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Programs
Summer/Fall
2020



The MK Nature Center is a 4.6 acre wildlife habitat with waterfalls, streams, ponds, fish viewing windows, gardens, and a visitor's center.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game Headquarters is under construction until early 2022. During construction, the nature center is still open for visitors. The Nature Center Parking lot is available during construction! You can also access the Nature Center grounds from Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park, and along the Boise River Greenbelt (see map on back page).

COVID-19 Precautions and Modifications

Our programs have been modified to ensure the safety of our visitors and instructors. Programs will include an inside introduction (~20-40 minutes) with participants wearing masks and sitting 6 feet apart. Touring the grounds will be unguided and the activity or craft will be sent home with participants.

Visitors are asked to comply with the local face-covering order.

600 S. Walnut Street, Boise, Idaho 83712



Streamwalk Program-Tour the Nature Center

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. Outside, students look underwater and through the forest to learn about wildlife habitat in Idaho.

PreK-Adult. 1.5 hours. \$2.00/student. \$2.00/parent. Teachers free.

Falcons of Idaho

There are five falcons in Idaho. Find out who they are and how they live. Have a chance to meet a Peregrine Falcon!

Pre-K-6th grade. ½ hour. \$2.50/person.

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. ½ hour. \$2.50/person.

Scat and Tracks

Become a wildlife detective! Learn how to identify wildlife by what they leave behind: tracks, scat, and much more! Test your tracking skills on a wildlife walk through the Nature Center. **K-4th grade. 1.5 hours. ½ hour. Take home a plaster track! \$2.50/person.**

Beaver Chew

Look for evidence of beaver activity at the Nature Center. Learn about beaver adaptations and why they are important to aquatic systems. **PreK-6th grade. ¾ hour. \$2.50/person.**

Adaptation Artistry

Learn about local animals and all the amazing features they have to survive. Find animals at the Nature Center and discover what adaptations they have. Artistically create your own animal with its own set of adaptations to survive in its unique habitat. **K-6th grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.50/person.**

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. Dissect owl pellets to see exactly what they ate. **PreK-8th grade. ¾ hour. \$2.50/person.**

Canines of Idaho

Are you a dog lover? You might enjoy learning about Idaho's wild canines. This program helps students know the similarities and differences among wolves, coyotes, and fox. Get up close and personal with fur, skulls, and tracks of these predators. **PreK-6th grade. 1/2 hour. \$2.50/person.**

“Dinosaur” Fish of Idaho

Discover the secrets of the deep by diving into the life of a White Sturgeon. These ancient creatures swam the waters during the time of the dinosaurs, and still swim in our waters today! See live White Sturgeon in the pond and learn how they have lived on the earth for so long. **PreK-6th grad. ¾ hours. \$2.50/person.**

Additional Programs

More programs may become available through the season. Just ask!



Program Details

- Programs are offered Tuesday-Friday 9:30 am-5:00 pm.
- Groups under 10 will be charged for 10 people.
- Group size maximum 20 people. If groups are over 16, introduction times can be booked adjacent to each other.
- Groups are booked on a first come first served basis.
- We accept checks, debit, and cash, but not credit cards. Invoices can be arranged.

Self-guided Visits

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.

Scavenger Hunts

Groups wishing to focus their students' experience at the Nature Center can print grade-level scavenger hunts from our [website](#), or we can print them for you for \$.50/copy.

Educational Fishing Permit

Fill out the application for an Educational Fishing Permit. Once approved, you will receive a permit that allows everyone at your event to fish without a fishing license during the scheduled event times. Be sure to allow two to three weeks for the permit to be approved and the educational license to be sent to you before your scheduled event. <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/licenses/fishEducational.pdf>

For more information on Educational Fishing Permits, contact:

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