



Program Menu

We offer many inquiry based programs for all ages from preschool to adult. All programs focus around the natural world with an emphasis on science, however, math, reading, writing, social studies and physical activity are also heavily incorporated. Our knowledgeable staff are flexible and able to customize lessons to meet most any request. Our programs have been developed from several established curriculums and all activities are aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards.

All of our programming can be done on our campus, however some of the lessons are more fun done in the field. Our staff will gladly meet your group at Folsom Farms, Saltese Flats, Bear Lake or any other location that can accommodate our curriculum.

Programming can be done in one hour, two hours, or 4 hours (with a lunch break). After choosing the program(s) best for your needs, contact us with your requests.

Bird Programs

HOOT Show (Hawk and Owl Outreach Talk)

HOOT shows introduce participants to the incredible world of raptors. The program includes a live raptor, interactive presentation and a knowledgeable educator. It is designed to increase awareness about wildlife as well as enhance classroom units on ecosystems, food webs and adaptations.

Beaks and Feet

You can learn a lot about a bird by looking at its beak and feet. This fun game challenges students to discover how a bird's beak and feet are adapted to help it survive and thrive on a specific food source.

Food For the Brood

It is a tough world for a baby bird. Learn about how birds work to help their young survive in this exciting relay game. Be prepared though, you may get wet!

Great Migration

As you make your way through the long journey of a migratory bird, learn first hand some of the hazards they face. Sometimes conditions are favorable and sometimes they are not. Will you survive?

Silhouettes

Learn how to identify birds in your area by looking at their body shape and their behavior. This lesson will equip you with all you need to become a true "bird watcher".

Habitat/Conservation

Habitacks

There was a visitor to the OLC last night, and your job is to follow their tracks and find out what they were looking for! This activity explores the habitat requirements of different animal species and has students practice map reading skills!

Hazardous Links

Discover the connections between animals in a food web, and find out what happens when a pollutant enters the system. This activity/game explores the effects of bioaccumulation on a top predator species.

How Many Bears Can Live in This Forest?

In this activity, students pretend to be bears looking for the four main elements of a habitat: food, water, shelter and space. Students learn about limiting factors for population sustainability and population growth, and learn about competition between animals for necessary resources.

Thicket

This fun outdoor game introduces students to the concept of camouflage and predator-prey relationships.

Web of Life

In this activity, students learn about interconnections between habitats and food webs by collaboratively building a giant web.

Water

Aquifer Well Hike

Take a good look at our aquifer in this informative guided tour of one of our closest wells. Students see both an active and inactive well, and get a chance to peer down into the depths and get a glimpse of Spokane's water supply!

Crumpled Watershed

Build your own mini watershed out of paper and markers and see what happens to your watershed in a storm!

Edible Aquifers

The water from our Aquifer is already delicious, but it is brought to a whole new level in this tasty lesson. Students create an aquifer model out of ice cream and candy, and see what happens to pollution that is dumped near a well. The best part of this lesson comes at the end when we suck our aquifers dry.

Enviroscape

Get a birds eye view of the Spokane River watershed and see how our actions impact the river and the Spokane Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. This interactive lesson allows students to manipulate variables to see how our actions change the watershed.

Incredible Journey

Take a self-guided tour through the water cycle as you pretend to be a tiny water droplet in a great big world. Students learn all about the water cycle, and how each part of cycle interacts.

Macroinvertebrate Investigation

In this hands-on field investigation, students determine the quality of the OLC ponds and streams by discovering which kinds of tiny organisms live there. Students collect aquatic macroinvertebrates (water bugs) using nets and buckets, and then work to identify the bugs they find.