

PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOL GROUPS

Located on the west bank of the Scioto River at Griggs Reservoir, the McKnight Outdoor Education Center offers conservation education and adventure recreation programs through the Columbus Recreation & Parks Department. Nature trails, caves, creeks, and the Scioto River offer the perfect space for your students to explore and learn about the natural world.

PICK A PROGRAM

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

AT MCKNIGHT

SCHOOLS WITHIN COLUMBUS CITY LIMITS

One hour program, per class: \$90

SCHOOLS OUTSIDE OF COLUMBUS CITY LIMITS

One hour program, per class: \$100

AT YOUR SCHOOL

SCHOOLS WITHIN COLUMBUS CITY LIMITS

One hour program, per class: \$100

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

One hour program, per class: \$110

SCHEDULING INFORMATION

- Programs are offered September through May for students in kindergarten to eighth grade.
- Programs must be booked a minimum of one month in advance.
- Reservations can be made up to 12 months prior to your program.
- Full payment is due the day of your field trip. A signed contract is due before the time of attendance.
- **Contact us by email at outdooreducation@columbus.gov, or by phone at 614-645-3380 to schedule a program.**



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PROGRAMS	DESCRIPTIONS	OHIO STANDARDS
Bug Out <i>(Weather Permitting)</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.	Life Sciences: K, 2, 3, 4, 5
Reptiles	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!	Life Sciences: K, 1, 2
Birds	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 or learn why different birds have beaks in a hands on activity.	Life Sciences: K, 1, 2, 3
Track - It	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.	Life Sciences: K, 2
Getting Ready for Winter <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.	Life Sciences: K, 1, 2
Fossils	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.	Life Sciences: 2, 4
Stream Study <i>(Weather Permitting)</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! Students will get wet during this program!	Life Sciences: K, 1, 2, 4
Leave No Trace	Explore the principles of responsible outdoor recreation through hands on activities and engaging discussion. Students will learn how to minimize their impact on nature. This program fosters a deeper appreciation for the environment and helps us learn why it is important to preserve natural spaces.	Life Sciences: 5, 7