



Field Trip Offerings

2023-2024

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Oakhurst Garden

Hawk Hollow Garden

Edgewood Community Learning Garden

Gardens, Farms, and Chickens (all ages) In this introduction to sustainable gardening and farming, students will learn about gardening basics through planting seeds in one of our Learning Gardens then visit our mini farm to learn about how food is grown. They will meet chickens and understand their roles on the farm.

Sustainability & Conservation in the Garden (all ages) Learn what sustainability is and how it helps us keep the earth healthy. Experience some of the ways the Wylde Center promotes sustainability, and find out why conserving natural resources like water and soil directly impacts our personal health. Topics covered: erosion, soil health, soil composition, composting, water conservation.

Wonderful Worms (all ages) Discover the anatomy, importance, and delight of worms in the garden.

Nature Journaling (all ages) Make your own nature journal and document your observations in the gardens. The activities and prompt will vary based on age but include drawing what you see in the garden, narrative writing, poetry, and leaf rubbings.

Five Senses Exploration (PK - 1) Students will explore the garden and woods engaging their senses every step of the way. They will smell herbs, feel fuzzy or smooth leaves, listen to birds and other wildlife, taste garden produce if available, and use their sense of sight to take it all in.

Characteristics and Basic Needs of Plants and Animals (K-5) We will hike to find the different plants and animals living at the garden and We will examine how they move, grow and reproduce, and how they are uniquely adapted to living in their environment.

Life Cycles (K-5) This program provides an up-close look at many of the plants and animals living in the garden and examination of these organisms in various stages in their life.



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Soil Types & Soil Health (K-6) During soil program students will examine four soil types - clay, loam, silt, and sand. We will discuss the benefits and challenges of each soil type for our land and garden.

Habitat Exploration (K-5) Students will learn about the features that make up a suitable habitat while exploring the woods, stream and garden habitats of the green space and investigating the plants and animals unique to each.

Stream Study (3-8) Study the stream at one of our green spaces to learn about erosion, weathering, and natural floodplains, and how these things affect stream health and the ability of the stream to support life. **Takes place at Hawk Hollow*

Water Cycle (4-8) Use the stream and other natural resources to learn about the water cycle within one of our green spaces. At our Oakhurst Garden, tour of our rainwater irrigation system which has made that garden 100% watered by rainwater.

Ecosystems & Food Webs (4-8) Students will walk through one of our green spaces to identify consumers, producers, and decomposers. We will learn about the interconnectedness of all living things, and discover what happens when equilibrium is thrown off by invasive species, and the merits of native species.

Microorganisms in the Garden (5-8) Study ways sustainable farmers and gardeners use beneficial microorganisms, cover crops, and compost as techniques to build soil health.

Scientific Drawings & Plant Classification (5-12) Explore the garden to practice identifying trees. Then create a scientific drawing of a tree or plant, identifying and labeling its main parts as they observe them.

Herbalism & Wellness in the Garden (5-12) This lesson is intended to introduce students to the nutritional and medicinal components of plants that can be used in teas. Students will taste test a variety of different teas and see the herbs growing in the garden.

Decomposition in the Compost Pile (5-12) Learn about the chemistry and biology of decomposition as we make our way through the compost pile. Students will learn not only what's in compost and how it breaks down, but also its value to plants and humans alike.