

## In-School Year Round Programs

We're so glad you're considering Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust for a program at your school. We have a variety of environmental education programs for Pre-K through grade 5. Engaging in school programs help bring students' science books to life! The programs are taught by talented, experienced educators and adapted specifically to the appropriate grade level. They include opportunities for vocabulary building, journal entries, and hands-on experiences with natural materials. All programs are available during school hours or after school.

**Animal Classification** - The adaptations of animals help young scientists to classify. Students learn the basics of identifying different types of vertebrates native to New England, how they find food, and escape from predators. Vocabulary reinforcements for classification included.

**Feathered Friends** - An introduction to the world of birds, their habitats, distinguishing characteristics and migratory habits. Vocabulary expands as students learn to identify the various parts of a bird through feathers, beaks and feet. Nesting behaviors and flight patterns will be discussed. Discover how resourceful birds are through investigating their nests.



**The Five Senses** - Imagine seeing with compound eyes, hearing with rabbit ears, or smelling as a fly! What a difference antennae make when you're small, and noses make when you are tall! Students understand eye and ear placement as an indicator for herbivores or carnivores and begin to realize that all creatures depend on their senses to survive!

**Habitat Hunt** - What does it take to support different types of animal life... food, water, shelter, space and sun? How do animals needs compare to ours? Students learn about the important relationship between animals and their habitats through food-web games and other fun activities.

**Incredible Insects** - Insects of Connecticut are our specialty. Through scavenger hunts and educational games, students will become familiar with insect anatomy and the function of each body part. They will compare insect anatomy with their own as they learn to respect these fascinating critters!

**Mammal Mania** - Why don't mammals need a raincoat? And, where do they live? Students will learn about the common characteristics, understand the difference between an herbivore and carnivore, and describe various types of fur. They will learn about the habits and habitats of the mammals' native to Connecticut. Through the use of educational games and hands-on activities about predator-prey relationships, students will learn about the challenges to mammals to raise their young, survive New England winters and more!

**Owl Investigations** - WHOOO... wants to learn about owls? Facts about these nocturnal birds of prey with strong talons, acute hearing and keen eyesight will amaze you! Dissect an owl pellet to discover what they eat. Learn where they live and characteristics that make them different from other bird groups. (Additional charge of \$2 per student for owl pellets).

**Understanding Beavers** - Do you know the huge impact beavers have on our environment? How do they know when to move? What happens to the environment when a beaver moves out and to the environment when they move in? Students discover the fascinating interdependence of wildlife on this ancient engineer of the wild.

### COST

\$150 for a one hour program  
\$100 for each additional hour

### QUESTIONS

For questions regarding curriculum: contact  
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### REGISTER

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