

# BEAVER MEADOW NATURE CENTER



## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

SCHEDULE YOUR PROGRAM TODAY!

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Beaver Meadow Nature Center offers a variety of on and off-site programming for nature lovers of all ages. We work with schools, clubs, youth organizations, libraries, homeschool groups, and more to provide fun and interactive environmental education.

## **Programming**

Each program is 45 minutes to an hour in length. Program prices are subject to mileage charges if your location is over 25 miles round-trip from Beaver Meadow Nature Center. Thank you for considering our nature programming for your guests.

### **Interactive Indoor Programming**

#### **Meet Zelda the Eastern Screech-Owl**

**Price \$310**

**Suitable for all ages**

Join us in meeting Zelda, our beloved Eastern Screech-Owl! Zelda serves as an educational animal ambassador at Beaver Meadow. As a young owl, Zelda was found by a Good Samaritan and taken to the Erie Co SPCA for treatment of her injuries. She had lost her vision in one eye and veterinarians determined she would not be able to be released back into the wild. Through Zelda, we gain insight into the fascinating world of owls and their remarkable adaptations for hunting and survival. Get up close and personal with Zelda's adaptations, feel different bird feathers, and examine owl skulls and talons

#### **Cold-Blooded Critters**

**Price \$310**

**Suitable for all ages**

Discover the wonders of reptiles! Meet some of our educational snakes and turtles and learn about their unique adaptations for survival, as well as what distinguishes a reptile from other creatures.

#### **Build a Birdhouse Workshop**

**Registration required**

**Price \$250 (includes ten birdhouses)**

**Suitable for all ages**

Unleash your creativity by building a birdhouse with your own hands! We provide all the necessary materials and guidance to help you construct a functional birdhouse for your yard. Each family can create one birdhouse.

## **Skulls and Furs**

**Price \$260**

**Suitable for all ages**

Immerse yourself in the world of furs! Explore the concept of camouflage and the reasons behind the varying fur types among mammals, possibly changing seasonally. Examine the skulls of different animals and learn about the adaptations that herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores possess to aid in their search for food.

## **Food Webs & Invasive Species - Red-Eared Slider**

**Price \$310**

**Recommended for ages 6 and up**

Meet Stella, the Red-Eared Slider of Beaver Meadow. This species of turtle, is often introduced as a pet and subsequently released, and has become an invasive species in many parts of North America. Gain insights into food webs and the impact of invasive species on our ecosystems.

## **Endangered Species - Spotted Turtle**

**Price \$310**

**Recommended for ages 6 and up**

Discover what makes a species endangered by meeting Spotty, Beaver Meadow's Spotted Turtle, a species of special concern in New York. Learn all about turtles, their habitat, and the factors that contribute to a species becoming endangered.

## **Amazing Adaptations**

**Price \$260**

**Recommended for ages 6-11**

Step into the world of adaptations! Participants will dress up in various 'Adaptations' to understand how they aid different animals in survival. Through guessing games and discussions, they will explore how these adaptations enable animals to thrive in their environments.

## **Toddler Time**

**Price \$175**

**Recommended for ages 2-4**

Toddlers can enjoy a special craft and activity, centered around the topic of your choice.

## **Outdoor Programming**

Please note that these programs require access to nearby vegetation.

### **Bird Watching**

**Price \$260**

**Recommended for all ages**

Let's go birding! Learn the fundamentals of birdwatching, including how to use binoculars and field guides, before setting out on a bird walk. Discover and learn about the diverse bird species that inhabit our region. This program can be customized for a family or adult audience.

### **Owl Prowl**

**Price \$260**

**Recommended for ages 12 and up**

If your library is situated near woodland, consider an on site Owl-prowl! Delve into owl behavior and attempt to spot and hear wild owls. Ideal for ages 12 and above, with potential adaptations for younger participants.

### **Adventure Hike**

**Price \$260**

**Recommended for all ages**

Explore the natural world with an Adventure Hike around your library's surroundings. Identify and discuss the plants and animals encountered, comparing urban and rural ecosystems. Learn to observe nature using all your senses regardless of your location.

### **Insects and Pollinators**

**Price \$260**

**Recommended for ages 6-13**

Explore the fascinating world of insects with our interactive program! Utilize nets to capture insects and examine them using magnifier boxes. Discover what distinguishes insects from other creatures, explore the 8 major orders on insects, and delve into the crucial role of pollinators in our ecosystem.

### **Meet a Tree**

**Price \$260**

**Recommended for ages 6-13**

Immerse yourself in the wonders of nature as we focus on the different parts of a tree and engage our senses to observe the beauty around us. Students will be blindfolded, assigned a tree, and challenged to use their senses to explore it. This program can be customized based on the natural surroundings near your library.

## **Specialty Programming**

Join us for an enriching and educational experience that will deepen your understanding and appreciation of the natural world around you.

### **Bird Friendly Communities**

**Price \$200**

**Recommended for ages 12 and up**

Discover simple ways to create a bird-friendly environment in your backyard, from planting native plants to avoiding harmful pesticides. Explore food webs and learn how to support birds as they adapt to coexisting with us in our communities.

### **Composting 101**

**Prices \$200**

**Recommended for ages 12 and up**

Uncover the basics of composting, including its importance, uses and how to get started.

### **Animal Deep Dive**

**Price \$200**

**Recommended for ages 12 and up**

Choose from a variety of animals found in Western New York and enjoy a detailed presentation of the characteristics and habitats of your selected species.

### **Winter Tree ID**

**Price \$200**

**Recommended for ages 12 and up**

Learn how to identify trees during the winter months, explore tree anatomy, and master the use of a dichotomous key. Put your skills to the test by identifying trees using twigs. If your library is surrounded by vegetation, we'll venture outside to practice identification first hand.