

Field Trips at Bear Branch Nature Center

Bear Branch Nature Center offers the following field trips:

- ◆ **Pre-K: All About Animals:** Discover the differences between wild and tame animals and search for clues that animals have been nearby.
- ◆ **Kindergarten: Leapin' Lifecycles:** Learn about lifecycles and search for animals in various life stages at Lake Hashawha.
- ◆ **1st Grade: Seeds and Sprouts:** Investigate methods of seed dispersal and pollination; participate in a seed or pollinator hunt outdoors.
- ◆ **2nd Grade: Water, Water Everywhere:** Examine the water cycle and investigate ways that water impacts life and land outdoors.
- ◆ **3rd Grade: Forest Food Webs:** Explore the important role of decomposers and take a hike to search for clues that animals have been nearby.
- ◆ **4th Grade: On the Way to the Bay:** Investigate our impact on the Chesapeake Bay and visit Bear Branch to determine the stream's health.
- ◆ **5th Grade: Our Place in Space:** Explore the night sky in the planetarium and participate in an outdoor "Solar System Walk".



All field trips include a **naturalist-led, interactive presentation**, the opportunity to meet a few of Bear Branch Nature Center's **captive animals***, and the chance to participate in **hands-on, outdoor activities**.

Field trips may also include the opportunity to **browse and explore** the nature center's exhibits, Discovery Room, and library and to **hike** the trails at Hashawha.

The cost is \$4 per student and chaperone for schools in-county; \$5 for schools out-of-county.

Other topics covered include insects, nocturnal animals, trees, etc. Interested in something you don't see above? Just ask!

***The number and type of animals are dependent on the field trip.**

Please note: To accommodate an entire grade in one field trip, teachers and chaperones may be asked to lead students through various activities. Nature center staff will work to ensure teachers and chaperones are comfortable with their roles during these activities. Student experiences at Bear Branch support what they are learning in the classroom: **all of Bear Branch's field trips have been aligned with Carroll County Public Schools' science curriculum.**



Field trips can be booked year-round, Wednesday—Friday, 9:00am—5:00pm.
To schedule a field trip, call 410-386-3580 or email bearbranch@ccg.carr.org.