



One-Day Outdoor Homeschool Group

<p style="text-align: center;">Schedule of Day</p> <p>9:00-9:15 Drop off 9:15-9:30 Morning Circle – Music, Reading, Discussion 9:30-10:30 Hike and Exploration Time 10:30-11:00 Nature Study and Journaling 11:00-12:00 Lunch 12:00-12:30 Conservation and Life Science Focus 12:30-1:30 Hike and Exploration Time 1:30 – 2:00 Group or Independent Reading</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hike and Exploration Time</p> <p>Our time outdoors will focus on topics that match what is happening in the natural world. On our hikes, we may be looking to observe a specific creature or plant, join in projects like pond dipping or maple tapping, or even build forts.</p> <p>Through unstructured exploration time, the children will have the time and space required to develop meaningful relationships with one another.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Conservation and Life Science</p> <p>Conservation and life science time will consist of citizen science projects, spotlights on the Center for Conservation, and hands on projects.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nature Study and Journaling</p> <p>We will begin our year together by preparing our journals. These books will become treasures as children learn through practice to record what they observe during silent periods of watching and listening.</p> <p>We will also explore different techniques and various media for recording observations.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Reading Time</p> <p>We will start and end our day with reading. While picture books will be readily available, children may also bring in their own books to share with the group or read independently. In addition to independent reading, children will also enjoy chapter books read aloud by the teacher.</p>	

Following the Seasons

Lessons will focus on topics that mirror the unfolding of the seasons in the natural world.

Here is an idea of topics we may study through the months of the school year.

September Autumnal equinox Caterpillars/Monarchs Migrations	October Bats Spiders Fall leaves Moon cycles	November Preparations for winter Squirrels Nuts and Seeds
December Winter solstice Coniferous trees Hibernation and Torpor Animal adaptations	January Snow Animal tracks Maple tapping Birds of Prey	February Maple season Songbirds Shadows Constellations
March Vernal equinox Spring flowers Clouds	April Wildflowers Pond life Amphibian lifecycles	May Bees Pollination Water cycle

Specifics

Group will meet Wednesdays, September 2021 – May 2022.

This program is completely outdoors. In the case of severe weather, we will reschedule for another day.

Shelter is available if needed in case of a weather emergency.

Cost: \$1,620

To register: Visit <http://www.cincynature.org/education/> to complete registration.

A deposit of \$100 is required to hold your spot and will be applied to your first month's tuition.

Children must be 5 years old by August 1, 2021 to participate.

Group will include kindergarten, first and second grade children.

Group will be comprised of the same children and teacher every week.

Class size will be no more than 9.

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