

Wildlife Scientist

What is a Wildlife Biologist? Learn about different kinds of scientists, what they do and how they do it. Become a scientist and use the scientific method to answer a question.

Prek-6th grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.00/student



Adaptation Artistry

Learn about local animals and all the amazing features they have to survive. Artistically create your own animal with it's own set of adaptations to survive in its unique habitat.

K-6th grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.00



Birds of Riparian Areas

Go Birding! Learn about the common birds at the Nature Center and along the Boise River. F

All ages. 2 hours. \$2.00

Seasonal Programs

Some programs are offered only at certain times of the year:

Winter: **Animals Getting Ready for Winter**
Oh Conifer Tree Oh Conifer Tree

Summer: **Butterfly Investigations**
The Ants Go Marching!

Fall: **Creatures of the Night**
Turkeys Calling
Animals Getting Ready for Winter

We have additional programs not listed here.
Please ask if you want to learn more.

Self-guided VISITS

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Classes may explore the Nature Center on their own. Groups of 10 or more must schedule their self-guided visit to ensure a high quality experience for everyone and help us track our visitation. FREE!

Donations accepted.

Please call!

Scavenger Hunts

Teachers wishing to focus their student's experience at the Nature Center can request scavenger hunts from MK staff. Scavenger hunts have been developed at several academic levels. Contact MKNC staff to receive an electronic copy of our scavenger hunts or we can print them and provide clipboards and pencils for \$.50/student.

Please call!

Go Fishing!

Enjoy the great outdoors! MK Nature Center has a classroom set of fishing poles for your fishing experience. Come check out the poles for free and take your kids fishing at nearby Parkcenter Pond or the Boise River.

Please call!



Programs and Tours 2015-2016 School Year



To schedule a program: 287-2906 or email
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The MK Nature Center is a 4.6 acre wildlife habitat with waterfalls, streams, ponds, fish viewing windows, gardens and a visitor's center. Our mission is to inspire love, appreciation, and stewardship of our natural world. We are located at 600 S. Walnut Street, Boise, Idaho behind the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Headquarters.



Streamwalk Program

This is the most popular Nature Center program-the perfect introduction to HABITAT, ADAPTATIONS, NICHE, FOOD WEBS, and LIFE CYCLES focusing on animals of Idaho. With the use of pelts, skulls, and animal mounts, a wildlife educator gives students an introductory lesson then leads them outside for an educational walk through the Nature Center. Students look underwater and through the forest to learn about wildlife habitat in Idaho.

Pre-K-Adult. 1.5 hours. \$1.50



Nature Inspires/Journaling

How can we use art and journaling to express our experiences in nature? Create your own journal using different artistic methods, including "gyotaku," the Japanese art of fish printing. Let the water, fish, and plants inspire you!

K-adult 1.5 hours. \$2.00

Falcons of Idaho

There are five falcons in Idaho. Find out who they are and how they live. Get up close and personal with our captive American Kestrel.

Pre-K-6th grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.00

Fun with Fungus!

Fungus is more than just mushrooms! Learn what fungus is, what it does and why you cannot live without it! This program digs deep (literally) into the world of fungus. Take home a craft made from mushrooms!

K-6th Grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.00



It's a Worm's World

Decomposition is happening in the water, on the land; everywhere! Find out how it works in nature and in a human-made compost pile. Meet some compost critters. Learn how the earth recycles itself and what we can do to help recycle nutrients to improve wildlife habitat. **K-6th grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.00**

Bears of Idaho

Meet the black bear and the grizzly bear, two of Idaho's residents. How are they different and how are they the same? Learn how bears live their amazing lives in Idaho.

Prek-6th grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.00



Anadro-WHAT?

This in-depth program covers the life cycle of anadromous fishes and discusses the causes of the decline of these amazing fish. A great lesson on aquatic ecology and life cycles.

Prek-12th grades. 1-2 hours. \$2.00

Beaver Chew

Look for evidence of beaver activity at the Nature Center. Learn about beaver adaptations and why they are important to aquatic systems. Build beaver dams and test your engineering skills.

PreK-6th grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.00



Class in the Creek

Collect aquatic insects, fish, crayfish, and more in this hands-on stream ecology experience. Learn what a healthy freshwater habitat looks like and why salmon are so essential to Idaho's ecosystems. Get outside to play and learn in *your* river!

4th grade and up. 1.5 hours. \$2.00

Hoo lives in Idaho?

Owls are amazing hunters. Some owls call the Nature Center their home! Take a look at owl skulls, wings, and feet, and learn about how owls are adapted to hunt at night. Then dissect owl pellets to see exactly what they ate.

4th grade and up. 1.5 hours. \$2.00



Scat and Tracks

Become a wildlife detective! Learn how to identify wildlife by what they leave behind: tracks, scat, and much more! Then, test your tracking skills on a wildlife walk through the Nature Center. Make and take a wildlife track.

K-4th grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.00



Five Senses

Look at the flowers! Smell the fresh air! Listen to the birds! Feel the cold water. Awaken your senses at the Nature Center and learn how other animals use their senses to survive.

PreK-2nd grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.00

Wild Dogs of Idaho

Are you a dog lover? You might like to learn about Idaho's wild canines. This program helps students know the similarities and difference among wolves, coyotes and fox. Get up close and personal with fur, skulls and tracks of these predators.

Prek-6th grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.00