

## **BLANDFORD ON THE ROAD**

Blandford Nature Center's traveling programs are suited to grade level content and can be tailored to fit your class schedule (usually 40 minutes to an hour). **Group size is limited to 30 students.** Programs are designed for one class at a time; larger groups require special arrangements. **Blandford on the Road** programs are **\$100** for one program, \$50 for each additional same-day presentation, with the only exception being the Plant Part Wrap, which is \$100 per program. Programs further than 20 miles round-trip will be charged an additional \$20 for every 20 mile increment over a 20 mile round trip. Presentations include demonstrations, hands-on components and activities. To register contact our registrar at 616.735.6240 or email at registrar@blandfordnaturecenter.org.



### **ECOLOGY (Live, native Michigan animals are a part of each program)**

#### **Blandford's Wildlife (Grades PreK-12)**

General wildlife program with a variety of live animals from Blandford's Wildlife Department. You will learn why these animals live at Blandford and their natural history.

#### **Story Time With The Animals (PreK-K)**

Listen to a story about animals, and then meet some of the animals from the book. Live animals will be a part of the program.

#### **Feathers, Fur or Scales? (Grades PreK -1)**

Animal body coverings have many uses: protection, warmth, movement and camouflage. Examples of different animal skins and real live specimens allow students a multi-sensory experience.

#### **Birds of a Feather (Grades 1-3)**

What makes a bird a bird? This hands-on program looks at the various characteristics of birds, including feathers, nests, songs, beaks, and feet, in order to better understand these unique flying vertebrates. Two to three live birds will be included in the presentation.

#### **Vertebrates on Review (Grades 2-5)**

How are reptiles similar to birds? What makes a mammal a mammal or a fish a fish? This program defines vertebrates and compares the differences and similarities of the five vertebrate groups in a fun way. Live animals, mounts and educational props provide a hands-on review of the five vertebrate groups.

#### **Raptors (Grades 4-6)**

Great predators of the sky, raptors have amazing adaptations for seeking and catching their prey. Learn about the habitats of both common and rare Michigan hawks and owls and their importance in the ecosystem.

#### **All About Owls (Grades 4-6)**

Learn about these amazing nocturnal creatures. You will learn about their various adaptations that help them to be efficient predators in the wild. You will get to meet several live owls and touch natural artifacts from owls. For an additional fee, you can purchase owl pellets and dissect them during the program to see what our owl friends have been eating.

#### **Ecosystem Energy (Grades 4-6)**

From the sun to a soaring hawk, energy flows through an ecosystem as food. Students will get an interactive look at photosynthesis, predator/prey relationships and the role people play in their environment. Live examples of an herbivore, omnivore, and carnivore will emphasize food chain relationships.

#### **Custom Program**

We can customize any of our above programs to fit your groups needs or create a new program to fit your group.

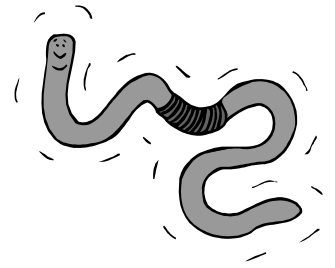
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### FOOD CYCLES

#### Vermicomposting (PreK-5)

Get your hands dirty in our worm bin. Learn about decomposition and the power of compost in this lesson designed to teach students about worms, microorganisms, and what happens to things when they die.



#### Sugarbush (PreK -5 February/March )

Students learn the origin, history, and process of producing real maple syrup. Enjoy a story of how Native Americans discovered maple syrup, learn how to tap a tree using a brace-and-bit, and finish it all off with a sweet taste of pure, Michigan maple syrup.

#### Plant Part Wrap (Grades 1-5, excluded from multiple program discount)

Students will learn the parts of a plant and how delicious they can be! Edible roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruit and seeds are used in a classroom cooking activity, followed by a round of memory to reinforce learning.

