



K-5 Field Trips 2016-2017

We strive to provide participants with experiences that foster curiosity about the natural world and promote environmental literacy through the lens of Michigan’s natural history and resources. Our school programs are purposefully designed to complement current MI GLCEs, while using both NGSS and DCI as a framework for instruction and learning.

All of our programs put students at the center of learning by incorporating activities that:

- engage multiple learning styles and intelligences;
- provide sensory-based experiences; and
- allow participants to DO SCIENCE

We offer 6 different field trip opportunities—***Sensing Nature; Explore Black Pond; Beaks, Feathers, and Talons; Tremendous Trees; Winter Woods; and Insect Investigations***— that get your students outside, active, and learning in our wonderful Black Pond Woods.

Overview	
Duration	90– 120 Minutes
Cost	\$6 per child, including siblings, \$90 minimum, no charge for adult chaperones
Group Size	60 max
Grade-Level	Varies, K-5
Availability	September-June

Weather and Location

All of our programs are seasonally appropriate and take place outdoors. Please make sure students and chaperones are properly dressed for the weather! In the case of extreme weather, we will move some activities indoors, focusing on the same themes and concepts.

Cancellations

LSNC school programs take place rain or shine. If your school is cancelled, or LSNC deems the weather is unsafe, we will work to reschedule your program within the school year based on schedule availability, or refund if necessary.

Non-weather related cancellations must occur 48 hours in advance, or a \$75 processing fee will be charged. The \$75 fee is applied to any cancellation whether it is an entire organization, or one scheduled class from a multi- class visit.

Final payments must be made the day of the program, unless otherwise arranged by LSNC.

***For more information or to schedule a program, contact our office at 734.997.1553
Turn over for descriptions of our field trip programs.***

Field Trip Program Descriptions

Sensing Nature

Available: September– June

Grades: K-1

Program Length: 90 Minutes

How do animals use their sense of sight, smell, touch, taste, and hearing? Students will discover how animals and humans use their senses to survive by observing a live animal up close, exploring stops along our outdoor “Sensory Nature Trail,” and much more! Your students’ five senses are sure to be engaged!



Explore Black Pond

Available: Sept-Oct; April – June

Grades: 1 – 5

Program length: 2 hours

What is Black Pond? Through hands-on exploration, inquiry, and observation students will discover what unique organisms that call Black Pond— and the woods surrounding it—home. Students will hike to our vernal pond and meet an animal that is especially adapted to the habitat.

Tremendous Trees

Available: Sept- Nov; March-June

Grades: 3-5

Program Length: 2 hrs.

What would we be without trees? Students will explore the plant that provides us with life supporting resources through hands-on exploration, identification, and a hike through a place that so many trees call their home—the woods!

Beaks, Feathers, and Talons

Available: Sept-June

Grades: 3 – 5

Program length: 2 hours

LSNC’s resident raptors help us teach this lesson about Michigan’s native birds. Students will learn about bird adaptations, and discover how they help them survive in the wild. They will also take a guided bird hike with binoculars, run an experiment on beak designs, and meet one of our birds up close.



Winter Woods

Available: Dec-Feb

Grades: K- 4

Program length: 1.5 hours

What do animals do in the winter? Students will discover how both plants and animals prepare themselves for survival during Michigan’s harsh winters through hands-on experiments, observations, a hike through the woods, and a closer look at one of Michigan’s native animals.

Insect Investigations

Available: April – June

Grades: 1 – 3

Program length: 1.5 hours

By exploring and observing specimen and insects, finding insects in their native habitat, and playing interactive games, students will discover what makes an animal an insect. Students will also discover how our world would look very different without insects around.



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