



WNC Nature Center
Academic Guide 2022-2023
 828-259-8081 wildwnc.org

Field Trip Information

Go Wild! View over 60 species of native animals at our site including river otter, black bear, red panda, red and gray wolf, barn owl, box turtle, and cougar. Enjoy the outdoors and get involved in STEAM, or we can come to you. Reservations are required.

Opportunities for Groups of 10 or More Students

- Onsite Guided Programs
- Onsite Self-guided Visits
- Outreach Programs
- Distance Learning Virtual Programs



Guided programs are available Monday through Friday, September-April; no guided programs are available May-August. Outreach programs, distance learning programs, and self-guided visits are available all year.

All opportunities are subject to change based on public health guidelines

Distance Learning Virtual Programs

(limit 30 participants per program) 30-45 minutes

Cost: Public and homeschool groups - \$50 for first program, \$25 for any additional programs
 Private schools and other facilities - \$75 for first program, \$25 for any additional programs

- Run, Slither, Swim (K):** K.P.1.2, K.L.1.2
- From Eggs to Legs (K-2nd):** K.L.1.2, 1.L.1.1, 2.L.1.1, 2.L.1.2
- Match the Life Cycle (1-3rd):** 2.L.1.1, 2.L.1.2
- Animal Inventors (1-5th):** 1.L.1.1, 1.L.1.2, 1.L.2.2, EX.2.L.1.1, EX.2.L.1.2, EX.2.L.2.1, EX.2.L.2.2, EX.4.L.1.1, EX.4.L.1.4, 5.L.2.1
- Food Webs (4-6th):** 4.L.1.1, 5.L.2.1, 5.L.2.3, 6.L.2.1
- Ask A Zookeeper (K-12th)**
- What's On The Menu? (K-6th)**

Virtual auditorium programs are also available. Please contact education@wildwnc.org for information and booking.



Program descriptions are available at wildwnc.org/schools-groups/

Nature Center Admission Fees (Pre-k through College)
10+ students & reservation required

Homeschool Groups (Self-guided)

- City of Asheville Homeschool: \$4 per student or adult
- Non-city resident Homeschool: \$5 per student or adult

Public & Private Schools (Self-guided)

- City of Asheville Schools: \$4 per student or adult
- Non-city resident Schools: \$5 per student or adult

School staff (teachers, aides, professional bus drivers) are free

Guided Program Fee (add this to the Admission Fee above)

- \$1 per program per student or adult chaperone

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

Onsite Programs

Guided Tours: Visiting animal habitats on interactive outdoor tours
~60 minutes

Animal Comparisons (K): K.L.1.1-2

Habitats (1st): 1.L.1.1-3, 1.L.2.1-2

Life Cycles (2nd): 2.L.1.1-2

Animal Movement (3rd): 3.L.1.1

Adaptations (4th): 4.L.1.1-2,4

Zoo Ecosystems (5th): 5.L.2.1-3

Ecosystem Interactions (6-12th): 6.L.2.1,3; 8.L.4; EEn.2.7.1-3; Bio.2.1.3

Career Exploration (6-12th)



Discovery Programs: Interactive classroom experiences
~30 minutes

Snakes and Turtles (K-12th): K.L.1.1, 1.L.2.2, 2.L.1.1, 3.L.1.1, 4.L.1.2, 5.L.1.2, 6.L.2.3, 7.L.1.4, 8.L.3.2

Masters of Metamorphosis (K-2nd): K.L.1.2, 1.L.2.2, 2.L.1.1-2

Nature At Night (2-6th): 2.P.1.2, 3.L.1.2, 4.L.1.4, 5.L.2.3, 6.L.2.3

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,

Investigation Programs: Hands-on classroom based animal science
~60 minutes (teacher/chaperone participation required)

Crafting A Habitat (K-1st): K.L.1.2, 1.L.1.1, 1.L.2.2

Life Cycles (2nd): 2.L.1.1-2

Locomotion (3rd): 3.L.1.1

Zoo Ecosystems (5th): 5.L.2.1-3

Prehistoric Appalachians (4-8th): 4.E.2, 8.E.2, 8.L.4.1



Outreach Programs

(limit 30 participants per program) 30-60 minutes

Cost: \$2/participant with a minimum of \$50 per visit

Run, Slither, Swim (Pre-K-K): APL-3, APL-4, HPD-4, LDC-8, K.P.1.2

From Eggs to Legs (Pre-K-2nd): APL-8, LDC-8, CD-14, K.L.1.2, 1.L.1.2

Fact or Myth (K-5th): K.L.1, 1.L.1, 2.L.2.2, 4.L.1, 1.H.1.2

Forest Sounds (K-5th): 1.L.1.1, 4.L.1.2, 5.L.2.3

Animal Habitats (K-5th): 1.L.1.1-2, 1.L.2.2, 2.L.1.1-2, 5.L.2.1, 5.L.2.3

Catch A Question (2-6th grade)

Reptiles: 2.L.1.1, 2.L.1.2, 4.L.1.2, 4.L.1.3, 5.L.2.3

Amphibians: 2.L.1.1, 2.L.1.2, 4.L.1.2, 4.L.1.3, 5.L.2.3

Insects: 2.L.1.1, 2.L.1.2, 4.L.1.3, 5.L.2.3

Mammals: 2.L.1.1, 4.L.1.2, 4.L.1.3, 5.L.2.3

Animals After Dark (4-8th): 4.L.1.2, 4.L.1.3, 5.L.2.3, 6.L.2.3, 8.L.3.2

Owl Pellet Dissection (6-8th): 6.L.2, 8.L.3 (additional materials fee)

Tracks and Scat (6-8th): 6.L.2, 8.L.3

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