

Ansonia Nature Center Educational Programs and Fees

Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter

FEES:

- Ansonia Public Schools - None
- All Others - \$75 per class, per program, or \$3 per student

Note: A class = a maximum of 27 students and a minimum of 10 students.

Teacher and parent/chaperone are free

Note: An organizational level membership in Friends of the Ansonia Nature Center, Inc., entitles a member class to one FREE program per school year.

Scheduling Contacts:

Donna Lindgren, Director or Alison M. Rubelmann, Assistant Director

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Phone # 203-736-1053

Spring Programs

AMPHIBIANS WITH ATTITUDES - Learn to identify frogs, toads and salamanders. Hike to our vernal pool to explore a unique wetland habitat.

Time Required: 1-2 hours Grade Level K-5 CT Standard 1.3, A15

CRICKOR THE CONSTRICTOR - With the advent of warm weather and snake sightings, we bring an introduction to nature's most unloved animals. Tomi Ungerer's famous children's story is told using our 6' soft sculpture snake. Afterwards the children will have a chance to make friends with one of the Nature Center's resident snakes.

Time Required: ½ to 1 hour Grade Level K-3 CT Standard 1.2, A.15, 3.2

BIRDS, BIRDS, BIRDS: A & B

Birds n 'Nests - Part A - Birds, our most visible wild animals can teach us a great deal about our environment. Hands on activities require some fine motor control.

Time Required: 1 - 1 ½ hours Grade Level K - 2 CT Standard K2, 1.2

Bodacious Birds - Part B - Feeding adaptations, fabulous feathers, name that bird, and neotropical migrants in trouble. Meet some of Connecticut's birds and learn about their reproductive strategies.

Time Required: 1 - 2 hours Grade Level 3 - 5 CT Standard 3.2, 8.2

PONDING - Collecting, Identification, Creature Feature, Animal Release. Involve your class in a hands on lesson about the food chain found in fresh water habitats. The class will visit Redwing Pond with simple equipment to catch, observe and release the small residents that live there.

Time Required: 1-2 hours Grade Level 1-4 CT Standard 3.2, 8.2

GREAT GARDENS - red wigglers, "there's a hair in my dirt", composting, recycled pots, planting seeds. Our growing season has just begun and this is a chance for students to learn about composting, mulching and starting healthy veggie seeds.

Time Required: 1-2 hours Grade Level 1-4 CT Standard CS 1.2, 2.2, 2.3

TIDAL POOLS - Beach combing tales, shells, skins & teeth, touch tank experiences, Herman Horseshoe Crab. Over seventy percent of the earth is covered by oceans - find out about some creatures that live in Long Island Sound.

Time Required: 1 – 1 ½ hours Grade Level K-3 CT Standard K.2, 1.2, 3.2

BUTTERFLY BASICS - Parts of an insect, metamorphosis, "the hungry little caterpillar". Come and see our CT butterflies. Students will learn the parts and life cycle of these beautiful critters. Take a walk to observe some in the wild.

Time Require: 1-1 ½ hours Grade Level K-3 CT standard K.2, 1.2, 1.3, 3.2

Summer Programs

Scout groups, Home school groups and other day camps may book programs during certain weeks during the summer break according to our summer camp schedule. Please see the spring programs and other programs that are available.

Fall Programs

GOING BATTY - Bat systems, friends or enemies, games, meet belfry. Learn about how bats survive, and their important role in our environment, as we discover their hunting technique and take the bat quiz! Time Required: 1 - 2 hours Grade Level - All CT Standard 3.2, 4.2, 5.1

INCREDIBLE INSECTS - insects, insects everywhere, arthropod architecture, secret signals, let's go bugging. A fun-filled way to learn about the largest group of creatures in the world and their amazing array of life styles. Time Required: 1 - 2 hours Grade Level 1-4 CT Standard 1.3

SEEDS AND PODS - transportation systems, colors and shapes, berry inks, acorn instruments. This activity is designed to focus on the diversity of Connecticut's plant life. It's a great time of year to discover thousands of seeds and the many ways plants have developed to travel. The varied color, shape, taste and texture will amaze you. Time Required: ½ to 1 ½ hours Grade Level K-6 CT Standard 2.2

FALL DISCOVERIES - rope games, scavenger hunt sensitivity, matching leaves, un-natural trail. How do plants and animals adapt to New England's winter climate? Take a close look around you using all the tools at hands. Learn how our senses may be used to discover nature. Time Required: ½ - 1 ½ hours Grade Level Pre-K - 3 CT Standard k.3

SURVIVOR - PRIMITIVE TECHNOLOGY -traditional fire building, shelters, wild foods, rope making. An emphasis will be placed on the diversity of natural materials which are still in use to create Native American tools and implements. Time Required: 1 - 2 hours Grade Level 5 CT Standard 5.4

Winter Programs

SKULLS AND SCATS - Dentition is the key, skull detectives, scatology studies. A thought - provoking presentation which will generate discussion about animal adaptation strategies and survival techniques. Time Required: 1 - 2 hours Grade Level: 3 - 6

TRICKY TRACKING - Digit Diversity, animal signs, making tracks, tracking games. First we'll discuss the many kinds of feet and their unique designs. Student will make their own animal tracks and while they dry we'll play a tracking game to complete the program. Time Required: 1 - 2 hours Grade Level 1 - 3

PUNK ROCKS - What's Pangaea, Crunching Continents, Munching Minerals, Recycling the crust? We'll begin with Plate Tectonics and provide a thorough and hands-on investigation of Igneous, Metamorphic and Sedimentary rocks. Our earth's geology is fascinating and fun in this class. Time Required: 2 hours Grade Level 3 - 6

MAPLE SYRUPING - Making spiles, identifying trees, tapping, cooking out. Have you ever tasted real maple syrup? Learn the process and how to make the tools you'll need to tap your own trees that will yield the best syrup ever. Please note, classes are limited due to environmental conditions. Sap and weather permitting, sessions will be held only during the last weeks of February and through March. Time Required: 2 hours Grade Level Pre K - 8

ANIMALS IN WINTER- What's going on in the woods? How do animals survive the winter? A felt board story of seasonal changes in the natural world. A visual exploration of the seasonal changes and the effect upon the wildlife living at the Ansonia Nature Center. Includes a nature walk. Time Required: ½ - hour Grade Level Pre K - 1

OWLS - ECO - INVESTIGATIONS - Food chains, producers & consumers, owl prowling to nest site, pellet prying, use your owl eyes. A fun filled class of surprise and discovery while learning of our illusive but common night time birds of prey. Meet our resident owl ambassadors. Time Required: 1 ½ - 2 hours Grade Level 3 - 6

Other Programs

- **The First Americans**
- **Survival**
- **Dinosaurs**
- **Pollution/Recycling**
- **Wild Edibles**
- **Poisonous Plants**
- **Animal Tracking**
- **CT Wildflowers**
- **Animal Rehabilitation**
- **Amazing Animals**
- **Seasonal Discoveries**
- **Cooperative Games**
- **Biodiversity**
- **Living Lightly on the Earth**
- **Wetlands**
- **Reptiles & Amphibians**
- **Soil Citizens**
- **Nature Trail Walks**
- **Spiders & Insects**
- **Tropical Rainforests**
- **Africa Power Point**
- **Bats**
- **Birds**
- **Owls**
- **.....and more.**

To schedule a programs please contact:

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