Preschool Science and Nature Outreach Programs

Stimulate Science Learning

Expand your preschool’s science learning through guided discovery of the natural world!

Moose Hill’s naturalist will help children recognize some of the common creatures that live locally and will direct students in ways to categorize and compare living things. We incorporate Massachusetts’ science education objectives (S.T.E.M.) for preschoolers, encouraging curiosity while developing skills of observing, describing, and sorting.

By focusing on local nature, children develop a sense of place and an awareness of their natural surroundings. To engage your preschoolers, we may incorporate inquiry, manipulatives, storybooks, games, puppets, simple crafts, finger plays, and creative dramatics into the 30-minute programs. Programs start with a general introduction, (What is a forest? What is a reptile?) that then narrows on a specific plant or animal. Regular visits help children to understand seasonal changes and connections between natural things.

Each month, Moose Hill offers a specific topic within a more general theme. The monthly topics are on a three year rotation to accommodate children who are enrolled in your program for multiple years. You are not obligated to participate every month, but by booking multiple visits you will receive a significant discount!

Bring Nature Inside!

Preschoolers love to interact with our naturalists who sometimes dress as animals!

Fees and Scheduling

▲ 30-minute “Theme of the Month” program
Schedule 1 – 4 months: $60 per class
Schedule 5 – 12 months*: $55 per class
30-minute “Theme of your Choice” program
Schedule any number: $65 per class

▲ Class size: Programs are designed for a class of 18 so everyone to see and touch. Schedule us for back-to-back classes!

▲ Ages: 3 to 5. Programs are adapted to the age of the class. Those for fives are enhanced to include some different learning experiences and those for young threes can be shortened.

▲ Themes: Program topics change yearly!

▲ Additional fees: A surcharge will be applied to sites beyond a 30-minute drive and/or when the break between programs exceeds 1 hour.

▲ To schedule programs, call 781-784-5691 or email moosehilledu@massaudubon.org

*Year runs July 2015 – June 2016

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Preschool Theme of the Month

2015

July – Green and Growing
Terrific Trees – Learn how different animals use trees for food and shelter. Imaginative play takes kids through the life of a tree.

August – Backyard Visitors
Momma Opossum – Discover how mom opossums are like mom kangaroos. Play “Balance the Baby Opossum.”

September – Field Animals
Underground Groundhogs – Discover through sensory activities what life is like for a groundhog in an underground burrow.

October – Forest Animals
Deer on the Move – Feel a deer’s pelt and compare your teeth to a deer’s. Play a memory game, “What did Deer eat?”

November – Harvest Season
Native American Three Sisters - Listen to an Iroquois tale and then learn more about the three sisters through cooperative activities.

December – Soil
Earth-moving Earthworms – Touch (or just watch) a real earthworm. Listen to a worm puppet explain what earthworm do for nature without eyes, ears, and legs.

2016

January – Nocturnal Animals
Mighty Mice – Learn how a mouse’s senses are perfect for moving around at night. Play an owl and mouse predator and prey game.

Programs 2015 - 2016

February – Winter Survival
Life Over and Under the Snow – Learn about the life some animals lead out of sight, under the snow, all winter long.

March - Reptiles
Slithering Snakes – Move your body like a snake. Learn how special adaptations help snakes move, find food, and stay safe.

April – Amphibians
Silent Salamanders – Discover the differences between reptilian lizards and amphibian salamanders through tactile exploration. Create a salamander habitat.

May – Backyard Birds
Birds at the Feeder – Play games that teach you to identify songbirds by sight and sound while learning why they live in your yard.

June - Insects
Buzzing Honeybees – Act out the jobs of honeybees in the hive as they grow up. Play a flower pollination game.

July – Green and Growing
Bright Flowers – Play games that show you how flowers help animals...and how animals help flowers. Learn the life cycle of flowers and the simple parts of plants.

August – Backyard Visitors
Smelly Skunks – Discover why a skunk may find food and shelter in your backyard.

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Any Month Option
Seasonal Walk – Enjoy a guided walk along the edges of your school’s property. Focus is on sensory observations of the season.

Theme of your Choice
You may choose to do any of the preschool programs listed above on a different month or any of those listed below for our standard fee of $65 per 30-minute class.

Let us know if there is another topic you would like and we will create a program for you!

Frogs
Bats
Turkeys
Maple Sugaring
Owls
Reptile or Not
Turtles

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