

# MCKNIGHT OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOL GROUPS

Located on the west bank of the Scioto River at Griggs Reservoir, McKnight Outdoor Education Center offers environmental education and outdoor skills programs through the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. Nature trails, caves, creeks and the Scioto River form the backdrop for your students to explore and discover the many wonders of nature.

## PICK A PROGRAM

- Check out our list of programs for descriptions and Ohio Science Standards that are covered by different programs.
- When you schedule a program, let us know what you are hoping to learn in the program and what you are studying in the classroom so that we can be sure to fit your needs.

## BUILD A PROGRAM

- We offer additional programs and can customize programs to fit the needs of your group.
- Please call for details and program information.

## AT MCKNIGHT

### SCHOOLS WITHIN COLUMBUS CITY LIMITS

One hour program, per class: \$56

### SCHOOLS OUTSIDE OF COLUMBUS CITY LIMITS

One hour program, per class: \$70

## AT YOUR SCHOOL

### SCHOOLS WITHIN COLUMBUS CITY LIMITS

One hour program, per class: \$70

### SCHOOLS OUTSIDE OF COLUMBUS CITY LIMITS, IN FRANKLIN AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES

One hour program, per class: \$80

## SCHEDULING INFORMATION

- Programs are offered September through May for students in kindergarten to eighth grade.
- Programs must be booked a minimum of two weeks in advance.
- Reservations can be made up to 12 months prior to your event.
- Full payment is due within two weeks from booking. A signed contract is due before the time of attendance.
- **Contact us by email at [outdooreducation@columbus.gov](mailto:outdooreducation@columbus.gov), or by phone at 614-645-3380 to schedule a program.**



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**COLUMBUS**  
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RECREATION AND PARKS  
DEPARTMENT

**MCKNIGHT OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER**  
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| PROGRAMS  | DESCRIPTIONS   | OHIO STANDARDS                         |
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| <b>Bug Out</b><br><i>(Weather Per-<br/>           mitting)</i>      | Join us as we investigate the world of insects and what makes them unique. Discover how insects can be beneficial to humans and in nature! Students will go outside for an insect hunt.  | <u>Life Sciences:</u><br>K, 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| <b>Reptiles</b>   | In this hands on activity, we will introduce students to some of our reptile friends and discover what characteristics make reptiles unique and different. Students will go outside to learn first hand what it takes to be an ectotherm!  | <u>Life Sciences:</u><br>K, 1, 2       |
| <b>Feathered Friends</b>  | Explore the characteristics that make birds unique and how they differ from each other. Students will go on a hike to look for birds, bird nests, and gather nest building materials to try their hand at constructing a bird nest of their own <i>or</i> learn why different birds have beaks in a hands on activity. | <u>Life Sciences:</u><br>K, 1, 2, 3    |
| <b>Track- It</b>  | If there are animals in the forest why don't we always see them? Students will learn about the signs animals leave behind and how to use their observational skills during a hike to discover what animals live in our forest.   | <u>Life Sciences:</u><br>K, 2          |
| <b>Getting Ready for Winter</b><br><i>(Winter Only)</i>             | How do animals survive the long cold winters in Ohio? Students will discover what animals do to get ready for winter and how they spend the winter months. Find out which animals migrate and which animals truly hibernate! Includes a hands on experiment to test the effects of winter.                             | <u>Life Sciences:</u><br>K, 1, 2       |
| <b>Fossil Fun</b>   | What is a fossil? How was it made? Students will make their own "fossil" then search outside and in the stream bed to find ancient fossils.  | <u>Life Sciences:</u><br>2, 4          |
| <b>Stream Study</b><br><i>(Weather Per-<br/>           mitting)</i> | Grab your nets and buckets and prepare to get your feet wet as we discover what lives in a water habitat. What can these critters tell us about the water? Believe it or not, they can tell us if it's healthy! <i>Students will get wet during this program!</i>  | <u>Life Sciences:</u><br>K, 1, 2, 4    |
| <b>Beaver Tales</b><br><i>(Weather Per-<br/>           mitting)</i> | Beavers are truly the most amazing architects around! Students will discover the remarkable adaptations of this busy rodent then go out to the stream and attempt to create a dam just like a beaver. <i>Students will get wet during this program!</i>  | <u>Life Sciences:</u><br>K, 2, 3       |