



Connecting People, Land and Nature

2019 Summer Reading Programs

FEATURE PROGRAM

Animal X-Files

Join with the Outdoor Discovery Center's special agent naturalists as we investigate the unexplained and mind-bending animals of Michigan. Both strange and alien creatures will be scrutinized as we take a look into the bizarre and surprising. Which animal sheds and then eats its own skin? Which of Michigan's animals originated in Asia? Have you heard about the vampire of the great lakes? Please accompany us on this journey into, the unknown.

Live animals, taxidermy and artifacts will be used during the presentation. Depending on the size of the audience, animals may be shared during the presentation or at its conclusion for an open format exploration time.

PROGRAM LENGTH: 1 hour

PROGRAM FEE: \$270

Fee includes a one hour program, at least one presenter, travel expenses and hand-outs (if relevant to the theme).



See reverse side for additional programs that can be brought to your library.

Please contact the office today if you are interested in a naturalist-facilitated program at your library this summer. Program length and fees are the same for all summer library programs: **\$270 per one hour program.** *Discount rates may apply for multiple programs scheduled.*

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The Outdoor Discovery Center promotes and provides conservation, preservation, outdoor education, and recreation experiences which foster stewardship and benefit wildlife, people, communities and the environment. Groups that work with the ODC include schools, scouts, cadets, churches, businesses and libraries. Listed below are several of the more popular program themes offered by our naturalist staff.

Each program is easily adapted to library settings. We have conducted programs for thousands of people since 2003 where live animals are the highlight. Our expert staff can conduct any of the included program themes for family, young children, and teen audiences. We can work with almost any group size and will adapt our content and delivery to fit your audience.

Live Birds of Prey: A Bird's Eye View

The ODC's collection of live birds of prey is used to highlight the life history of various species including hawks, owls and falcons. All birds used during these programs are unreleaseable to the wild. Depending on the group size, birds will be walked around the room during the presentation or brought out after the presentation for closer inspection by visitors. Hands-on artifacts include skulls, feathers, pelts, and talons.

Snakes, Turtles, and Lizards, Oh My!

Michigan is home to a diversity of reptile species. The ODC is fortunate to house a number of live, native reptiles that can be used in educational programs. Audiences will learn how a reptile differs from other animal groups and how to identify them. Hands-on artifacts include skins, skulls, eggs, and shells of several species native to Michigan.

Wonderful Wetland Critters

A wetland is a home for a wide variety of plants and animals. Our staff will share live examples of both vertebrate and invertebrate organisms that can be found in and near wetlands in Michigan. Animals may include toads, frogs, salamanders, fish, leeches, dragonflies, damselflies and more. Throughout the program, our naturalist will offer insight into the life history and habitat of the organisms used. The group will be able to see a number of animals during the presentation part of the program and then have a chance to handle many of them during the exploration time.

Up Close and Wild

This program focuses on introducing audiences to Michigan wildlife. Live animals including reptiles, amphibians and birds will be used during the presentation. People will learn unique characteristics of animals and how they fit into our diverse ecosystems. Hands-on artifacts include skins, skulls, wings, feathers and talons of several species native to Michigan.

Things that go "Who" in the Night

Owls capture the attention of almost anyone who is lucky enough to encounter them in the wild. This live bird program will highlight several common owl species and show participants how they can encourage them to live in their backyard. Hands-on artifacts include feathers, pelts, skulls, and talons.

Contact the Outdoor Discovery Center today to reserve a date:

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