

Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

Professional Development



Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center is host to Project WILD, a natural resources curriculum designed to assist learners of any age in developing awareness, knowledge, and skills, needed to make informed decisions, act responsibly, and take constructive actions concerning wildlife and the environment upon which all life depends. In Georgia, this program is sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division.



GEORGIA PROJECT WILD OFFERS THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF WORKSHOPS:



PROJECT WILD EDUCATOR WORKSHOP

An educator workshop trains participants in the use of the Project WILD and Aquatic WILD K-12 Activity Guides. These guides are designed to help educators teach about habitats, ecosystems, adaptations, human impacts on the environment, and wildlife management. Project WILD activity guides have over 100 field tested, interdisciplinary activities that are correlated with national and state educational standards in all subject areas including STEM applications and careers.



GROWING UP WILD

Growing Up WILD is an early childhood education activity guide that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. The 27 field-tested, hands-on, nature-based activities provide a foundation for developing positive impressions about nature while also building lifelong social and cognitive skills. The activities are correlated to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Standards and the Head Start Domains.



FLYING WILD

Through activities involving language arts, social science and art experiences, coupled with community outreach and service learning applications, Flying WILD: Birds Across the Curriculum offers a bird focused approach to environmental education. Targeted for the 5th-8th grade audience, though widely adaptable, Flying WILD: Birds Across the Curriculum offers practical hands-on classroom and outdoor field investigation experiences connecting real-world experiences in bird biology, conservation, and natural history.



ADVANCED WILD WORKSHOPS

Advanced WILD workshops are immersive experiences designed around a single topic that a participant can explore. Currently we offer two week-long experiences:

- Teacher Conservation Workshop: Explores forestry and natural resources management and how the two are interconnected.
- Outdoor Wildlife Leadership School: Examines the flora and fauna of the different ecoregions of Georgia through hands-on activities around research and conservation.



PROJECT WILD FACILITATOR WORKSHOP

A facilitator workshop trains the participants in the skills necessary to carry out their own Project WILD workshops in their school district, community, or region.