

Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

Onsite School Programs

Onsite school programs take a hands-on and multi-disciplinary approach to wildlife education where students use science, social studies, math, and reading comprehension skills to explore nature in a fun and rewarding way. Field trips align to GSE Science Standards and cost \$8 per student (with a \$240 minimum charge for groups with 30 or fewer students). Teachers may book three (3) class options or recreational opportunities for up to 90 students, or four (4) options including a recreational opportunity for up to 120 students. Parents and chaperones are \$5 per person (teachers and bus drivers are FREE).

K-2 GRADE OPTIONS 9:30AM-12:00PM

FUR, FEATHERS, AND SCALES

Animals are a very diverse group of species; however, they all have the same basic needs to survive. During this program, students will compare and contrast birds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals and how their basic needs are met. We will even explore the life cycles of these animals and key traits they each have.

GSE Science Standards addressed: SKL2a, SKL2c, S1L1b, S1L1c, S2L1a

CREATURE FEATURES

Get up close and personal with some of Georgia's native wildlife. Students will explore what features make creatures unique through live animal encounters and a craft. Educators can choose from turtles, snakes, birds, or amphibians.

GSE Science Standards addressed: SKL2a, SKL2c, S1L1a, S1L1c, S2L1a

INTERPRETIVE PLANT HIKE

What plants and trees can be found in our forests? Hike with one of our naturalists as we investigate the parts of plants, their identification, and their importance in an ecosystem.

GSE Science Standards addressed: S1L1a, S1L1b

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Teachers may choose to go on a self-guided hike on one of our educational trails or complete our Charlie Elliott Junior Ranger Activity Guide to earn a badge.

WILDLIFE ENCOUNTER

Get up close and personal with some of Georgia's native wildlife. Using live animals as visual aids, a naturalist will discuss conservation topics and natural history of Georgia.

GSE Science Standards addressed: Varies by grade level and may include SKL2a, SKL2c, S1L1b, S1L1c, S2L1a

BACKYARD NATURALISTS

Become an explorer as we use our observational skills to investigate around our Discovery Center. Students will conduct an outdoor scavenger hunt and make comparisons between wild and domestic animals as well as living and nonliving things.

GSE Science Standards addressed: SKL1a, SKL2a



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3-8 GRADE OPTIONS 9:30AM-1:30PM

POND STUDY

A pond investigation provides the perfect opportunity to demonstrate the connections and food webs within an ecosystem. By utilizing nets and field guides, students will gain observation skills and discover the adaptations of some amazing aquatic creatures.

GSE Science Standards addressed: S4L1a, S4L1b, S5L4a, S7L4a, S7L4c, S7L5b

LIFE ON A LOG

Ever wonder what goes on as a tree is decaying? Students will dissect an entire microhabitat of a rotten log. We will investigate microorganisms and macroinvertebrates as well as look at what happens in an environment that is constantly under chemical change.

GSE Science Standards addressed: S4L1a, S4L1b, S5L4a, S5P1c

WATER CYCLES

What happens to water when it reaches the clouds? The soil? Students will explore the life of a water droplet and see how water moves throughout Georgia's ecosystems. We will also introduce vocabulary relating to water with nature journaling.

GSE Science Standards addressed: S4E3a, S4E3b, S3L2b, S6E3a, S6E3b

ECOREGIONS TOUR

Take a journey from the mountains to the coast with Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center. During this activity, students will explore the geology, plant and animal life, and climate of the Georgia ecoregions with interactive exhibits and live animal encounters.

GSE Science Standards addressed: S3L1a, S3L1c

SKULL DETECTIVE

Have you ever wondered why some skulls have eyes in the front or on the side? Students can become skull detectives and explore ways to identify and investigate different adaptations that animals have using skull characteristics.

GSE Science Standards addressed: S4L1a, S4L1b, S5L1a, S7L4a, S7L4b

TIME TO CLASSIFY

Using models and field guides, students will explore the many species found at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center. We will also develop a model to classify the organisms based on common characteristics.

GSE Science Standards addressed: S7L1a

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RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for an adventure in archery, fishing, canoeing, guided hiking, or teambuilding (low ropes challenge course). Or complete our Charlie Elliott Junior Ranger Activity Guide to earn a badge. Some activities may be subject to class size.