



# Natural Selections

## Program Guide for Field Trips K-6<sup>th</sup> grade

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### REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

To schedule a program, please call 651-765-HANC (4262).

You will be asked to provide the following information: contact name, facility name, facility address and phone number, number of students, grade level(s), program(s) of choice, potential dates/times for scheduling, and any special needs.

### FEE INFORMATION:

Fees are \$4.50 per student (\$5.00 for 20-44 students, fees and times vary for groups of >45 students) with a \$55 minimum per group for a 1.5 hour program. Teachers and chaperones are free of charge. Please arrange for at least 1 adult chaperone per every 10p students to accompany your group. Cancellations must be made at least one week prior to a scheduled program or a \$25 fee will be charged.

### DIRECTIONS:

We are located in Roseville on the east side of Dale Street between County Roads B-2 and C, just 1/2 mile north of Highway 36.

Directions from 694: Go south on Lexington Avenue, then east on County Road C and south on Dale Street to the Nature Center (on your left.) Directions from Highway 36: Go north on Dale Street 1/2 mile to the Nature Center (on your right.)





## **FALL PROGRAMS** *September – November*



### ***A Bee's Life***

Get ready for a buzzing good time as you compare bee anatomy, practice bee jobs, and observe bee life up close with our indoor hive. (September and October only.)

### ***Trees Are Terrific!***

Explore the world of trees as you compare leaves and seeds, meet a tree up close, and discover why trees are important to people and other animals.

### ***Minnesota Harvest***

Discover the importance of wild rice in native cultures as you try out traditional threshing and winnowing methods and make an old-style toy to take home.

### ***Scales and Tails***

Sort and compare the unique traits of reptile, fish and amphibian bodies, discover how their lives differ, and meet some of our cold-blooded roommates.



## **SPRING PROGRAMS** *March - May*



### ***Winging It!***

Try out some beak models, match birds with their foods and play the Migration Game. Explore the amazing world of birds and how they manage the seasons.

### ***Habitat Hunt***

Imagine you're an animal trying to survive as you search for food, water and shelter, then explore our different habitat types to see what makes them unique.

### ***Weather Trackers***

Bask in the sun or dance in the rain as we identify clouds, practice using thermometers, estimate wind speeds, and challenge well-known weather "myths."

### ***Animal Architects***

Investigate some types of nests and nest-builders, compare the uses of nests, build and test your own nest, and search for animal nests and homes on our trails.



## **WINTER PROGRAMS** *December - February*



### ***Tricky Tracks***

Become nature detectives as you inspect animal clues, identify animal tracks, and solve hidden mysteries, then search our trails for evidence of nearby wildlife.

### ***Winter Wildlife***

Discover winter survival tactics used by Minnesota animals and compare the special behaviors and adaptations that help them survive our long, cold winters.

### ***Animal Tool Kits***

Investigate the world of vertebrate animals as you compare skulls, bones, teeth, claws & body coverings using our skull, bones and animal artifact collections.

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## **SUMMER PROGRAMS** *June - August*



### ***Marsh Magic***

Catch aquatic creatures and observe stages of metamorphosis, investigate marshland food webs, and hunt for animals and plants on our new boardwalk.

### ***Pollinator Puzzles***

Discover our most abundant animal pollinators – the insects! Review insect body parts, sing our insect song, then catch and compare insect samples outside.

### ***It's a Rottin' Life***

Explore under logs, dig in the dirt, and observe soil dwellers up close. Uncover why decomposers are supremely important to all ecosystems.

### ***Fruitful Flowers***

Discover the parts of a flower, examine plants that grow flowers, and find out the "secret" purpose of a flower, then take a hike and search for flowers on our trails.

***NOTE: Normal program lengths are 90 minutes (120 minutes for groups with 45+ students).***