



# WNC Nature Center Academic Guide 2023-2024

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## 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, eastern box turtle, and barn owl. 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.*



### 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 program descriptions and reservation requests are available at [wildwnc.org/schools-groups/](http://wildwnc.org/schools-groups/)**

## Onsite Programs (at the WNC Nature Center)

Choose from a Guided Tour or Creature Feature

**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

**Locomotion (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)**

**Wild About Wildlife (homeschool groups with mixed ages)**

**Choose Your Own Adventure (undergraduate and graduate groups)**



**Creature Feature:** Interactive classroom experiences with live animals  
~30 minutes

**Two species (reptiles and amphibians only) will be featured with natural history and ecology concepts related to grade-level specific curriculum correlations. Biofacts will be present for students to explore and touch. *Animals cannot be touched and we are not able to take requests for specific species.***

## **Outreach Programs** (at your site)

(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



Outreach auditorium programs are also available. Please contact [education@wildwnc.org](mailto:education@wildwnc.org) for information and reservations.



## **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)**

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