



Dodge Nature Center Outreach Programs

If you can't come to the nature center, a Dodge Naturalist can come to you. Our naturalists can provide the opportunity to learn about nature at your location, providing hands-on experiences and access to special nature-related materials.

Length: 45 - 60 minutes

Size: Group size of up to 100 (A few designated topics for small groups only)

Age: For all ages

Locations: Libraries, classrooms, campfire programs, etc.

Cost: \$135 for non-animal program. 45 minutes. \$80 for each consecutive program.

\$150 for live-animal program. 60 minutes. \$80 for each consecutive program.

Scholarships are available. There is a mileage fee of \$.40/mile for over 30 miles round trip.

Scheduling: Please contact our Schedule Coordinator at jallen@dodgenaturecenter.org or by phone at 651.789.5215.

If you are interested in a weekly after school program, we offer a variety of topics for grades K through 8. For these programs, please contact our Environmental Education Director by e-mail or by phone at 651.789.5206.

Live Animal Programs

\$150 for a 60 minute live-animal program. \$80 for each consecutive hour.

Hens and Roosters

Let us bring the farm to you! From egg to chick to adult, chickens are fascinating animals. Students will meet some of Dodge's chickens up close as we compare breeds and learn about the life of a chicken. For all ages.

Minnesota Wildlife

Introduce students to the diversity of animals living in Minnesota. Through hands-on experiences with feathers, fur, bones, and other animal artifacts as well as visits with live animals, students will learn about some of the wild animals commonly found in Minnesota. Limited to 30 students. For grades Pre-K through 2.

Raptors

Bring the spirit of the wilderness to your classroom. This program features an interactive dialogue between the naturalist and the audience while meeting an education raptor up close. The naturalist will bring along props and activities to see first-hand what makes these creatures so unique. For all Ages.

Reptiles & Amphibians

Whether they love, respect or fear them, people are fascinated by the lives of reptiles and amphibians. Learn about the amazing lives of snakes, turtles, salamanders, and more. Our naturalist will share information about these misunderstood yet remarkable creatures. Live animals will be brought in and students will have an opportunity to touch them. For all ages.

Programs without a Live Animal

\$135 for a 45 minute non-animal program. \$80 for each consecutive program.

All About Birds

What makes a bird a bird? Feathers, eggs, nest examples, and bird calls are just a few things that will be on display and discussed. Tips to identifying birds by silhouette as well as in flight will also be covered. For grade 3 and up.

Bones

Bones do more than give you a shape. Learn about bones and what they tell us about the body around them. Limited to 30 students. For grades 3 and up.

Mammals

Investigate Minnesota mammals and their food preferences. Students will have the opportunity to analyze skulls in order to gain a better understanding of what makes an animal an herbivore, a carnivore or an omnivore. Limited to 30 students. For grades 3 and up.

Nature Fact or Fiction

Bats are blind and touching toads gives you warts. Are statements like these nature facts or are they fiction? During this interactive program, you'll learn what is real and what is nature nonsense. For grade 3 and up.