

# BEAVER MEADOW NATURE CENTER



## NATURE PROGRAMS

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# BUFFALO AUDUBON

Buffalo Audubon is a 501 - c3 not for profit dedicated to the promotion, enjoyment, and protection of the natural world through education, advocacy and community conservation.



A regional, independent organization and chapter affiliate of National Audubon, we currently steward over 1,000 acres of land throughout Western New York, with our office headquarters located at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center in Wyoming County. We connect people to nature through delivery of educational programs for all ages, and seek to engage participants as advocates and stewards for and of the natural world.

# BEAVER MEADOW NATURE CENTER

Beaver Meadow Nature Center/Buffalo Audubon  
1610 Welch Rd.  
North Java, NY 14113



Beaver Meadow Nature Center is home to over eight miles of well-marked trails, interactive exhibits, and several educational animals.

Explore wetland to forest to meadow habitat, take a walk and read on our Storybook Trail, walk the boardwalk at Jenny Glen, check out the labeled trees in our Arboretum, and look for wildlife along our Beaver Pond.

While our programs are geared to take place at Beaver Meadow Nature Center, many can be adapted to other locations.

# MEET ZELDA

Location: Beaver Meadow or offsite



Meet Zelda, our Eastern Screech Owl! Zelda is an educational animal who came to Beaver Meadow in 2016 after she was hit by a car. Now, she helps us learn about owls like her and their awesome adaptations for hunting and surviving at night! Students will get to see Zelda and her adaptations in action, owl skulls and talons and different bird feathers.

New York State Education Standards codes:  
K-LS1-1                      K-ESS3-1                      4-LS1-1

# BIRD WATCHING

Location: Beaver Meadow or offsite

Let's see some birds! Go over the basics of bird watching, learn how to use binoculars and field guides, and then head out on a bird walk. We'll see, hear, and learn about different birds that live in our region!



New York State Education Standards codes:  
K-LS1-1                      K-ESS3-1                      K-ESS3-3  
2-LS4-1                      3-LS4-3

# ADVENTURE HIKE

Location: Beaver Meadow or offsite



Adventure on some of Beaver Meadow's eight miles of trails and to learn about the different plants and animals that live in our preserve! We'll talk about ecosystems and the different adaptations wildlife have to survive in our climate. Hikes can be specifically themed or can be focused on all of the different neat nature we encounter on the way!

New York State Education Standards codes:  
P-LS1-1                      P-LS1-2                      K-LS1-1  
K-ESS3-1                    2-LS4-1                      2-ESS1-1  
3-LS4-3

# SHELTER BUILDING

Location: Beaver Meadow

Can you survive in the wild? Pay a visit to our Amphitheater where we'll go over the basics of survival and the Rule of 3. Then, form teams and use sticks and other materials you can find in the forest to build a shelter that can keep your entire team out of the elements and help you survive!



New York State Education Standards codes:  
K-PS3-1                      2-PS1-2                      2-PS1-3  
K-2-ETS1-2                    K-PS3-2

# HIDDEN WORLD OF POND

Location: Beaver Meadow



Dive in to the World of Pond! Learn how to use a net to scoop wildlife out of the pond and into collection bins! We'll go over different kinds of insects, amphibians, mollusks, and more that we might find, the life cycles of different aquatic animals, and how they interact as an ecosystem.

New York State Education Standards codes:

P-LS1-1

P-LS1-2

K-LS1-1

K-ESS2-2

K-ESS3-1

K-ESS3-3

2-LS4-1

3-LS4-3

3-LS1-1



# INSECTS AND POLLINATORS

Location: Beaver Meadow or offsite

Learn about the big world of insects! Use nets to collect insects, and then look at our finds using magnifier boxes. We'll learn about what makes an insect an insect, go over the 8 major orders of insect, and talk about the important work of pollinators!



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K-LS1-1                      K-ESS3-1                      K-ESS3-3  
3-LS2-1

# COLD BLOODED CRITTERS

Location: Beaver Meadow or offsite



The Beaver Meadow Nature Center is home to six turtles and four snakes who help us learn about reptiles. Meet some of our cold-blooded educational animals and learn about ectotherms and endotherms, traits of reptiles, native, non-native, and invasive species, and the different adaptations these animals have to survive in the wild!



New York State Education Standards codes:  
P-LS1-1                      P-LS1-2                      4-LS1-1

# AMAZING ADAPTATIONS

Location: Beaver Meadow or offsite

Try on different adaptations! Students will dress up in different “adaptations” to learn about how they help different animals survive. Then, they’ll guess what animals they’re dressed up as, and discuss how that animal’s adaptations allow it to survive at Beaver Meadow.



New York State Education Standards codes:  
K-LS1-1                      K-ESS3-1                      2-LS4-1  
3-LS4-3                      3-LS3-1                      4-LS1-1

# SKULLS AND FURS

Location: Beaver Meadow or offsite



Touch and feel furs! Learn about camouflage and why different mammals have different kinds of fur, maybe even seasonally! Look at these animals' skulls and learn about herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores and the different adaptations their skulls have to help them find food and eat!

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K-LS1-1                      K-ESS3-1                      2-PS1-1  
2-LS4-1                      4-LS1-1

# MEET A TREE

Location: Beaver Meadow or offsite

Get to know a tree! This program in our Arboretum focuses on the parts of a tree and using our senses to observe nature. Students are blindfolded, assigned a tree, and must use their senses to observe it. Then they'll lose their blindfold and try to find their tree! This lesson wraps up with a tag game using our new tree friends!



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K-ESS3-3                    2-PS1-1                      3-LS4-3  
3-LS3-2

# PROGRAM PRICING

PROGRAM PACKAGES	AT BEAVER MEADOW NATURE CENTER	YOUR LOCATION	STUDENTS INCLUDED
ONE PROGRAM	\$260	\$310	25
TWO PROGRAMS	\$520	\$620	50
THREE PROGRAMS	\$780	\$930	75
FOUR PROGRAMS	\$1040	1240	100

Program packages are priced to include teachers, aides, and chaperones to make state standards of ratios in a classroom. Our programs are designed to be 45-60 minutes. We schedule programs for Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Program packages scheduled at Beaver Meadow will be done between 9:30 AM and 2:30 PM. Programs scheduled at your location may vary in time to accommodate material needs.



## Programs to select from

- Meet Zelda
- Birdwatching
- Adventure Hike
- Skulls and Furs
- Meet a Tree
- Hidden world of Pond
- Insects and Pollinators
- Cold Blooded Critters
- Amazing Adaptations
- Shelter Building

# SAMPLE FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Actual schedules may vary to meet the needs of the school. The welcome includes an initial briefing of which classes will be in groups A, B, or C, along with a bathroom break. Groups will then rotate through programs until lunch if you choose to have one here. We provide a location for lunch based on the weather. Lunch includes time to return from program locations and bathroom breaks. The last program is conducted making sure groups are back in time for bathroom break before departure.

Time	Group A	Group B	Group C
10:00	Welcome	Welcome	Welcome
10:15	Meet Zelda	Amazing Adaptations	Hidden World of Pond
11:00	Hidden World of Pond	Meet Zelda	Amazing Adaptations
11:45	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30	Amazing Adaptations	Hidden World of Pond	Meet Zelda
1:15	Departure	Departure	Departure

# CONTACT US

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