



EVERYDAY ADVENTURES

Wargo homeschool programs are science-based and will fit well with your homeschool curriculum. Environmental education programs allow children to discover the natural environment, learn about nature through hands on activities, and HAVE FUN!



Professional Naturalists work with homeschoolers to provide quality environmental, recreational, and natural history programming.

Join us the third Thursday of each month from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm or 1:00 - 3:00 pm

The price per session is: \$5/child (+ tax).

Pre-registration is required.

Register online at anokacountyparks.com or call 763-324-3350.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations that are received less than 7 days before the event will not be refunded. Any changes to the event must be made at least 7 days prior to the scheduled program.



WARGO NATURE CENTER

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nature center
HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS
2019-2020

ANOKA COUNTY PARKS

GRADES K-2

OCTOBER - SEEDS

Did you know that animals and humans plant seeds? The plants themselves even plant seeds. We will look at seeds and learn about dispersal. Let's see who is planting what now!

NOVEMBER - HOO HOO HOO'S IN THE WOODS

Owls are masters of the night, flying silently through the trees and listening for every little rustle. They're tricky to see, but we'll learn more about them and search around the forest for clues they leave behind.

DECEMBER - SIX SLICK TRICKS

Do you like being outside in the winter? Some animals stay active all winter long. Thankfully, they have special tricks that help them stay warm. We'll learn about their ways and see if we can stay warm too!

JANUARY - AMAZING OTTERS

Bound, slide, splash! Who disappeared into the hole in the icy lake? It's the river otter! We'll learn all about these amazing creatures and how they survive the cold Minnesota winter.

FEBRUARY - SNOW FUN

It's play in the snow day! Kicksled down our hill, snowshoe on the trails, and play a winter game in the woods. We'll warm up at the end of class with a story around the fireplace.

MARCH - ART AND NATURE

Explore the natural wonders and create unique and beautiful art work using a variety of natural materials.

APRIL - BABY ANIMALS

Spring is the time that animal babies are born. Let's see what they look like and how their parents are taking care of the newborns.

MAY - HAVE TO HAVE A HABITAT

A habitat is a place where animals live and grow. Explore the three habitats here at Wargo Nature Center – the pond, the prairie and the forest. Let's see what we can find!



GRADES 3-5

OCTOBER - NATURE SUPERPOWERS

Have you ever walked through the woods and wondered where all the animals are? Find out how you can gain nature superpowers that will help you to see animals! As we explore the woods, we'll play games to sharpen our senses and improve our observation skills.

NOVEMBER - OUT IN THE COLD

Animals, plants and humans need to prepare for the long winter months. We will explore the different ways that all living things "bundle" themselves up for the cold months ahead.

DECEMBER - BIODIVERSITY

Understand what biodiversity is and why it is so important to life on earth. Students will explore how animal populations are affected by habitat and diversity by learning what animals need to survive and what habitats provide.

JANUARY - WINTER FUN!

In the heart of winter, it is nice to take some time to enjoy the snow and cold. The 6-12 and 3-5 grades will join forces to have maximum fun! We'll learn about and play winter games from cultures around the world, enjoy recreation activities, and warm up with a cup of hot coco or tea.

FEBRUARY - WINTER ECOLOGY

Winter seems like a quiet time of year; like all the animals have either gone to sleep or gone away. We're going to discover all the activity going on out there and how the plants and animals depend on each other all winter long.

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APRIL - BIRD BEHAVIOR

What is that bird doing? We'll look for birds around the nature center and learn about what their behavior can tell us.

MAY - POND STUDY

Did you know that mosquitoes start their life in the water? Come muck around with us as we explore the waters of George Watch Lake. We are bound to find all kinds of small insects and invertebrates that make water their home.

GRADES 6-12

OCTOBER - PRAIRIE ECOLOGY AND RESTORATION

Learn about how our grasslands function and help Wargo improve our grasslands. We will explore prairie plants, collect seed, and plant seeds in newly established or degraded grassland areas around the nature center.

NOVEMBER - GEOLOGY

This class is going to rock! We will learn about the process of land and rock formation, the geological history of Minnesota, fossils, and soil. The land around us has a story to tell... let's see if we can find out what it has to say.

DECEMBER - WARGO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Take part in a time-honored tradition... Bird watching at Christmas. We'll grab binoculars, bundle up, and count as many birds as we can. Along the way we'll learn about bird identification, how birds survive in the winter, and some history on why the nation counts birds in December. There may even be some hot chocolate to warm us up!

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FEBRUARY - SNOW PROPERTIES

Snow is essential to life in Minnesota. We'll explore how snow forms, how snow helps plants and animals survive the winter, and other concepts such as insulation. So join us for an experiment driven winter exploration.

MARCH - ANIMAL DISSECTIONS

Delve into the mysteries of life! We'll explore the inner workings of two different animals to figure out what makes them tick.

APRIL - FAT TIRE BIKING

Up for some adventure? Join us for some trail riding in Anoka County's Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve. We'll take on some single track and tone it down on paved trails for fun for all skill levels. Bikes and helmets provided. Class will meet at Centerville Beach.

MAY - WATER QUALITY LAB

Minnesota is the land of 10,000 lakes... well 11,842 actually... and the quality of our lakes and rivers is important. So, put on your lab coat and waders to help us figure out the health of George Watch Lake by performing chemical tests and searching for plant and animal indicator species.

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