

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:

Participants	Visit Fee	Lunch Fee	Program Fee	Total Cost	Total Cost / Person
15-25	\$65	\$20	\$105	\$190	\$12.67 to \$7.60
26-50	\$65	\$20	\$210	\$295	\$11.34 to \$5.90
51- 75	\$95	\$20	\$315	\$430	\$8.43 to \$5.73
76-100	\$95	\$20	\$420	\$535	\$7.04 to \$5.35
101-120	\$150	\$20	\$525	\$695	\$6.88 to \$5.79

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** (unless told otherwise) at the program start time (either 9:30 am or 12:00 pm) set upon booking the program. It is recommended that groups arrive on property at least 15 minutes before the start of the program to ensure enough time to complete the program. Groups arriving early may enjoy the property and facilities.

What do my students need?

Students should wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather. The entirety of the program will take place outdoors, so students, teachers and adult chaperones should wear sturdy footwear. Students with accessibility needs are capable of participating in the program. Please notify the Coordinator prior to the day of the program to make any special arrangements.

Want to schedule this program? Contact Katie Gorman, at kgorman@ncarboretum.org or 828-828-567-3165 ext. 219 OR email Mel Henry at mlhenry@ncarboretum.org

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