



Animal Adventure Hours Program Guide

All programs are approximately one hour in length and conclude with a simple craft. Songs, books, games, activities and natural history items introduce students to the diverse features, behaviors and adaptations found in the animal world.



Animal Babies

There can be many differences between the young and adult of a species. Some are born alive, others hatch, some are born helpless and others are ready to care for themselves. From kits to cubs we will learn more about the youngsters of the animal world.

Animals Underground

Under the ground there is an “invisible” world we miss out on everyday! Moles, chipmunks, mice, fox, worms, ants and even some bees all live out of our sight. We will explore the tunnels, burrows, and bed chambers which are underneath our feet!

Animals of the Night

An introduction to some of our local animals who are awake when we are sleeping. Bats, raccoons, and skunks take center stage as we learn about some of local mammals and their special features which make them perfectly suited to life in the dark.



Homes & Habitats

There are a wide variety of habitats and homes to be had in the animal kingdom. From underground dwellings to “tree houses”, from forests to oceans, we find out which home and habitat suits which animal best.

Animal Surprises

Tickle your funny bone, with this program that looks at some of the surprising features and behaviors of some of our animal friends.

Garden Animals

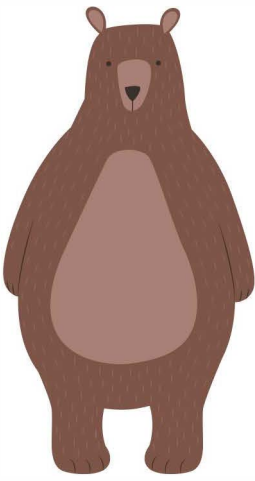
Get to know who might be living in your garden! Learn to identify some of the helpful and not so helpful critters found among our flowers, fruits and vegetables.

Local Water Mammals

Beaver, mink, muskrat and river otter all make Pennsylvania’s waterways their homes. Each is an excellent swimmer and makes its home near the water. We’ll investigate their waterproof fur and other adaptations that help them thrive in their watery habitats.

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All About Animals

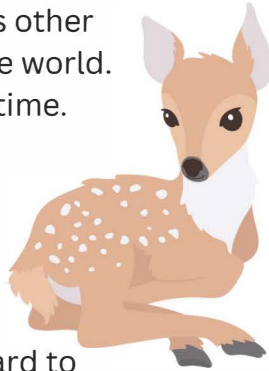


Black Bear, Brown Bear Teddy Bear

A light look at bears in our forests, and bears in our beds! Here the teddy bear takes center stage and introduces other types of bears found throughout the world. Prepare to have a “beary” good time.

Fawns...Babes in the woods

Delicate and dappled, they are hard to detect lying beneath the trees, waiting for their mother to return. Learn more about the local white tail deer and their fawns through beautiful books games and natural history items

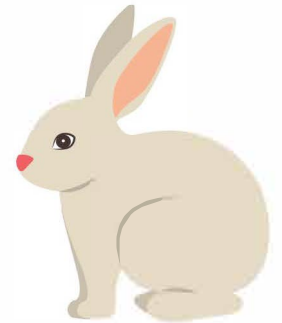


Marvelous mammals

Learn more about some of our local “furred friends”. The white tail deer, the opossum and the grey squirrel are the focus as we learn about mammal characteristics, adaptations and behaviors.

Rabbits... Hop to it

What are our peaceful little rabbit friends doing out in the wild? We’ll examine fur, investigate adaptations, follow their tracks and explore a variety of rabbits that live in our meadows, fields and forests



Groundhogs and other Hibernators

woodchuck or groundhog it bears the heavy burden of replacing the badger in an old European custom. In this lesson we will learn more about the groundhog and a few other local animals who spend the winter in a deep sleep.



Mischievous Mice

Mice of all sizes and shapes scurry and hurry through our maze of books and activities! Children participate in drawing a giant mouse, examine nesting material and identify tracks and traces.



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Friends in Flight

Bats!

Cruising the skies, eating thousands of mosquitoes each night, these helpful little mammals deserve a proper introduction to our children. Facts and features, stories and legends will help us separate truth from fiction as we get to know more about our local bats



Feathered Friends

Birds are an amazingly diverse group of animals with unique adaptations. We will learn more about their behavior and characteristics through stories, songs, games and natural history items.



Dabbling Ducks

Our waterways feature ducks of all shapes and sizes. They dazzle us with colorful feathers and powerful flight. Learn about special features that make ducks perfectly suited for life in our streams, ponds, lakes and oceans

Owls..What a Hoot

Owls have amazing adaptations! We will take a look at several local owls, examine an owl pellet, and learn more about owl flight. A great introduction to these majestic night time hunters.



Incredible Insects

Bugs!

Insects outnumber the rest of the animal world five to one! Each has its own niche and special adaptations. Caterpillars, butterflies, honeybees, fireflies and Katydids all take center stage as we learn more about this mini beasts.

Little Ladybugs



From egg, to larvae to pupa to adult, ladybugs have a most interesting life! Their bright color and hard shell make them a delight to see. We'll learn about the ladybug's favorite meal and the surprising way she protects herself!

