

Little Rock Audubon Center Program Options 2016-2017 Academic Year



Field trips are typically offered Monday-Friday, 9:30am-2:00pm.
Cost: 1-15 students= \$5/student, 16-40 students= \$4/student, 41-75 students= \$3/student

Program options include:

Birding 101- The students would be introduced to bird identification by learning how to use binocular and identifying common backyard birds on a practice trail walk.

Birds and Climate Change- 314 North American bird species are threatened by climate change. Students will learn about climate change and some of Arkansas's key threatened bird species like the Mallard Duck and Eastern Whip-poor-whil.

Fourche Creek- Students will learn about Little Rock's urban creek, its watershed, and its battles with trash and pollution. Students will identify their impact on the creek and how they can decrease their impact.

Litter Critters- The students will learn about decomposers and why they are an important part of every ecosystem. Activities will include examining specimens with hand lenses and microscopes and collecting leaf litter. (Seasonal- available March through September only)

Little Rock Audubon Center wildlife signs- Using displays and specimens of tracks, scat, nests, etc., the students will learn about the signs left by different types of animals. The lesson will include an outdoor walk to look for wildlife signs and will culminate with a 'Make-a-Track' activity using track replicas from native Arkansas wildlife.

Migration- Using specific Arkansas bird species to guide them, students will learn about the ins and outs of migration. Why do birds migrate? What challenges do they face?

Native Insects- The students will learn to confront their misconceptions about insects and learn about their role in the environment focusing on their interaction with habitat and wildlife.

Nature Journaling- Nature journaling is an excellent tool to help students learn how to observe in a natural environment through writing and drawing. The students would make their own journals or be provided with journals for this lesson.

Owl ID and Owl Pellet Dissection- The students will extend their knowledge about backyard bird identification to Arkansas birds of prey, particularly the Barn Owl. The diet of birds of prey will be demonstrated through an owl pellet dissection.

The Incredible Journey- The Incredible Journey is an interactive game that takes the students on a 'journey' through the water cycle. The students create a water cycle bracelet as they move through the game that marks each stop on their journey.

Trail Discovery Stations- The students will be taken on guided nature walks with planned 'discovery stops' designed to make them aware of specific habitat components.

Tree ID The students will learn why forest ecosystems are special and some of the differences that exist between upland and bottomland forests. They will also to identify the common trees of the area by their leaf shape. (Seasonal- available March through September only)

What is a Habitat?- The students will learn about the components of a habitat (e.g. food, water, shelter, space) and how these components impact an organism's survival through a series of habitat games. They will walk away from the activity with a working definition of 'habitat.'

If you have any questions, please contact Uta Meyer, Youth Programs Manager, at 501-244-2229 or umeyer@audubon.org.