Wild About Wildlife Guided Tour
Grade Level: 1st – 12th, 60 minutes
Learn more about native wild animals as you tour animal habitats and visit the red panda, fox, raccoon, cougar, bobcat, coyote, and wolf habitats. Natural science concepts such as behavioral adaptations, food chains, communication and other survival techniques can be covered. *Curriculum correlations vary; please request any topics to connect with your classwork.

Self Guided Visit
Available for any Grade Level
Discover the Nature Center at your own pace and use our animals and facilities to meet your own educational goals. Sketch the cougars, practice map reading skills, go on an animal alphabet search, or just have fun exploring! Age-appropriate scavenger hunts will be provided upon registration.

Cubs & Kits Programs: 30 minutes of Animal Fun for Pre-K
Colors of Nature (CD-11, CD-14, CD-15)
Green, brown, gold, and red; so many colors can be found in nature, and each color generally can tell us something special. Practice color matching, play a camouflage game, and appreciate the beauty of our natural world.

Our Five Senses (CD-1, CD-14, CD-15)
Sight, touch, taste, smell, and hearing: these are our five senses, but they are the same ones animals use. Compare your senses to those of different animals—look through compound eyes like an insect, identify by touch like a raccoon, smell like a snake and more!

Animal Story Time (LDC-8, CD-5, CD-14)
Counting, moving, sounds, and more; join us for fun stories, song singing, and wild games to learn about the wild and domestic animals of the Appalachians.

In-School Field Trip Programs
The WNC Nature Center offers in-school field trips within 50 miles of Asheville. Let our educator bring hands-on programs and living animal ambassadors to your classroom. Program descriptions available at: wildwnc.org/schools-home-schools. For reservations, please contact Tori Duval at education@wildwnc.org.

Field Trip Information
Go Wild! View over 60 species of native animals at our site (including river otter, black bear, red panda, cougar, red and gray wolf), enjoy the outdoors and get involved in STEAM, or we can come to you.

Opportunities for Groups of 10 or More Students:
• 30-60 Minute Guided Programs
• Self-Guided Visits
• In-School Field Trip Programs

All Guided Programs are available Monday through Friday, August – April; no programs are available in May. *In-School Programs and Self Guided Visits are available all year!

School Group Admission Fees*

Home School Groups (10+ children with reservation), Self Guided Visit:
• Buncombe County Home School (Pre-K-12th) $4.00 per student or adult
• Non-Buncombe Resident Home School $5.00 per student or adult

Public & Private Schools (10+ children with reservation), Self Guided Visit:
• Buncombe County Schools (Pre-K-12th) $4.00 per student or adult
• Non-Buncombe Resident Schools $5.00 per student or adult

Guided Program Fee (add this to the Admission Fee above)
• $1.00 per program per student/adult chaperone

*Membership benefits cannot be redeemed for free admission for students during group visits.

Guided Program Fee: $1-$2 per student. No additional costs or travel fees! Minimum $50 payment required to reserve a program for 10 to 150+ students.

To Schedule a Program
Please fill out the Reservation Request Form found on our website or call (828) 259-8081 to schedule your trip!

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### Discovery Programs: Interactive Nature Experiences in 30 minutes

#### Snakes and Turtles
Grade Level: K – 12th
What makes reptiles special? Explore the ecology and biology of turtles and snakes in this hands-on session. Compare and contrast native reptiles through discussion and age-appropriate games/activities. You’ll even get to meet a couple of our live animal ambassadors!

#### Wild Tales
Grade Level: K – 1st
Animals have been a part of stories from ancient legends to modern bedtime tales. Join us for a Cherokee story with an exploration of the natural history of the featured native animals. Students will take part in the tale and meet some living animal characters.

#### Masters of Metamorphosis
Grade Level: K – 2nd
Metamorphosis is a special way of growing up for insects and amphibians. Meet a live animal “metamorphosis master,” role play the life cycle of a butterfly, and sculpt a tadpole into a frog.

