

## Fishing 101

Learn about aquatic habitats and the fishes found in those habitats. Learn how to make the basic knot needed for the beginner angler, the clinch knot. Then learn to cast using a basic push-button reel or make a casting set up with a pop can, fishing line and casting plug. Test those newly gained casting skills to catch plastic fish-super fun! **1<sup>st</sup> grade-adult. 1.5 hours. \$2.25/person.**



## Fish Habitats

Learn about two basic aquatic habitats in Idaho (warm and cold water) and the fish typically found in those habitats. Explore fish habitats found at the Nature Center and make a fish habitat diorama.

**Prek-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.25/person.**

## 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**

### 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.

*Please Call!*

### Scavenger Hunts

Teachers wishing to focus their student's experience at the Nature Center can request scavenger hunts from MK staff. 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!*

## Take Your Group Fishing

Check out a free classroom set of fishing rods. Then take your class to nearby Parkcenter Pond or another local pond to try out their fishing skills. Don't forget extra help during your field trip to lend a hand with tangled lines and supervision around the water.

## 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>

To check out fishing rods or to turn in Educational Fishing Permit, contact:

Adare Evans [adare.evans@idfg.idaho.gov](mailto:adare.evans@idfg.idaho.gov) 208-287-2890

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## Programs 2017

### NOTE!

Our pricing will be changing January 1, 2018. Prices listed on this brochure only apply to programs before January 1, 2018. After that date, the Streamwalk will be \$2.00/person (child or adult). Specialized programs will be \$2.50/person (child and adult).

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

To schedule a program:

287-2906 or [sara.focht@idfg.idaho.gov](mailto:sara.focht@idfg.idaho.gov)

## 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 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. \$1.75/person.**

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## 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-6<sup>th</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.25/student. \$2.00/parent. Teachers free.**



## Adaptation Artistry

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

**K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.25/person**



## Birds of Riparian Areas

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

**All ages. 1.5 hours. \$2.25/person**

## 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 and Peregrine Falcon.

**Pre-K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.25/person.**

## 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. \$2.25/person.**

## 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-6<sup>th</sup> grade 1.5 hours. \$2.25/person.**



## 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-6<sup>th</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.25/person**

## Oh Deer!

Learn about deer, elk, moose, and caribou. How are they the same and how are they different? **K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.25/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-12<sup>th</sup> grades. 1-2 hours. \$2.25/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. Build beaver dams and test your engineering skills.

**PreK-6<sup>th</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.25/person.**



## Class in the Creek

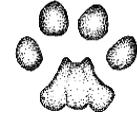
Collect aquatic insects, fish, crayfish, and more in this hands-on stream ecology experience. Learn what a healthy freshwater habitat looks like and why salmon are so essential to Idaho's ecosystems. Get outside to play and learn in *your* river!

**4<sup>th</sup> grade and up. 1.5 hours. \$2.25/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. Then dissect owl pellets to see exactly what they ate.

**4<sup>th</sup> grade and up. 1.5 hours. \$2.25/person.**



## 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-4<sup>th</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.25/person.**



## 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-2<sup>nd</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.25/person.**

## 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-6<sup>th</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.25/person.**