



Indian Village Outdoor Education Center

Environmental Education and Outdoor Programs For School Groups



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Located on the west bank of the Scioto River at Griggs Reservoir, Indian Village 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.

Our staff is dedicated to providing quality environmental education and outdoor skills programs to youth and adults. Our goal is to instill a lifelong appreciation for the outdoors and the environment.



Scheduling a program:

- Programs are offered September through May for students in kindergarten to eighth grade
- We are able to accommodate up to two classes (50 kids) daily
- Contact us by email at outdooreducation@columbus.gov, or by phone at 614-645-3380
- Please have more than one date in mind as dates fill up quickly in the fall and spring
- Programs with an asterisk in front of the name are available to come to your school

Onsite Prices:

Columbus City Schools and schools within the city limits:

- 1 hour program, per class, \$50.00
- Archery 90 minutes, max 12 students, \$50.00
- Canoeing 2 hours, max 16 students, \$150.00
- Scioto River Survey 3 hours, max 45 students, \$400.00

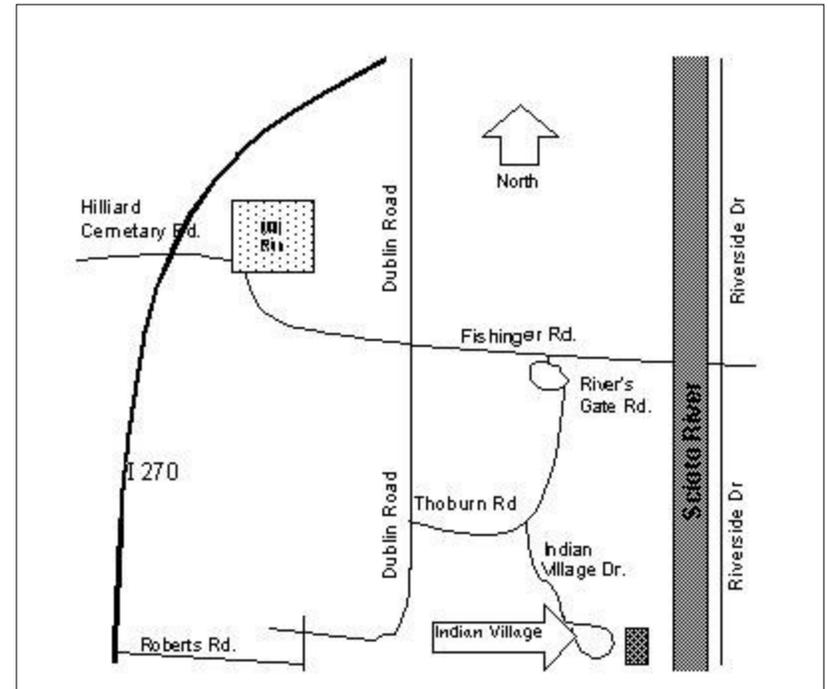
All schools located outside the Columbus city limits:

- 1 hour program, per class, \$75.00
- Archery 90 minutes, max 12 students, \$75.00
- Canoeing 2 hours, max 16 students, \$175.00
- Scioto River Survey 3 hours, max 45 students, \$425.00

Directions

From the North: Take 270 West to the Fishinger Rd. exit. Take a left onto Fishinger Rd. Right onto Dublin Rd. Left onto Thouburn Rd. Follow signs to Indian Village.

From the South: Take 270 West to the Fishinger Rd. exit. Take a right onto Fishinger Rd. Right onto Dublin Rd. Left onto Thouburn Rd. Follow signs to Indian Village.



We can come to you!

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6th - 8th Grade Programs

***Radical Reptiles** - Reptiles and amphibians play an important role in their ecosystems. Students will learn to use a Venn diagram to discover what makes these misunderstood creatures so unique and different from each other. A chance to meet some of our resident reptiles is a highlight of this program.

***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 16 participants 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.



***Team Building** – How well do your students work together? Would you like to see a little more cooperation in the classroom? Students will develop positive cooperation and communication skills during a variety of physical and mental challenges.

Scioto River Survey (offered April thru mid October only, limited to 45 students per day and lasts 3 hours) – Do your students know where their drinking water comes from? They might be surprised to learn that the same water we boat on and fish in is the water that comes out of our faucet to drink! Students will conduct water quality tests both on land and on the water to determine how clean the water in the Scioto River really is. Tests include pH, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, temperature, and macro invertebrates. This program includes time on our pontoon boat to conduct the chemical tests.

K - 2nd Grade Programs

***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 Stomp (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!*

3rd - 5th Grade Programs

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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!*

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***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.

3rd - 5th Grade Programs Continued

Native American Stories – Stories are found in every culture that explain how things came to be or how one should behave. Enjoy some time around a campfire roasting marshmallows then listen to Native American myths and legends about coyote, turtle, and other native animals. (*Groups must supply their own firewood, marshmallows, and someone to build and take care of the fire.*) *Campfire optional, can be done for several classes at a time.*



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Special Program for 5th Graders and up!

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