#### Down on the Farm
Grade Level: K – 4th
NC Essential Standards: K.L.1-2, 1.L.1, 2.L.1.1, 4.L.1.2-3
Discover the steps of wool production, play a sleuth game with farm clues, and be a bee in a pollination simulation. This adventure connects animals to agribusiness, food production, and even human culture. Teacher/chaperone participation required.

#### Nature At Night
Grade Level: 2nd – 6th
Nature doesn’t go to sleep at night – owls, opossums, and a whole different cast of animals come out after the sun goes down. Analyze unique survival adaptations such as camouflage, hearing, sight, and echolocation as you compare your senses with those of local nocturnal animals.

#### Pollinator Partnerships
Grade Level: 3rd – 5th
NC Essential Standards: 3.L.2.1, 4.L.1.2, 5.L.2.3
Do you enjoy apples, tomatoes, or blueberries? If so, you can thank a pollinator! Learn all about the insects, birds, and other animals whose mutually beneficial relationship with certain flowers produce the fruits and seeds that we and many other animals enjoy.

#### Tools and Turtles
Grade Level: 3rd – 8th
NC Essential Standards: 3.L.1, 4.L.1.4, 5.L.2.1, 7.L.1.4, 8.3.L.1, 8.5.L.1
Want to be a veterinarian? There’s a lot to learn about animals, but you also need to learn the right tools. Discover some of the implements ‘vets’ use and how to take measurements, practice your skills on a model turtle, and meet a live turtle ambassador.

### Investigation Programs*: Hands-on Animal Science in 60 minutes

#### Crafting A Habitat
Grade Level: K – 1st
NC Essential Standards: K.L.1.2, 1.L.1.1, 1.L.2.2
What does an animal really need? Take a mini-tour to analyze how the Nature Center designs habitats for some of our resident animals. Students will then put their creativity to the test by working in teams to construct their own model habitats.

#### Life Cycles
Grade Level: 2nd
NC Essential Standards: 2.L.1.1-2
Investigate metamorphosis and other changes animals experience as they grow. Match the stages of various animals from newborn to adult, observe and sketch a living life cycle, and role play the life cycle of a bird.

#### Locomotion: Anatomy and Physiology
Grade Level: 3rd
NC Essential Standards: 3.L.1.1
Examine animal movement through multiple stations. Compare and contrast anatomical differences between animal species. Move like an animal to discover the various muscle groups within our body. Calculate how far animals travel in our Migration Map challenge. Create an animal’s story using tracks.

#### “Dirt” and Decomposers
Grade Level: 1st – 3rd
NC Essential Standards: 1.E.2, 3.L.2.4
Get the “dirt” on soil. Investigate the living and nonliving components of soil, compare different types of soil, and discern the who, how and why of decomposition. You’ll even get to meet a few living soil residents.

#### Avian Attributes
Grade Level: 4th
NC Essential Standards: 4.L.1.2, 4.L.1.4
Examine the world of birds to explore how animals’ adaptations help them survive. Students observe and analyze a live raptor and then work collaboratively to construct a unique species from a mix of bird heads, bodies, and feet, plus describe the habitat needs of their animal creation.

#### Zoo Ecosystems
Grade Level: 5th
NC Essential Standards: 5.L.2.1-3
How do we recreate a habitat for a wild animal? Go behind the scenes to see how we create homes for our resident animals accounting for biotic, abiotic, and human factors, then work collaboratively to design your own habitat for species that could live at the Center in the future.

#### Prehistoric Appalachians
Grade Level: 4th – 8th
NC Essential Standards: 4.E.2, 8.E.2, 8.L.4.1
Red panda, tapir, alligator, and rhino - not species you’d expect to find here today, but all are found as fossils in our region. Explore how fossils are formed, the tools and methods scientists use to study fossils, and what fossils can tell us about the prehistoric Appalachians.

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* All Investigation Programs require teacher/chaperone participation.