

Field Trip Program: Wildlife Adventures

At The North Carolina Arboretum

Animal biodiversity, interrelationships and needs are explored through hands-on activities and outdoor learning experiences. Students will learn about the types of wildlife found in the forests of Western North Carolina and the clues they leave behind. Young field biologists will grab a pair of binoculars to search for the birds, mammals and other animals that call our mountains home. Live animal demonstrations featuring the reptiles and amphibians housed in our youth education classroom is sure to be a highlight!

Principles:

- Wildlife species that occur in our area do so because their behavior and structures suit their environment.
- Many bird species occur in our region, each with their own individual coloration, song and behaviors.
- Reptiles and amphibians can be distinguished from one another based on physical characteristics, needs and life cycles.
- Animals only exist in areas where their habitat provides the air, water, food, shelter and space they require for survival.
- Humans can help wildlife populations by conserving resources and improving habitats.



Duration: 1.5 hours

Cost: \$6.00 per student/parent chaperone. Teachers with the school are free. Payment should be given to the instructor at the start of the program. A second program can be booked at a cost of an additional \$3.00 per student.

Months Offered: September-May.

NC Science Curriculum Goals:

Kindergarten: K.L.1.1, L.L.1.2,
First Grade: 1.L.1.1, 1.L.1.2, 1.L.2.2
Fourth Grade: 4.L.1.1, 4.L.1.2, 4.L.1.4

Starting Location: In front of the **Education Center** at the program start time (either 9:30 am or 12:00 pm) set upon booking the program. Groups arriving early may enjoy the property and facilities. Only school groups that have pre-registered for an exhibit visit may enter the exhibits at the Baker Exhibit Center.

What do my students need?

Students should wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather. A majority of the program will take place outdoors, so students, teachers and adult chaperones should wear sturdy footwear. Students with physical disabilities or limitations are capable of participating in the walk, but the instructor should be told prior to day of the program to make any special arrangements.

Want to schedule this program? Contact Michelle Pearce, Youth Education Coordinator, at mpearce@ncarboretum.org or (828) 665-2492 ext. 624