

Animals, Authors and Art

This programs will allow participants to become personally acquainted with one live animal each week, but the fun doesn't stop there. By incorporating a wide variety of animal artifacts, like furs, feet, skulls and skeletons, participants receive a multi-faceted view of each featured animal alongside reading selections that combine strong human feelings and desires with information about animals and their lives. Come and get creative with us as we discover the many ways animals and humans alike express themselves.

Animal Odyssey

We will start out with invertebrates and insects and work our way through the wonders of fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. Programs will take participants on a hands-on journey through the animal kingdom. Each week will feature up close visits from one (1) or two (2) live animal ambassadors, plus investigations using real animal artifacts to discover more about a variety of amazing creatures – big & small.

Biomes

Students can circle the globe to explore huge geographic regions that share many similar plants and animals. Our journey will take us from desert to rain forest to savanna and even the cold and icy tundra. Various activities will create a backdrop for this interactive look at biomes complete with live animals, plants, and natural artifacts from all corners of the Earth!

Nature Detectives

Each week participants will delve deep into discovering various mysteries of nature. We can use interactive, hands-on experiments plus a combination of live animals, plant and animal artifacts, specimens and samples to help students uncover clues from the wild and become true Nature Detectives. This series program highlights some of our favorite large group programs by taking a closer look at specific wonders of nature each week.

The Science of Nature

This program series will explore some of the most interesting natural science topics for the budding young naturalists. Through hands-on exploration and experimentation, students will learn to hypothesize and answer questions using the scientific method. You will explore why birds can fly, how plants "defend" themselves, how weather works and so much more regarding the natural world.

Wildlife Superheroes

Have you ever wondered why some of our most popular superheroes are often named after animals? Spiderman, Batman, and Aquaman all share traits with their particular animal namesake whether it be great strength, great stealth, or the ability to live underwater. Come discover the story behind each as we discover their amazing abilities via live-animal visits, animal artifacts, and interactive activities.

Don't see a theme that suits your students?

Call our Director of Education Programs, Chris Hendershot to customize your afterschool series today at (203) 966-9577 x1041.

Interested in coming to the Nature Center after school?

Be on the lookout for naturalist led afterschool programs at the nature center in the winter/spring of 2018!