

To Arrange a Program

To set up your schedule, call (908) 782-1158 and ask to speak with a naturalist. Home schooled groups do not have the restrictions of school bus schedules, so it may be easier to accommodate your programs in the afternoon, a time when public schools rarely visit. We would be happy to set up a regular monthly time slot for your group.



Group Size and Payments

Each one-hour session costs \$30. We can accommodate group sizes from 6 students up to 25. The final count of students in your group is needed one week prior to each lesson so we can prepare for your program. Payment is due the day of the lesson.

Ages

Children of all ages will be taught together and we will emphasize multi-age learning. We promote mentoring by the older children to help the younger ones. To minimize distractions, we ask that siblings who are not participating in the lesson be cared for separately and away from the class.

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The Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation is dedicated to preserving open space and natural resources, providing safe parks and facilities, and offering educational and recreational opportunities, all contributing to an enhanced quality of life for present and future generations.

Before your Visit

Prepare your group by discussing:
Clothing: Be prepared for **rain** or **cold!**

Behavior: The following behavior is expected:

- Respect others by raising hands.
- Respect the surroundings by not littering and not picking plants.
- No objects will be thrown.
- Students need to stay with the naturalist.
- No running, unless directed by the naturalist.



About Our Main Program Locations

County Arboretum: *Clinton Township*

The Arboretum features formal gardens as well as nature trails that wind through forest and wetland habitats.

Echo Hill Park: *Clinton Township*

Echo Hill features forest and field as well as the Prescott Brook which is frequently used for aquatic studies. The lodge is available for indoor presentations year-round.

Teetertown Preserve: *Lebanon Township*

Mountain Farm offers spectacular views as well as diverse forest, field, and pond habitats to explore. An unheated garage is available for indoor presentations.

For More Information

For additional information about the Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation programs & trips, please see visit our website, at www.co.hunterdon.nj.us (click on "Parks & Recreation"), or pick up a Hunterdon Parks Harbinger at the County Arboretum.

Environmental Education for Home Schooled Groups



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Office Hours:
Mon.-Wed, Fri. 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Thur. 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM

Concept of the Program:

Your group will visit with a naturalist for a new lesson once a month. Each lesson will last a hour and is designed to fit into a seasonal theme. There are nine themes, covering three school years.

Lessons focus on the relationships that exist between fauna, flora, and humans. Each lesson includes instruction, group activities, and “homework.” We use a hands-on approach and visual aids to reinforce the students’ abilities in not only science, but also math, language arts, and social skills. We will be more than happy to discuss any lesson with you in advance or provide a program outline for you to review. We can also provide resource information for follow-up activities.

Your group is not committed to attend each month’s lesson, although each lesson tends to build on the previous lessons. You can select those sessions that are best suited for your group.

FIRST YEAR	ADAPTATION September: Migration October: Hibernation November: Winter Adaptations	ASTRONOMY December: Inner Planets January: Outer Planets February: Star Gazing (night activity)	HERPTILES March: Snakes April: Amphibians May: Turtles
SECOND YEAR	BIRDS September: Bird Identification October: Bird Watching November: Birds of Prey	CONCEPTS/POPULATION December: Predator/Prey January: Animal Evidence & Tracks February: Habitat & Territories	PLANT STUDY March: Evergreen Trees April: Deciduous Trees May: Wildflowers
THIRD YEAR	CYCLES & SYSTEMS September: Composting & Recycling October: Water Issues November: Rocks & Minerals	MAMMALS December: Bears January: Foxes & Coyotes February: Bats	INSECT STUDIES March: Pond Study April: Stream Study May: Field Study