

Outdoor Adventures at Scherman Hoffman!

Bring your students to our Sanctuary for a hands-on outdoor program.

Sensing the Seasons

Students will use their senses to explore the natural habitats of the Sanctuary. After reviewing our 5 senses, we will go on an exploratory walk and look, touch, smell, and listen to nature all around us.

Pre-K thru K 90 minutes

Tree Fun

We'll take a walk and visit some of the trees of our Sanctuary's forest and discover why trees are so important. Included are some fun leaf and seed activities.

Pre-K thru K 90 minutes



Nature's House

Students will have the opportunity to develop their sense of wonder as they explore "Nature's House." We will visit field and forest to discover what animals live there and what they need to survive. Simple comparison of wildlife habitats to human habitats will foster a better understanding of the needs of an organism.

Pre-K thru K 90 minutes

Seeds Inside and Out

We will begin with a nature walk to collect seeds and discover the various methods of dispersal. Back in the classroom, we will dissect seeds and explore the internal structure. Students will learn about the life cycles of plants.

Grades 1-4 90 minutes

Freshwater Ecology

Students will use nets and buckets as they search for the animals that live in the wetlands of our Sanctuary. Will include discussion of the water cycle, or watersheds and how water quality affects the diversity of wildlife living in wetlands.

All grades 90 minutes



The World of Insects

Your students will have hands-on fun learning about insects! We will visit 3 habitats, field, forest, and wetland, where students will use nets and bug boxes to collect insects for observation and identification. Discussion will include life cycles, adaptations, the interrelationships among the insects of the different habitats, and their importance in the ecosystem.

All grades 2 hours



The Hidden World of Animals

Students will explore field and forest to search for animals and the clues they leave behind to learn about local wildlife.

All grades 90 minutes

Feathered Friends

A bird walk will introduce your students to the birds of our Sanctuary. We'll review the use of binoculars, field guides, and field identification. A game is included to enhance the lesson. A program for any level birder. Loaner binoculars available.

All grades 90 minutes



Indoor Adventures at Your School!

We can bring nature to your school with our Outreach Programs. Programs are 1 hour maximum. Program extensions require an additional half hour and fee.

Programs suitable for grades K-8 unless otherwise noted.

Suitable for the classroom:

Bugs To You!

Let us bring the bugs to you! With some help from our six-legged friends, our lesson on insects will be memorable for your students. Students will have the opportunity to hold some live insects as they learn what makes an insect an insect. Our selection may include walking sticks, honeybees in an observation hive, doodlebugs (yes, there is such a thing!), or whatever we have at the time. In the extended program, we will lead your students on an outdoor exploration for the insects that live on your school grounds.



Hoots and Screeches

Our naturalist will introduce your students to the owls of New Jersey. Using mounted specimens and activities, students will learn what makes owls so unique among the birds.



Scutes and Scales

Your students will enjoy this hands-on presentation of some of the reptiles that call New Jersey home. We'll visit your classroom with our snakes and turtles for a lesson on the life of reptiles.



The Disappearing Leaf

Nature is the best recycler. Through one of nature's decomposers, the earthworm, students will learn about decomposition and how it benefits the soil. Students will observe earthworms from our worm bin. In the extended program, your students will create their own worm bin to keep in the classroom to care for and observe.



Dynamic Watershed

Students add "pollutants" and "rain" to a model town, then watch where it all goes, learning the implications of adding pollutants to the environment. Then students will create their own dynamic watershed out of paper.

Grades 3-8



Topo Twister

Students will learn how to use and interpret topographic maps. Following the instruction phase and a discussion of watersheds, we will assemble the entire Passaic River Watershed using full-size laminated maps.

Grades 4-8

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Indoor Adventures cont'd.

Suitable for assemblies:

Go Green

Your students will learn what they can do, "more or less," to protect our environment. This powerpoint presentation, accompanied by hands-on activities, will introduce your students to environmentally friendly and unfriendly practices.

Eagles, Hawks, Falcons, and more!

What is a raptor? Introduce your students to some of the raptors found in New Jersey. Using mounted specimens, slides, and a story, students will learn about the extraordinary adaptations these birds have.

Backyard Birds

Learn all about the kinds of birds you might see in your backyard throughout the season. Find out what you can do to help provide for their habitat needs.

Owls of New Jersey

Introduce your students to these unique birds, the owls. Through a slide presentation, mounts, and owl specimens, students will gain an understanding of the extraordinary abilities of these birds.

Mammals—The Natural History of Everyone's Favorites

Can opossums hang from their tails? What's the most important mammal in a meadow habitat? What should you do if you see a bear? This slide presentation will highlight these animals and more of everyone's favorites!



Our Programs

The goal of New Jersey Audubon's educational programs is to help children understand their relationship to the natural world. Our teachers steer and focus the activities to encourage individual and small group discovery.

NJA programs are interdisciplinary in nature and are correlated with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. All programs use inquiry-based learning methods and encourage exploration of our native habitats found in the State of New Jersey.



FEES

Program at Scherman Hoffman

\$5.00 per student, \$100.00 minimum

Second program, same day \$4 per student
45 students max.

Outreach Program at your school

\$150 per program plus mileage over 10 miles

\$100 per additional program the same day
\$75 per program extension

For additional information, or to schedule a school group program, please contact the education staff.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

New Jersey Audubon (NJA) fosters environmental awareness and a conservation ethic; protects New Jersey's birds, animals, and plants, especially endangered and threatened species, and promotes the preservation of New Jersey's valuable natural habitats.

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