, and other properties and what effect they have on the habitat.

Our Dear Deer - Thursday, November 9

Grades K-3: (10:00-11:30) Oh, deer! Who are these white-tailed animals? How do they survive? We'll answer these questions and learn about these large mammals that live all around us.

Grades 4-6: (12:30-2:00) In Ohio, deer populations are carefully managed by biologists. In this class, students will evaluate hypothetical wildlife management decisions and discuss factors that can affect population.

For the Birds - Thursday, January 11

Grades K-2: (10:00 - 11:30) What makes a bird a bird? We'll get up close and personal with bird specimens and test and measure our abilities compared to some feathered friends.

Grades 3-6: (12:00 - 1:30) Can you build a better bird? After learning about how birds have certain features to help them live, we'll work on creating a mixture of these features to create a fictional—yet functional—bird.

Ohio's Rocky Past - Thursday, February 8

Grades K-2: (10:00 - 11:30) Ohio Geology tells a story of our geologic past! We'll learn to identify some common rock types found in Ohio and learn about how they appear in our every day lives. We'll focus on, and even make, sedimentary rocks.

Grades 3-6: (12:00 - 1:30) Many years ago, what we know now as Ohio was actually a tropical sea! We can learn about Ohio's long ago past by looking at learning about the creatures that once lived in the waters that created the bedrock on which we stand. Students will get to create a fossil to take home.

Dung Detectives and Pellet Private Eyes - Thursday, March 8

Grades K-2: (10:00 - 11:30) Wanna find out who "dung" it? We'll learn about how the foods that an animal eats can change the shape of its scat. The clues that we'll learn can help you identify the animals that have been around your yard or TWC.

Grades 3-6: (12:00 - 1:30) Owls leave behind clues of what they like to eat in the form of owl pellets—the indigestible parts of their food. In this session, we'll discuss how an owl eats and dissect a pellet and identify the remains within.

(\$1.50 extra cost per pellet)

Plant Power! - Thursday, April 12

Grades K-2: (10:00 - 11:30) Plants are an essential part of any habitat! On this hike, we'll learn the parts and lifecycles of plants and discuss they types of plants we see here at TWC. Plan on spending the entire time outside on the trail.

Grades 3-6: (12:00 - 1:30) How or why do certain plants grow where they do? In this advanced plant hike we'll talk about plant parts and their adaptations for living in certain habitats. Be prepared to be outside and among the plants for this hike!

registration

Homeschool classes are free for members and \$4 per child for non-members. Adults are free.

Registration is not required, but preferred.

Sign-up by calling 330.359.5235.