Sensational Spiders

Often feared, these amazing little creatures are fascinating to study and observe. Their silk is amazingly strong and they are expert hunters and very good moms! Learn more about their super spider powers!

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Reptiles, Fish and Amphibians

Awesome Amphibians

This program takes a closer look at the life cycle and adaptations of our “double life” friends! An informative look at these amazing and delicate creatures.

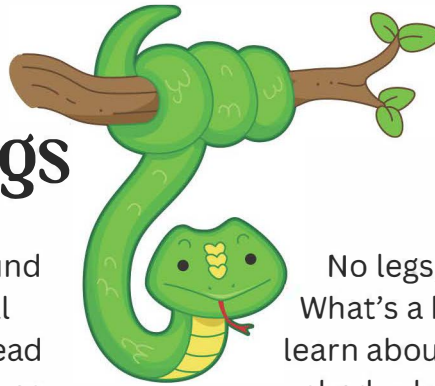


Fabulous Frogs

Many different types of frogs can be found inhabiting our local waterways. We will listen to frog sounds, play frog games, read frog books and act out the frog life cycle as we learn about all things frog!

Rollicking Reptiles

How is a reptile different from other animals? Journey with us through the world of reptiles, spotting differences and similarities between them and learning more about their unique features.

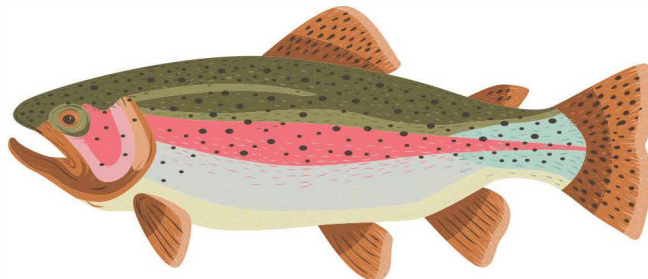


Scintillating Snakes

No legs, no arms, no hands or feet! What’s a body to do? Together we will learn about how snakes move, how they shed, what they eat and other unique features they have. A slithering good time!

Fish Friends

One of the oldest families of animals on earth, the fish were here long before the dinosaurs! Always found in water, salt or fresh, their movements and adaptations fascinate everyone. Join us in taking a playful journey into their underwater world.



Terrific Turtles

Their shells are hard, their legs are scaly and some of them hide in a box! There are fresh water turtles, salt water turtles, and turtles that live on land. A great introduction to this animal as old as the dinosaurs

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Seasonal Series

Danny Deer's Fall Mysteries and Fall Fun

Students become investigators as they search for clues along the trail that will uncover the secrets of "Danny Deer's Fall Mysteries." What are those squirrels doing? Why do some birds fly south? What treasures do wildflowers leave behind? Excitement abounds as your students marvel at all that is fall!

Winter Secrets Winter Wonders

"Winter Secrets..." reveals winter survival secrets of local animals and is based on a gentle legend about "Mother Nature." Students will be involved in poetry, song, movement and... a surprise ending! Pre- and post-trip activities are included.

Spring Sense-Sations Spring Secrets

Young learners will delight in the opportunity to use their senses to experience the wonders of spring! We will marvel at Spring's pastel flowers, fragrant plants, seasonal sounds and soft, moist "touches." The Conservancy's paths will offer bountiful delights to our small groups of 10 -12 learners per leader. Everyone must bring their special tools (eyes, ears, nose, and fingers) to fully enjoy this season at its best!



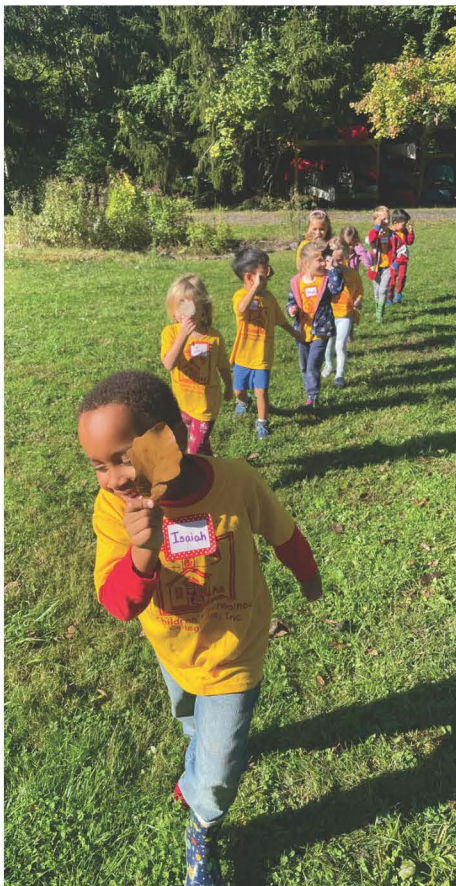
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About the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy

The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) is located in Schwenksville, PA in the heart of the Perkiomen Valley. The watershed stretches over 362 square miles, spanning 55 municipalities and 4 counties (Lehigh, Berks, Bucks, Montgomery) in southeastern PA. PWC's mission is to serve the people and communities of the Perkiomen Watershed by conserving and protecting land and water resources through commitment to and leadership in environmental education, watershed stewardship, and conservation programs.



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