



Menu of CLASSES at the MACKENZIE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER For DAY FIELD TRIPS

The MacKenzie Center is an excellent place to explore and learn about a wide variety of environmental and conservation topics. On your own as a self guided journey your group will experience a field trip that is not only educational but economical. Check it out!

Please note: Class offerings below are designed be self-guided and we will share the lesson plan(s) with the group leaders upon request.

WILDLIFE EXHIBIT TOURS

Grades: all ages

Length: 1 hour

(Wildlife exhibit only)

Subjects: Wildlife biology and ecology, Wisconsin history

By seeing some native Wisconsin animals up-close, visitors can study the animal's adaptations, habitats; learn about human interaction and more.



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COMPASS SKILLS 101

Grades: 5-12

Length: 60-90 minutes

Subjects: Physical Education, Outdoor/Survival skills

Develop a basic compass knowledge and instill a sense of awareness of the environment. Enable students to meet challenges and make decisions, while navigating thru our orienteering course(s).



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POND LIFE

Grades: 5-7

Length: 1.5 hours

To acquaint the students with the pond as a natural community, and introduce them to the wide varieties of life found there and explore the connections among community members. *Available in Spring, Summer & early Fall*

VISIT the SUGAR BUSH (aka: Maple Program)

Grades: 4-5

Length: 2 hours

(morning or afternoon program)



Available for visits in March only – please inquire about how to register for this program.

Learn about how Native Americans traveled to the sugar bush and how they made maple sugar. Learn to identify a maple tree & the process of photosynthesis. Get some hands on experience tapping a tree & add in some history with how the Pioneers made maple syrup. Walk away with a taste of maple syrup made from the MacKenzie Center's sugar bush.

Key Concepts: forestry, WI history, American Indian life.

EXPLORE the MUSEUMS

Grades: all ages

Length: flexible

Examine one or all of our three themed museums (conservation, logging, alien species and oddities of nature). Discuss some of the issues and themes found within.

HIKE the SOUTH TRAILS

Grades: all ages

Length: Variable

There are five self-guiding trails on the MacKenzie Center grounds. Please take some time to hike these with your students or use them with some of your own activities.



SCAVENGER HUNT(s)

Grades: K-8

Length: 1-1 ½ hours

Using a check-off sheet as a guide, students examine the surrounding area identifying things to see, hear, smell, feel and think about. Hunts are designed for grades K-4 and for 5-8. Choices include: Wildlife Exhibit, Arboretum, and Nature Nuggets.