The McDuffie Environmental Education Center (MEEC) provides a unique site for teachers to bring students for hands-on outdoor and indoor learning experiences. These experiences teach students about the ecology of our wildlife, water, soils, and forests, and the stewardship of these important natural resources. Lessons address the dimensions of the Georgia Standards of Excellence in a diverse biologically rich area, with activities available for PreK through Seventh Grade.

The McDuffie Environmental Education Center is open by reservation only. It is recommended that dates be booked well in advance in order to secure desired dates.  Reservations for up to 3 classes for a total of 75 students can be made.

Fees: $5 per student

We also offer accommodations and adaptations of Performance Standards for students with disabilities, based on information provided when reservations are made.

Kindergarten – Discovering Nature through the Senses

**Discovery Room**

SKL1 a, SKL2 a & c, MGSEK.MD1

The instructor uses the wildlife puppet collection and questioning strategies to introduce students to various animal species found in Georgia. Students can compare puppets to taxidermized specimens and to existing knowledge of live animals and group animals according to similarities.

**Longleaf Pine Trail**

MGSEK.CC.1, MGSEK.CC.2, MGSEKG.1 SKL1a, SKL2a, ELAGSEKSL1 & ELAGSEKSL3, ELAGSEKRF2a

Students will observe, explore, and describe different plants and animals

**Froggy Face**

SKLL2a, SKL2c, MGSEK.MD2, VAK.CR5

After learning the difference between frogs and toads, and discussing the frog’s life cycle, students will create frog face masks and use Velcro (attached to the tongue) to catch different bugs.

**Stations**

SKE2a, b, SKL2

Students will rotate through different hands-on activities including building with tree blocks, making animal footprints in sand, learning to use stamps and leaf rubbings, and magnifying objects.