Wildlife Education & Outreach Programs

Let us come to you in-person or virtually! Our programs incorporate inquiry-based learning, Michigan K-12 Science Standards, and Next Generation Science Standards in an engaging format for participants to learn about the wild wonders of the natural world! Programs can be tailored to all age groups.

**Live Wildlife Education Presentations**  
*Programs with live animals*
Two wildlife ambassadors are featured in these programs along with biofacts, hands-on interactives, and fun educational activities.

**MythCrackers: Common Animal Myths**
Are owls truly wise? Do turtles come out of their shells? You’ll find the answers to these questions and more! This program addresses common wildlife myths and, together with the audience’s help, we’ll find out if they are “correct” or “cracked” while learning about wildlife.

**Wild Super Powers**
What do Batman, Spiderman, and Cat Woman have in common? They base their powers on amazing wildlife adaptations and abilities! Learn all about wildlife “super powers” that help them survive in the wild.

**Wildlife In Your Backyard**
We share our world with wildlife, even our backyards! Meet some of our Wildlife Ambassadors and learn about the wildlife found around our homes, including their characteristics and behaviors, how they can benefit us, and what we can do to help them survive in the wild.

**Wild Rehab (3rd Grade & Up)**
As Michigan’s largest wildlife rehabilitator, the Howell Nature Center treats thousands of wild animals every year — from common to endangered species — with the hope of returning these animals to their homes in the wild. But what does wildlife rehabilitation entail? Learn more about threats to wildlife, what we do, and what you can do to help.

**Interactive Wildlife Education Programs**  
*Programs without live animals*
These engaging programs offer an exciting "adventure-in-learning" with biofacts, hands-on interactives, and fun educational activities.

**Birds of Prey**
Get hands-on with bird wings, feet, and skulls to learn about birds of prey! We explore different types of raptors and their unique characteristics, habitat, diet, and importance to the environment, and activities will help give you a bird’s eye view of the lives of these amazing animals.

**Fur, Feathers, and Scales**
Do you know why reptiles and mammals have teeth but birds don’t? Birds, mammals, and reptiles all have unique adaptations to help them survive. Explore them with the help of our educators in this program full of hands-on learning.

**Wildlife Detectives (3rd Grade & Up)**
What clues do animals leave behind and what can we learn from them? This hands-on, interactive program explores bones, tracks, pellets, and scat to give you a better understanding of the wildlife around you. During this program, you will use your detective skills to solve wildlife mysteries!
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Alexandria’s Nature Bus
This 1.5-hour program features our mobile classroom full of hands-on activities about the adaptations of native Michigan wildlife and the wonders of nature! Fun group games demonstrate ecological concepts, and live wildlife presentations bring the animal world to you! This program is ideal for 3rd – 6th graders. Program themes available includes Fur, Feather, Scales and Creatures of the Night.

Program Fees

Virtual Programs
Live Wildlife Education Programs
- $150 – 30 Minute Program (features one animal)
- $250 – 1 Hour Program (features 2 animals)
Interactive Wildlife Education Programs
- $200 – 1 Hour Program

Any of our programs can be presented virtually! Virtual programs accommodate up to 100 viewers and can be designed for audiences of all ages.

In-Person Programs*
Live Wildlife Education Programs
- $350 – First hour-long program
- $250 – Second hour-long program
- $75 – Per hour of idle time over 1 hour
Interactive Wildlife Education Programs
- $250 – First hour-long program
- $150 – Second hour-long program
- $75 – Per hour of idle time over 1 hour
Display Programs*
- $500 – 2-hour booking, education-based
Nature Bus*
- $550 – 1.5-hour program

*A separate fee of $0.60 per mile round trip applies to all off-site programs. Venues must be within 60 miles of Howell Nature Center

Bring the Nature Bus to your venue for FREE!
Apply for a grant from the Spirit of Alexandria Foundation at www.spiritofalexandria.org. Click on the Nature Bus tab for an application.

For more information or to schedule a program, contact us at reservations@howellnaturecenter.org or (517) 546-0249 today!