



Remington Nature Center

2019 Classroom Program Guide



WHERE HISTORY AND NATURE COLLIDE...

Other Programming

Available Upon Request

Frogs are Fun! (PreK-1st, 30 minutes, \$15): What is the difference between frogs and toads? This program focuses on frogs and toads and the calls they make.

Lake Contrary Amusement Park (Adult, 1 hour, free for community outreach or with paid admission on-site): The recreational hot spot of St. Joseph in the early 1900's, Lake Contrary, is best known for its carnival rides, casino, ballroom, and Lotus Club. Accessed by horse and train, people from all over the country, including Teddy Roosevelt and Sarah Bernhardt, visited for fun and sailing. Many service groups rented the entire park regularly for meetings and fun filled weekends. Hear the stories and learn the history of this locally famous recreation destination.

Owls of Missouri (2nd-6th, 45 minutes-1 hour, \$30): This program focuses on the eight owl species of Missouri. Learn why these night predators are so important to the ecosystem.

North American Beavers (4th grade and up, 1 hour, \$40): This program introduces you to North America's largest rodent, and how fashion brought about the founding of St. Joseph. Learn how nature's engineer opened trade routes around the world, almost went extinct, and became a conservation success story.

Recreation Education This is the ultimate field trip experience for kids! Spend the day at the Remington Nature Center and Bode Sports Complex for education and exercise. Only \$10 per child and \$8 per adult for the entire day! Kids will tour the Nature Center and participate in a scavenger hunt then enjoy an educational program. After that, the group(s) move to Bode Ice Arena for lunch, followed by ice skating. Please contact the Nature Center to book this package.



Did You Know We Offer...?

- * Hosted Birthday Party Packages
- * Girl and Boy Scout Remington Nature Center Badges
- * Friday Fish Feeding
- * Conference Room Rentals
- * Off-Site Programming
- * Temporary Displays
- * Monthly Children's Activities



Call 816-271-5499 to set up a program or learn more about our offerings.

Our Mission Statement

To inspire visitors to learn more about human impacts on the Earth and instill a desire to provide positive stewardship for the natural world.

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NATURE PROGRAMS

Hibernation (preK-1st, 30 minutes, \$15):

Where do the animals go in the winter? How do they survive? This program helps younger children learn how some animals must sleep for the winter while other animals do not. We will introduce animals such as bears, frogs, snakes and insects, as well as others. Available October through February.

Turtle Time: (2nd grade-adult, 1 hour, \$40) - One of the most recognized reptiles in the world are turtles. Nearly everyone has seen a turtle, but few know much about them. This program focuses on the different types of turtles found around the world, the difference between a turtle, terrapin, and a tortoise, and their habitats, needs, and challenges that turtles face. Do turtles make good pets? Meet live tortoises and interact with them in this hands-on program.

Missouri Mammals (K-6th, 45 minutes, \$40):

This program focuses on Mammals of Missouri and the adaptations they employ to survive in the wild. What do they eat? How do they find shelter? What habitats do they live in? Learn the answers to these questions and more. Program includes various animal pelts, foot prints and skulls for a hands-on experience.



Surrounded by Senses: (Pre-K - 1st, 40 minutes, \$30):

We use our senses every day to navigate the world around us. Wild animals use highly developed senses to find food, shelter, and avoid danger. This program focuses on the five senses and how animals use them in day-to-day survival. Participate in hands-on activities focused on each of our senses, to make connections between touch, taste, sight, hearing and smell and how animals use these to learn about the world around them.

Remi Appearances

Remi, our woolly mammoth mascot, often travels to family-oriented events and activities. Call to discuss having Remi visit you!



Bats in Your Belfry (1st-6th, 45 minutes, \$30): With 14 species of bats who call Missouri home, there is no shortage of interesting things to learn about our only flying mammal. Come join us as we separate fact from myth in this educational and fun look at these mysterious creatures of the night.

Missouri Misfits (2nd-6th, 45 minutes, \$30): This program looks at animals many consider unlovable. We will learn about tarantulas, vultures, rattlesnakes, opossums, and many others to discover why these often vilified creatures are vitally important to our ecosystems.

Snakes Alive! (any age, 1 hour, \$40): Meet live snakes in a safe, hands-on manner. Whether you love them or fear them, most everyone is fascinated by them. This program addresses the fears and myths associated with snakes. Join us as we discover the truth about our slithery friends.

Insects and Spiders: Missouri's Majority (1st-6th, 45 minutes-1 hour, \$40): Everywhere you look there are bugs and spiders; it can feel like you are surrounded. This program teaches the importance of insects and spiders to the ecosystems where they are found. It has been said "Insects can live without humans, but humans cannot live without insects." Come learn why and meet a live tarantula!

Additional Options

Ask us about adding a craft or a game to many of our programs for an additional \$20. Call or email Andrea McCoy, Nature Center Manager, 816-676-3204 or email amccoy@stjoemo.org for more information.



CULTURAL HISTORY PROGRAMS



Native Americans of Northwest Missouri (2nd grade and up, 1 hour, \$60-\$100): Learn about Native Americans in a unique and hands-on manner as you see examples of Native American artifacts. Learn about the tools and lifestyles of these early people who inhabited this area thousands of years ago.

Mock Archaeological Dig (2nd grade and up, 45 minutes, \$8 per child which includes admission to tour the Nature Center): Interested in archaeology? Want to learn more about what archaeologists do, and what they might find? Participate in a mock dig where we simulate an archaeological site. Your group will find and take home authentic Native American artifacts that were unearthed here in the Midwest. Each participant will also get to keep their site flag and will receive a certificate of participation. The mock dig is for groups of 25 or less.

Bead Bonanza! (2nd grade and up, one hour, \$60): What does the word "barter" mean? We will explore this word and learn how the lives of Native Americans changed as trade was introduced. See real examples of trade items, as well as animal pelts and artifacts. We'll even do some bartering of our own and make beaded necklaces to take home.

Lewis and Clark in the Midwest (4th grade and up, 1 hour, \$100): Learn about the journey of Lewis and Clark as they traveled through the Midwest in the early 1800's. You will learn about what their journey was like and see authentic items they would have used during their travels. This program will also discuss Native Americans of Missouri, and the role they played in the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Create Your Own Program

Does your group have a program need not listed? Our staff will do our best to create a program specifically tailored for you. Call us to discuss details!

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS



Tales of the Robidoux Brothers (Adult, 1 hour, free for community outreach or with paid admission on-site): Joseph Robidoux IV was the founder of St. Joseph, Missouri, and a trailblazer for the Midwest. He opened trade opportunities with the Native Americans. After his father passed, he was the driving force behind his family operating trading posts. Learn more about Mr. Robidoux and his impact on our area.

Scavenger Hunts (all ages): These are available for any group and are complimentary if mentioned upon booking. A scavenger hunt is a fun and educational way to see exhibits that keeps your group focused. We offer picture scavenger hunts for our littlest learners to more challenging hunts appropriate for adults and seniors, and all ages in between. We even provide the writing utensils.

Show 'N' Tell (all ages, 30 minutes, \$15): What kind of fish are in the aquarium? Where did the mammoth come from? The answer to these questions, and more, will be answered by our staff. You'll also see some items that are not on display, including things your group can touch and feel, such as real animal pelts or a mammoth tooth. Everyone will also receive a Remington Nature Center logo item to take home.

