

Blandford Nature Center's **Nature in Action** ecology series for homeschoolers offers children ages four to twelve the opportunity to explore science and social study concepts first hand. This year, topics range from plant science to geology to pioneer simple machines.

Outdoor, seasonally-based sessions foster:

- Skill building
- Critical thinking
- Appreciation for the natural world
- Social relationships

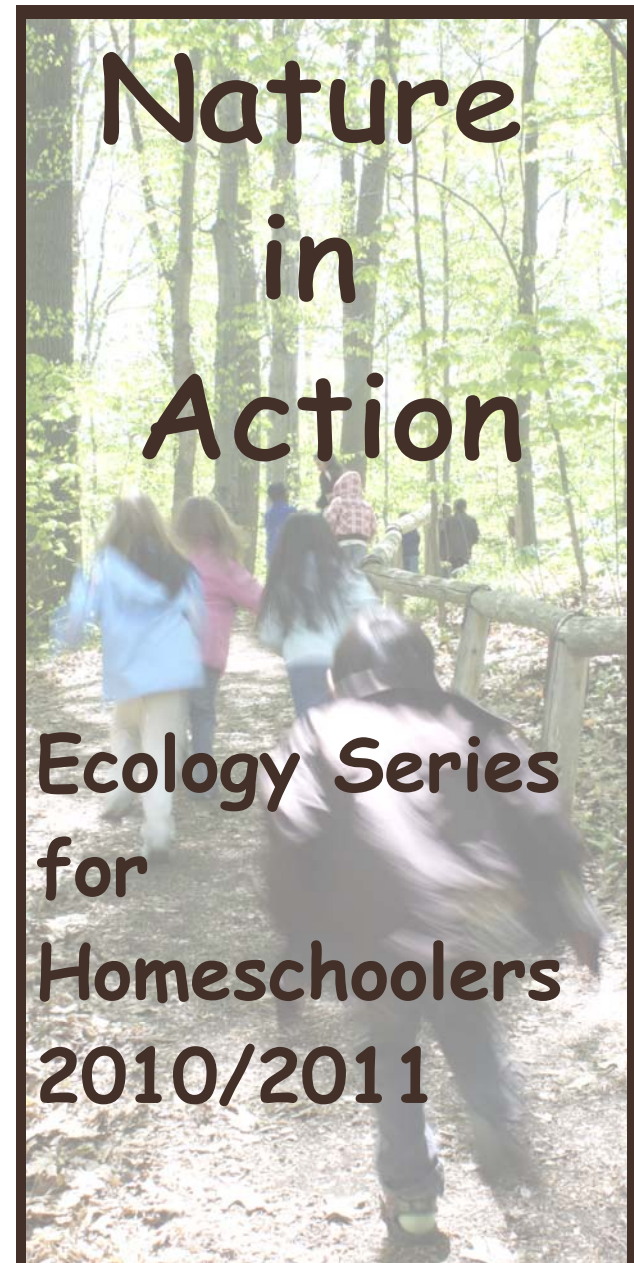
Special opportunities available for students wanting a more in-depth experience:

- An **accelerated-level program** is offered for 10-12 year-old participants during the Morning session.
- **Older students (13 & up)** interested in service learning opportunities may participate in the **Volunteer Youth Group** during the Afternoon session.

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Nature in Action

Ecology Series for Homeschoolers 2010/2011



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To register, review the program offerings listed and select one, a few or all seven! Then:

- Choose **either** the **Morning**, 10-11:30, or **Afternoon**, 1-2:30, session*
- Complete the enclosed form
- Mail with enclosed payment to:
Blandford Nature Center
1715 Hillburn Ave NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
- Or fax with credit payment to **616.735.6255**
- We will send a written confirmation with class information upon payment approval

Classes are offered **the third Monday*** of each month. Each session is 90 minutes long and is open to **all three age groups**:

- Acorns 4 - 6,
- Sprouts 7 - 9, and
- Mighty Oaks 10 - 12.

Age group is determined by student age as of September 30, 2010.

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- If both sessions fill, we will open a third session on the following **Tuesday afternoon, 2-3:30**, for that age group.
- The 10-12 year old group in the **Morning session** is an **accelerated-level class**.
- Students 13 + years can gain service learning experience by joining the Youth Volunteer Group offered during the **Afternoon session**.

Nature in Action Ecology Series for Homeschoolers

We plan on being **outside and active** for all programs!

October 18

Falling Leaves: Seeds & Plants

Plants have to get ready for winter too! We will explore fields and forests to find how different plants store energy and send their seeds off into the world.

November 15

Great Geology!

Michigan is made of many layers and we will uncover what lies under the soil, how rocks are made and how they get around!

January 17

Awesome Animals

Diversity is the name of the game in the wild. From worms to bears, we will learn what makes them special.

February 21

Simple Machines of Pioneer Life

We use them everyday, they are everywhere and we will discover how they work as we learn more about how these machines made frontier life a little easier.

March 21

Wacky Weather

As winter fades into spring, the crazy weather makes a very sweet treat possible!

April 18

Our Planet, Our Home

Get ready for Earth Day by learning more about the simple (and sometimes not so simple) things you can do to help keep our planet a healthy home.

May 16

Incredible Insects

They fly, they crawl, they swim, they make food we eat! Insects are just plain incredible.

June

Check out our **Summer Discovery Day Camp** brochure for more exciting education and adventure opportunities!