Ballard Nature Center
Homeschooling 2019-2020 Curriculum

We are thrilled to have you and your family in our homeschool program! Programs will be multi-grade level (ages 4-18). Due to expensive equipment and for the enjoyment of everyone, programs are held in a class-like setting. Children should remain seated and raise their hands to ask and answer questions. Please no food or candy for students over 3 years old. Parents attend with children. Feel free to bring younger siblings. If toddlers get fussy or are distractive to the class, please take them upstairs till calm. We will be doing lots of crafts and activities. Your family may sign-up anytime between now and August 30.

The cost will be $35 per family of up to 3 children (4 yrs or older). Then a fee of $5 for each additional child (4 yrs or older). This fee covers the entire year of 7 classes.

Unit 1: Feline vs. Canine
September 17 - 9:30-11:30am or 1-3pm or September 18 – 9:30-11:30am or 1-3pm
What are the differences and similarities between cats and dogs? What kind of wild canine and feline are there and what are their habitats?

Unit 2: Animal Coverings
October 15 – 9:30-11:30am or 1-3pm or October 16 9:30-11:30am or 1-3pm
Feathers, scales, fur, & more! Each animal’s covering is especially designed to be helpful to the animal. Some coverings are even made to be removed. Lots of hands-on.

Unit 3: Grouse and Allies
November 19 – 9:30-11:30am or 1-3pm or November 20 9:30-11:30am or 1-3pm
Do you know what a Grouse is? This family of birds has many interesting attributes. There are lots of reasons we should know all about them.

December – No class due to the busy Christmas Season, Merry Christmas!

Unit 4: Coniferous Trees and White Animals
January 15 - 9:30-11:30am or 1-3pm or January 21 - 9:30-11:30am or 1-3 pm
Conifer trees play an important role in our ecosystems. Conifers are extremely diverse and pretty, even in the winter.

Unit 5: The Unloved Animals
February 18 – 9:30-11:30am or 1-3pm or February 19 – 9:30-11:30am or 1-3pm
Valentine’s Day is all about love, but there are a lot of animals that are unloved. We will be learning about these animals and finding out their unique characteristics.

Unit 6: Animal Young
March 17 - 9:30-11:30am or 1-3pm or March 18 – 9:30-11:30am or 1-3pm
Animal babies are born and raised in many different ways. Some babies stay with their moms for up to 3 years, while others are on their own from the moment they hatch.

Unit 7: Experiments in Science
April 15 9:30-11:30am or 1-3pm or April 21 9:30-11:30am or 1-3pm
We love to do experiments. We will have lots of easy experiments and the explanation behind these experiments.
Sign-Up Sheet for Homeschooling at Ballard Nature Center

Parents Name:_______________________________________________________

Address:___________________________________________________________

City:______________________________________________________________

Zip Code:____________

Phone:_________________________ Cell phone:_________________________

E-mail Address: _____________________________________________________

Names and Ages of Children:__________________________________________
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Any Special Needs or Allergies:_________________________________________

Choose from two class times. Circle your first choice.

9:30-11:30AM  or  1-3PM

We will meet on the 3rd Tuesday or Wednesday of the month.  Please circle the day you would rather have.

Tuesday       Wednesday

We will try very hard to get you in your preferred class.

Please send form and payment to Ballard Nature Center, 5253 E US Hwy 40 Altamont, IL 62411.  Any questions, call 618-483-6856, e-mail ballardnc@frontiernet.net, or Facebook message us.