

If you can't find a topic or program that meets your needs, please give us a call. The naturalists at the Beaver Meadow Audubon Center are very knowledgeable in nature topics and can design a program that meets your curriculum needs.

Powerpoint presentations on a variety of topics are also available for adult groups. Call for more information or to receive a list of these programs.

To Schedule a program or to get more information, call us at (800) 377-1520 or email us at keller@buffaloaudubon.org.

**Visitor Center hours:
Tuesday—Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 1-5pm
Closed Mondays and major holidays**

**Online calendar at :
www.BeaverMeadow.org**

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS



*Nature at
its Best!*

Outreach Programs

Outreach programs can be tailored to fit the needs of any age group, from preschool children to seniors. Groups of 20-30 individuals make for the best programs, many of which include hands-on activities. Groups of more than 30 participants can be accommodated with an auditorium presentation for \$2.50 per student. (Topic dependent) Programs usually last from 45 minutes to an hour, but are flexible.

Fees

Groups Size: Up to 30 participants

\$75.00 per program, except:

\$100.00 for live reptile, amphibian, or insect program

\$150.00 for live birds of prey program

*A mileage fee is charged to any site over 35 miles away.

*Discount available for 2 or more programs scheduled during a single visit.

Tours at Beaver Meadow

A tour at Beaver Meadow is made up of a gentle ecology walk, followed by a stop at our Visitor Center. Our knowledgeable staff and volunteers will teach the group of 10-15 individuals all about the natural world around them. Handicap trails are available for those in wheelchairs.

Fees

\$5.00 per person

\$50.00 for groups of 10 people or less

*The Maximum group size is 120 people. A non-refundable \$50 deposit is required, which will be applied to the cost of your tour.

Minimum charge \$50

Overnights

Our overnight program lets groups of up to 25 participants experience both the day and night aspects of Beaver Meadow. Scheduled activities include guided nature walks, a show and tell session with our resident reptiles, amphibians and insects, and a variety of nature games and other activities.

Fees

\$12.00 per person. Minimum \$120.00

Audubon Day Programs

Audubon Day programs are perfect for school groups. These programs serve multiple classes with a variety of topics. Three or four classes will rotate through a number of 30-45 minute stations. Programs can be conducted at Beaver Meadow or at a location of your choosing. (A local park or natural area, for example.)



Fees

Four Hour Day Program

3 classes/instructors

\$6.00 per person

4 classes/instructors

\$7.00 per person

Minimum charge \$75

Scout Programs

Scouts of all ages and sexes can work on service projects, patches, badges or other rank advancements. We offer Merit Badge workshops throughout the year for boy scouts. We also offer projects for Eagle Scouts, Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards.

Fees

2 hour

\$5 per scout

3 hour

\$6 per scout

4 hour

\$7 per scout

Minimum charge \$50 per group

Seasonal Adventures

Project Maple Sugaring

Location: Outdoor, On Site

Ages: 1st grade—adult

Your group will learn the history of maple sugaring from the Native Americans through today. Since this is a long program the fee is \$6 per person with a minimum of 10 people.

**Available in February & March only*

Snowshoe Adventure

Location: Outdoor, On Site or Outreach

Ages: 1st grade—adult

Anyone can snowshoe! An Audubon naturalist will share the history of snowshoes and then lead you on a hike and play snowshoe games. We provide the snowshoes

** Snow requirements and temperatures apply*

Exploration Hike

Location: Outdoor, On Site or Outreach

Ages: all

Even if your site has only a small patch of grass, there is much to discover. Winter time can even include a snowshoe hike.

Indoor Exploration Hike

Location: Indoor, On Site or Outreach

Ages: all

We will allow you to use your imagination as we explore the many natural items that our naturalist will present to the group.

Survival Skills Workshop

Location: Outdoor, On Site or Outreach

Ages: 3rd grade—adult

Learn about survival priorities and build a primitive shelter.

Concepts Covered:

- 🐾 Survival priorities
- 🐾 Working in a group
- 🐾 Plant Identification

Creepy Crawlies

Location: Indoor or Outdoor, On Site or Outreach

Ages: all

Your group will explore the miniature world of insects with live and preserved specimens.

Concepts Covered:

- 🐾 Bugs vs. beetles
- 🐾 Exoskeleton

Hands-On Wildlife Study

Location: Indoor or Outdoor, On Site or Outreach

Ages: all

Your group will have the opportunity to handle many different animal pelts, skulls and bones from local wildlife. With help from our naturalist, they will figure out just who these remains belong to, and in the process, discover how they lived.

