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Idaho Department of Fish and Game Mission

to protect, preserve,
and perpetuate and
manage Idaho's wildlife
resources.



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

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.

Program Details

- Programs are offered Tuesday-Friday 9:30 am-5:00 pm, unless otherwise arranged.
- Most programs can be adapted to prek-adult audiences.
- Maximum number of people for programs range from 40-120 (depending on program).
- Programs can be customized to meet your needs.
- Groups under 10 will be charged for 10 people.
- Groups are booked on a first come, first served basis.
- We accept checks, debit, and cash, but not credit cards. Invoices can be arranged.



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. \$2.50/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. 1.5 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. Make a plaster track to take home.

K-4th grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.50/person.

Nature's Engineers-Beavers!

Look for evidence of beaver activity at the nature center. Learn about beaver adaptations and why they are important to aquatic systems. Build a beaver dam!

PreK-6th grade. 1.5 hours. \$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--2 hours. \$2.50/person.

Birds of Prey

This is a fun overview of Idaho's different kinds of Birds of Prey. Categorize them, learn to tell them apart and meet a real live falcon!

Pre-K-6th grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.50/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. \$2.50/student. Parents \$2.50. Teachers free.

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. 1.5 hours. \$2.50/person.

Dogs and Cats!

Idaho is home to three species of canines and three species of felines. Compare dogs to cats by finding out what they eat, how they hunt and where they live.

Prek-6th grade. 1.5 hours. \$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. 1.5 hours. \$2.50/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-6th grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.50/person.

Class in the Creek

Get in the Boise River! Provided boots and nets will help you collect aquatic insects of all kinds. Learn about why these macroinvertebrates are important in an aquatic food chain. Water levels and seasonal temperatures dictate the availability of this program.

4th grade-adult. 1.5-2 hours. \$2.50/person.

Five Senses

Different animals use their senses differently. Become a wolf and practice your sense of smell. Become a bat to find your way by hearing. Sensory games will help students learn how wildlife uses their senses to survive.

Prek-6th. 1.5 hours. \$2.50/student. Parents \$2.50. Teachers free.



Seasonal Programs

Additional programs may be available-Just ask! Wild Turkeys, Ants Go Marching, Conifer Trees, Animals in Winter, Crayfish, Oh DEER! Fish Habitat, Five Senses, Living and Non-living things, Creatures of the Night, Sagebrush/Grouse, Bees,,Bats and Reptiles and Amphibians.

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 and Team Building

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. Contact sara.focht@idfg.idaho.gov

Adult team-building activities are available upon booking. [Contact sara.focht@idfg.idaho.gov](mailto:sara.focht@idfg.idaho.gov)

Recorded Programs Online

Four of our most popular programs have been converted to movie files for your enjoyment. These presentations are designed for elementary-aged students. <https://idfg.idaho.gov/blog/2020/04/four-mknc-lessons-available-online>

Wildlife Trunks

Wildlife trunks are resource kits containing supplementary materials related to certain topics and/or animals. You will find lesson plans, suggested activities and materials for educating elementary and secondary students about Idaho's wildlife and natural resources. Individuals, teachers, and organizations in the Treasure Valley may check out the trunk for a week at a time. Pick-up and return are required at 600 S Walnut Street, Boise. The following trunks are available: bats, bears, elk, owls, eagles, songbirds, wolves and many more. Email lori.adams@idfg.idaho.gov for a complete list and to check out a trunk.



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