

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 libraries, clubs, youth organizations, homeschool groups, businesses, 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

Meet Zelda, our Eastern Screech-Owl! Zelda serves as an educational animal ambassador and joined Beaver Meadow in 2016 following an injury from a car accident. Presently, Zelda plays a crucial role in educating us about owls and their remarkable hunting skills and survival tactics during nighttime. Students will have the opportunity to observe Zelda showcasing her adaptations, along with owl skulls, talons, and various bird feathers.

Cold-Blooded Critters

Price \$310

Suitable for all ages

The Beaver Meadow Nature Center houses six turtles and four snakes as educational ambassadors for reptiles. Discover fascinating facts about ectotherms and endotherms, the characteristics of reptiles, native and non-native species, invasive species, and the various adaptations these animals possess to thrive in their natural habitats!

Auditorium Programs

Price \$400

All Ages

Our Meet Zelda and Cold-Blooded Critters programs can be adapted to serve a large single group in an auditorium setting. One of these programs can be selected to present lecture-style to an audience of your size in your auditorium.

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

Explore the World of Fur! Discover the secrets of camouflage and understand why various mammals boast different types of fur, some of which change with the seasons. Get a close-up look at animal skulls and delve into the distinctions between herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores, exploring how their skulls adapt to help them survive.

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.

*Contact us for tabling events at science fairs or festivals.

Outdoor Programming

Please note that these programs require access to nearby vegetation.

Bird Watching

Price \$260

Recommended for all ages

Observing Birds in Action! Engage in the world of birdwatching! Participants will discover the fundamentals of bird watching, from understanding binoculars to using field guides. Following this, a birdwatching expedition will take place. Experience the sights, sounds, and insights into various bird species that call our region home.

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.