Concepts Covered:

- 🐾 Hibernation
- 🐾 Animal adaptations
- 🐾 Carnivore/Herbivore/Omnivore
- 🐾 Predator/prey relationships
- 🐾 Habitat



Tracking the Food Web

Location: Indoor or Outdoor, On Site or Outreach

Ages: 3rd grade—adult

The group will work together to complete a puzzle; each piece a track to identify, and the finished image will show the importance of each animal in the food web.

Concepts Covered:

- 🐾 Tracking
- 🐾 Habitat
- 🐾 Food webs and chains
- 🐾 Carnivore/herbivore/omnivore

*Native American Life & Lore

Location: Indoor or Outdoor, On Site or Outreach

Ages: 3rd grade—adult

Our naturalist will bring in an array of Iroquois artifacts, making history and nature come alive while playing historic games and sharing Iroquois stories.

Concepts Covered:

- 🐾 Iroquois customs & daily life

*Auditorium Setting \$400



Native American Stories available as a separate program.



The Hidden World of the Pond

Location: Indoor or Outdoor, On Site

Ages: all

Cadisflies, dragonflies, turtles and frogs all call a pond their home. Our naturalist will bring live animals such as these to your site, creating a vivid picture of the intricate web that is a pond.

Concepts Covered:

- 🐾 Wetland ecology
- 🐾 Food chains
- 🐾 Metamorphosis

*Available from May through September

*Amazing Adaptations

Location: Indoor or Outdoor, On Site or Outreach

Ages: 3rd grade—adult

By dressing up in different costumes your group will discover why animals are built a certain way, and what might happen if they weren't.

Concepts Covered:

- 🐾 Animal adaptations
- 🐾 Competition
- 🐾 Nocturnal vs. diurnal

* Auditorium Setting \$400

Field to Forest: An Ecosystem Exploration

Location: Outdoor, On Site

Ages: 3rd grade—adult

Our naturalist will explain what makes a habitat and then send you out into different habitats to discover what animals and plants can be found there. Become a scientist and enjoy exploring nature.

Concepts Covered:

- 🐾 Ecosystems
- 🐾 Niche

*Available from April through October

Cold Blooded Critters

Location: Indoor or Outdoor, On Site or Outreach

Ages: all

Bringing along a menagerie of live reptiles and amphibians, our naturalist will illustrate just what separates us from our cold blooded cousins and how these animals live.

Concepts Covered:

- 🐾 Ectothermic vs. Endothermic
- 🐾 Metamorphosis

Turtle World

Location: Indoor or Outdoor, On Site or Outreach

Ages: all

Bringing along a menagerie of live turtles and turtle bio-facts, our naturalist will teach you all about these fascinating reptiles.

Concepts Covered:

- 🐾 Adaptations

Nature in Action

Location: Indoor or Outdoor, On Site or Outreach

Ages: 1st —6th grade

Learn about nature by playing a variety of games.

Concepts Covered:

- 🐾 Food webs
- 🐾 Carrying capacity
- 🐾 Animal adaptations
- 🐾 Predator/prey relationships
- 🐾 Competition

Alternative Energy

Location: Indoor or Outdoor, On Site or Outreach

Ages: 3rd grade—adult

We will show you new technologies in wind and solar power and demonstrate how to create energy with these renewable resources.

*Birds of Prey

Location: Indoor or Outdoor, On Site or Outreach

Ages: all

Our naturalist will bring the world of raptors into your classroom. This program can be done with or without live birds.

Concepts Covered:

- 🐾 Avian adaptations
- 🐾 Bird identification
- 🐾 Anatomy
- 🐾 Predator/prey relationships
- 🐾 Migration
- 🐾 Ornithology

*Auditorium Setting \$700



*Owl Ecology

Location: Indoor or Outdoor, On Site or Outreach

Ages: all

Our naturalist will bring the world of owls into your classroom. This program can be done with or without live birds.

Concepts Covered:

- 🐾 Avian adaptations
- 🐾 Owl identification
- 🐾 Anatomy
- 🐾 Predator/prey relationships

*Auditorium Setting \$700



All About Skunks

Location: Indoor or Outdoor, On Site or Outreach

Ages: 1st —6th grade

Games, biofact and more will bring this interesting creature to life for your group. Facts about this odiferous animal will be revealed in this program.

Concepts Covered:

- 🐾 Skunk ecology
- 🐾 Defense and camouflage



Recycle Dude

Location: Indoor or Outdoor, On Site or Outreach

Ages: all

Let Recycle Dude teach you all about the 3 R's to help cut back on our waste. Fun activities will enforce the concepts taught.

Concepts Covered:

- 🐾 conservation

