



Cleveland Metroparks®

MOBILE OUTREACH

SCHOOL & GROUP PROGRAM GUIDE



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Cleveland Metroparks offers a wide variety of programs that align with Ohio's Learning Standards and are taught by our trained professional educators.

SCHEDULING A PROGRAM

Reservations are required for all school and group programs and must be made at least two weeks in advance (3 months is preferred). **Programs are free of charge for schools and groups within Cuyahoga County and Hinckley Township**, unless otherwise noted.

To schedule a program:

Call 216-341-1707, email mobileoutreach@clevelandmetroparks.com with the following information or fill out a program request at clevelandmetroparks.com/RequestaProgram

1. Program choice(s)
2. Preferred and alternate dates and times and location
3. School/group name, address, phone number, email and contact person
4. Grade/age level and number of people in your group (10-student minimum)
5. Any special needs of the group

Programs at your school/location

We can visit your location in the park district (Cuyahoga County and Hinckley Township) for free. We do not offer programs outside of the park district. Programs at your location must have a minimum of 10 people or 3 classes if we are bringing the mobile classroom.

Custom Programs

Many programs can be customized to meet your needs. Looking for something other than what is offered in the program guide? Call to discuss options.

Preschool Lending Kits

- Classroom lending kits are based on the PreK-Kindergarten program topics listed in this guide. Each kit aligns with Ohio's Early Learning Standards. Each kit contains activities and materials for 1 teacher and 25 students. Call to learn how to borrow a free lending kit.

Community Engagement

- Please call to discuss the Mobile Outreach unit attending your events, festivals or parades.
- Community events must be in Cuyahoga County or Hinckley Township.

Educator Workshops

- Mobile Outreach staff are Ohio Certified Instructors for early childhood educator workshop offerings through The Ohio Child Care Resources and Referral Association (OCCRRA) and can offer credit to in-service educators.
- Minimum of 10 people per workshop
- Call to discuss scheduling a workshop

ADA Statement

Cleveland Metroparks staff can adapt many programs to be accessible to anyone who would like to participate, assuming they meet the essential eligibility criteria. Reasonable accommodation can also be provided. Please make a request at the time of registration but no later than 72 business hours prior to the program. Contact us at 216-341-1707.



PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Animal Adaptations

Animals have body structures that influence their survival. Using pelts, animal mounts and other display materials, students will make observations and comparisons between different physical characteristics to gain a better understanding of key terms such as adaptations, camouflage and warning colors.

Animal Homes & Habitats

Learn the difference between a home and a habitat and how needs play an important part in where animals can live. Students will explore different habitats and discover some of the animals found there using magnetic pictures, animal mounts and pelts.

Investigating Insects

Take a glimpse into the diverse and exciting lives of insects! Discover what is and is not an insect, the significant role they have in nature, their life cycles and much more.



Plants and their Parts

Using hands-on activities, explore the basic needs and life cycle of plants. Students will discover how plants grow, learn to identify their parts and determine what part of plants people and animals use.

Weather in the Seasons

Students will learn about the weather and how it changes throughout the year. Using simple weather tools and a song, we will introduce key vocabulary words including wind, temperature and precipitation. We will also explore the weather conditions on the program day.

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1st GRADE

Physical Needs

Students will learn that animals have basic needs met by obtaining materials from their environment. They will recognize that seasonal changes impact the availability of certain resources.



2nd GRADE

Environmental Interactions

In this lesson, students will explore simple interactions between the biotic (living) and abiotic (nonliving) parts of an ecosystem. They will discover how living things change their environment and how these changes can happen quickly or slowly.



3rd GRADE

Animal Forms & Functions

Through observation of life cycles, students will discover how an animal's physical traits and behavior allow it to function in its environment. Some of these traits and behaviors can be beneficial for survival and others may be harmful.



4th GRADE

Instincts & Behavior

Animals migrate for many reasons, in this lesson students will identify environmental changes that can affect an animal's behavior, which could be beneficial for survival or harmful.



5th GRADE

Food Chain/Food Web: Energy Flow

Living things use energy every day. Students will trace the sun's energy as it flows through an ecosystem from producer to decomposer.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR WORKSHOPS

Workshops align with Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRRA) training codes for the Ohio Professional Registry. These workshops will be offered at your location or one of our centers.

Creating Your Nature Toolkit (AT111813) (1.5 hrs.)

The natural world is all around us, but how can we plan a lesson around it? Participants will use materials to build a toolkit that can be used inside and outside their classroom to explore nature. With simple activities adapted for various settings, you can feel confident in leading your students on a nature-based exploration.

Tips & Tricks for Exploring Nature! (AT117007) (1.5 hrs.)

Are you ready to explore nature with preschoolers? Having a place to start makes it easier. Participants will develop materials that can be used with their students to explore nature. These kid-tested tips and tricks that can be adapted for various settings will have you ready for exploration!

Nature Literacy (AT119471) (1.5 hrs.)

Natural history is an excellent topic for preschool literature. But which books should we use? Participants will explore a variety of books and activities that coincide with the theme and incorporate math, science, art, music and a snack. Themes include insects, birds, mammals, rocks and more!

Nature Literacy 2nd Edition (AT122713) (1.5 hrs.)

This workshop is a sequel to Nature Literacy (above). We have created all new topics and activities to coincide with some of our favorite nature books. Explore the world of owls, plants, mammals, along with some fun adventures that can help bring them to life in your classroom.

Growing Up WILD (AT120549 – 1.5 hrs.) (AT117738 – 3 hrs.) (AT117736 - 6 hrs.)

Growing Up WILD is an early childhood education program that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. Through a wide range of activities and experiences, Growing Up WILD provides an early foundation for developing positive impressions about the natural world and lifelong social and academic skills.



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