

## Nature Programs available for Organized Groups

### **A Cat's Tale (2<sup>nd</sup> grade-Adults, 45 min., \$45)**

Cat-like animals have been around for millions of years, so how did we get from a Saber-Tooth Tiger to a House Cat? Learn more about the modern descendants of these amazing creatures.

### **Bats in your Belfry (1<sup>st</sup>-Adults 45 min., \$35)**

There are 14 species of bats in Missouri, so there is no shortage of interesting things to learn about our only flying mammal. Join us as we separate fact from fiction in this fun & educational look at these mysterious creatures of the night.  
(Activity included if time allows).

### **Black Bears of Missouri (2<sup>nd</sup> grade-Adults, 40 min., \$45)**

Black Bears are making a comeback in Missouri! Learn more about these great creatures; their habitats, their lifecycles, & how you can stay safe if you encounter them in the wild.

### **Frogs are Friends! (Pre-K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades, 30 min., \$25)**

What is the difference between a frogs & toads? Learn more about these amazing amphibians and how to identify them by sight and by sound.  
(This program may involve an outdoor activity, weather permitting.)

### **Habitats for Wildlife (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades, 30 min., \$35)**

From forest to grassland & from aquatic to urban, there are many different habitats for wildlife in Missouri. Learn more about these habitats & the animals that live in them.

### **Hibernation (Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> grades, 30 min., \$20)**

Where do animals go in the winter? How do they survive? Students will learn why some animals must sleep for the winter while others do not. The animals that will be discussed includes bears, frogs, snakes, & insects.

### **Insects & Spiders (1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grades, 45 min., \$45)**

It has been said Everywhere you look there seems to be insects & spiders! Sometimes it may feel like you are surrounded. Learn about the importance of insects & spiders in the world

### **Leave it to Beavers! (4<sup>th</sup> grade-Adults, 30 min., \$25)**

The beaver played a significant role in the history of North America & St. Joseph. Learn more about the largest rodent in North America, its adaptations, and the impact on the history of St. Joseph.



### **Life in Missouri Waters (Pre-K-Adults, 45 min., \$45)**

Do we really know what goes on under the surface? Take a look at all of the aquatic life in Missouri Waters and learn more about what lies in the deep.

### **Missouri Mammals (K-6<sup>th</sup> grades, 45 min., \$45)**

Learn more about these warm-blooded animals that call Missouri home. What do they eat? How do they find shelter? What are there habitats? How have they adapted to living around humans? Discover the answers to these questions & more!  
(Program includes handling animal pelts, casts of footprints, & skulls).

### **Missouri Misfits (2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grades, 45 min., \$35)**

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### **Missouri Reptiles (1<sup>st</sup> grade-Adults, 45 min., \$35)**

Missouri is home to 74 species of reptiles! Discover fascinating facts on snakes, turtles, tortoises, & even terrapins. Learn more about reptile habitats, food sources, & the challenges these animals face in the wild. We even be able to dispel a myth or two!  
(Program features live animals that participants will be able to interact with & touch.)

### **Owls of Missouri (2<sup>nd</sup> grade-Adults, 45 min., \$45)**

Missouri is home to eight species of owls.. Learn how to identify them by sight & by sound. Discover which of the owls you can find in your backyard, as well as the special adaptations they have developed to be an apex predator.

### **\*River Bluff Trails (K-Adults, 60 min., \$25)**

Explore River Bluff Trails Park during a guided hike through the bluffs just west of the Remington Nature Center. Learn to identify plants & the wildlife living there.  
(Weather & Trail conditions permitting).

### **Snakes Alive! (Pre-K-Adults, 60 min., \$45)**

Whether you love them or fear them, most people are fascinated by them. There are many myths and fears about these creatures, join us we uncover the truths about our slithery friends.  
(Program features live snakes that participants will be able to interact with & touch.)

### **Snails, Slugs, & Slime Trails (Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> Grades, 30 min., \$25)**

Learn more about the unique world of mollusks! Learn how to identify these amazing creatures in your own backyard, discover the many benefits of slime, & race a snail!

### **Spooky Critters (1<sup>st</sup> grade-Adults, 45 min., \$35)**

There are all sorts of critters that go bump in the night! Find out what creatures like to explore the nocturnal hours whether we should be afraid of them or not!

### **Surrounded by Senses (PreK-1<sup>st</sup> grades, 40 min., \$55)**

Our senses are used every day to navigate the world around us. Wild use their highly developed senses to find food, shelter, & avoid danger. This program focuses on the 5 senses & how animals use them in day-to-day survival. It also has hands-on activities to make connections between sight, sound, touch, taste, & smell.  
(Available for groups of 35 or less)

### **Tales of Tails (Pre-K-1st grade, 40 min., \$30)**

Why do animals have tails? What are they used for? This fun program will have student guessing which tails belong to which animal.  
(Craft included)

### **Turtle Time (2<sup>nd</sup> grade-Adults, 60 minutes, \$45)**

One of the most recognized reptiles in the world is the turtle, yet, while everyone recognizes them, few know very much about them. This program will focus on many types of turtles in the world, the difference between a turtle, a terrapin, & a tortoise, as well as their habitats, & the challenges they face.

**Program features live animals that participants will be able to interact with & touch.)**

### **Wiley Coyote (2<sup>nd</sup> grade-Adults, 60 mins. \$50.00)**

Humans have been in conflict with this shy, elusive, but very intelligent animal for hundreds of years. Discover more about the life & habits of Missouri's largest canine, & how they have adapted to survived around humans and in urban environments. You will learn how the coyote tracks & navigates its surroundings while using its highly developed sense of smell.

**For additional information or to book a program  
for your field trip or group,  
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**\*In case of inclement weather or poor trail conditions,  
another program will be substituted.**

**All prices are for In-House visits.  
Please contact us for any Outreach Programming.**