

# 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.

## ONSITE RATES

### SCHOOLS WITHIN COLUMBUS CITY LIMITS

One hour program, per class: \$50

90 minute archery program (max 12): \$50

Two hour canoeing program (max 12): \$150

### SCHOOLS OUTSIDE OF COLUMBUS CITY LIMITS

One hour program, per class: \$75

90 minute archery program (max 12): \$75

Two hour canoeing program (max 12): \$175

## OFFSITE RATES

### SCHOOLS WITHIN COLUMBUS CITY LIMITS

One hour program, per class: \$75

90 minute archery program (max 12): \$75

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

One hour program, per class: \$75

90 minute archery program (max 12): \$75



## SCHEDULING INFORMATION

Programs are offered September through May for students in kindergarten to eighth grade.

We are able to accommodate up to two classes (50 students) daily.

Programs must be booked a minimum of two weeks in advance.

Reservations can be made up to 12 months prior to your event.

Programs with an asterisk in front of the name are available to come to your school

A 20% deposit or full payment is due within two weeks from booking along with a signed contract. Full payment is due at 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.

We offer additional programs for older students and can customize programs for your group, please call for details.



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## K - 2ND GRADE PROGRAMS



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**\*Bug Out** (*offered fall and spring only*) – It has six legs and its skeleton is on the outside of its body, what is it? Join us as we investigate the world of insects and discover just how many insects there really are! Students get outside for an insect hunt.

**\*Scutes n' Scales** – Turtles, snakes, and lizards, oh my! They're really not creepy once you get to know them. We will introduce students to some of our reptile friends and discover what characteristics make reptiles unique and different.

**\*Feathered Friends** – From hummingbirds to hawks students will discover 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 so they can try their hand at constructing a bird nest of their own.

**\*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, how they walk, and then use their observation skills during a hike to discover what animals live in our forest.

**\*Getting Ready for Winter** (*offered during the winter only*) – 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.

**Tree-mendous Trees** – We all need trees. They provide shelter, food, and other materials for people as well as wildlife. Students will take a "tree"mendous hike where we will discover the life cycle of a tree and meet some of our leafy friends.

**Fossil Fun** – What is a fossil? How was it made? Students will make their own "fossil" then search the stream bed and caves of Indian Village to find ancient fossils.

**Stream Study** (*offered fall and spring only*) – 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!*



# MCKNIGHT OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOL GROUPS

## 3RD - 5TH GRADE PROGRAMS



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**\*Scutes n' Scales** – Turtles, snakes, and lizards, oh my! They're really not creepy once you get to know them. We will introduce students to some of our reptile friends and discover what characteristics make reptiles unique and different.

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**Beaver Tales** (*offered fall and spring only*) – 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. *Students will get wet during this program!*

**Fossil Fun** – What is a fossil? How was it made? Students will make their own "fossil" then search the stream bed and caves of Indian Village to find ancient fossils.

**Stream Study** – (*offered fall and spring only*) – 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!*

**\*Native American Games** – Native American children played games not only for entertainment but also to learn valuable life skills. Students will sharpen their senses while playing games like Firetender, Hot Rocks, and Pass the Arrowhead.

**\*Native American Crafts** – Dream catchers were given to children by many native cultures so their good dreams would remain and their bad dreams would be burned up in the morning sun. Students will learn the legend of the dream catcher then make one themselves.

**\*Archery** (*limited to 12 students per program and lasts 90 minutes*) – Archery is a safe, fun, exciting and challenging sport. Students learn safety rules and proper technique for shooting a bow and arrow then try their hand at hitting the target.

**Canoeing** (*offered April thru September only, limited to 12 students per program and lasts 2 hours*) – Students learn about the equipment used to safely canoe, basic paddle strokes, and then spend time on Griggs Reservoir practicing what they have learned. Class taught by an American Canoe Association certified instructor.

