

Nature & Science Programs Guide

2018-2019

PreK-5th Grade



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About Our Programs

The Woodbury County Conservation Board has been offering quality educational programs since 1988. Our professional staff is committed to providing positive outdoor activities to engage your students in new and exciting discoveries. Our programs are designed to compliment local schools' curriculum and provide hands-on quality experiences to encourage a life-long interest and appreciation of our environment. We invite you to visit one of our outdoor areas or have us come to your classroom for a fun-filled adventure.

Our main offices are at the **Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center (DPNC)** which is a popular choice for field trips. DPNC has interactive exhibits indoors and incredible woodlands and Loess Hills prairies outdoors. Other well-liked locations for field trips include: **Brown's Lake/Bigelow Park, Snyder Bend Park, Southwood Conservation Area, Fowler Forest Preserve and Little Sioux Park.**

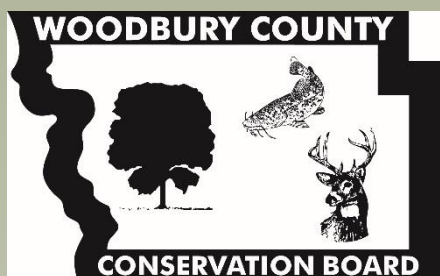
Fees:

Programs with a Woodbury County school are free. Private preschools and out of county schools are charged \$1 per student with a \$15 minimum. Some programs require material fees. Raptor programs not at the Nature Center are \$20 in county and \$35 for out of county.

To Schedule:

Programs are available year-round Tuesday through Friday. When contacting us be prepared with:

- Date, time & program desired
- School, grade, # of students, teacher's name, email & phone #



Program Details

- Classroom Programs run 30-45 minutes each.
- Field Trips can be half day or a full day, depending on your available time and number of students
- Field Trips can include a program, outdoor hike, Nature Center exhibit gallery, and the Discovery Forest Nature Playscape
- Programs can be done at your school or as a field trip.
- We require a ratio of one adult to every 8 students for a field trip.
- We expect teachers to be with their class when we come to you for a program.

Field Trip Prep

- Dress appropriately with layers of clothes, long pants, old shoes, jackets, winter attire. It's always cooler on a field trip.
- Teachers, adults & students are asked to quiet their cell phones.
- No collecting of natural objects (living or non-living) is allowed, unless directed by staff.
- Please stay on marked trails.
- Encourage students to pack an environmentally friendly lunch. Please bring garbage bags for your trash.
- Smoking is not allowed at the Nature Center or inside our county park facilities.
- Gift Shop is available at the Nature Center.

We strive to correlate each program to Next Generation Science Standards and the Iowa CORE Curriculum.

Program Topics

Preschool

- Feathers for Lunch
- I'm a Turkey
- Owl Babies
- Pets vs. Wild Animals
- Reptiles
- Time to Sleep
- Tricky Tracks
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Kdg. & 1st Grade

- Animal Homes
- Critter Clues
- Eggs & Nests
- Living vs. Non-Living
- Plant & Animal Needs

2nd & 3rd Grade

- Animal Groups
- Animal Habitats
- Food Chains
- Life Cycles
- Tree Parts & Seeds

4th & 5th Grade

- Birdwatching
- Classifying Plants & Animals
- Ecosystems
- Endangered Species
- Nature Journaling
- Plant & Animal Adaptations
- Owl Pellets (\$1.50 per pellet)
- Snowshoeing

All Grades

- Meet the Animals: Learn about one of our turtles, snakes, Kestrel, Owl or Hawk. Availability is subject to schedule, health & weather.
- Take a Hike: Guided hikes are available at the Nature Center or County parks
- Playscape: Visit our outdoor natural playground at Nature Center only.
- Junior League Legacy Exhibit Gallery: Nature Center only.



Don't see what you're looking for? Classes offered are only limited by your imagination. We can adapt or design a program to meet your needs.