

# Children Discovering Nature

## Field Trip Information

### Explore

Children Discovering Nature is a two-session educational program in which students learn about local flora, fauna, and habitats through hands-on activities in the classroom and field.

### Educate

First, a naturalist educator visits your classroom with inquiry based activities that complement your curriculum and prepare students for a field trip.

### Enrich

The following week, your class visits the Durango Nature Center for a half-day educational field trip. Trained naturalists guide small groups through a variety of habitats, engaging students with activities, nature games, and guided explorations.

|                            | PK-K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|----------------------------|------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kindergarten (Coming Soon) | ●    | ✓ |   |   |   |   |
| 1st Grade (Coming Soon)    |      | ● | ✓ | ✓ |   |   |
| Animal Adaptations         |      |   | ● | ✓ | ✓ |   |
| Nature's Cycles            |      |   | ✓ | ● | ✓ |   |
| Habitat is Where It's At   |      |   |   |   | ✓ | ● |

✓ Program appropriate for suggested grade level.

● Correlates to Durango District 9-R Content Standards and Expected Performances in science.

**Durango Nature Studies curriculum correlates with Local, State and National Education Standards in CO and NM.**

For program availability and registration info, visit [www.durangonaturestudies.org](http://www.durangonaturestudies.org) or call 970-769.

## Fall Programs

### 2

#### Grade 2 "Animal Adaptations"

**In the Classroom** - Students will study animal skulls and pelts and provide explanations as to why certain animals have specific structures and how these structures help them interact with their environments and climates.

**At the Nature Center** - Students will focus on looking for clues of specific native animals and the habitats they live in. Exploration will help them understand why certain animals have specific adaptations to survive within their habitats.

**Standards** - Meets Colorado Science Standards 2.1 & 2.2, touches on 3.1

### 3

#### Grade 3 "Nature's Cycles"

**In the Classroom** - Students will look closely at cycles in nature including, plant, insects, mammal and earth cycles and how different organisms and materials change over time.

**At the Nature Center** - Students will explore and look for evidence of cycles including seed to plant, larva to adult insects, mammal tracks and rock cycles.

**Standards** - Meets CO Science Standards: 2.1 & 3.1

### 4

#### Grade 4 "Habitat is Where It's At"

**In the Classroom** - Students will investigate what animals need to survive and the interaction between living and non-living components of their habitat.

**At the Nature Center** - Students will explore the different habitat zones and identify the components that make each ecological zone unique.

**Standards** - Meets CO Science Standards 2.1 & 2.3

## Spring Programs

### K

Coming Soon

### 1

Coming Soon

We offer many other school programs! Visit our website or call to find out more about:

**Nature in the Classroom**  
**Renting Curriculum Backpacks**  
**Surviving and Thriving in Winter**  
**Independent Research at the Nature Center**