

Nature in the Classroom

Grades K - 8

These one-hour programs engage students in hands-on, in-depth explorations of natural history and ecology topics. NIC programs address important scientific concepts and focus on local environments.

Dates and Times

Days: Tuesday - Friday
Dates: November 27 - February 29
Times: 60 minutes per class
Students: Up to 25 per class

Pricing

No. of Classes	Price per Class	Total Price
1	\$40	\$40
2	\$40	\$80
3	\$35	\$105
4	\$35	\$140

*Note: There is an extra fee of \$1 per student for the owl pellets used in All About Owls.

Mileage Fee

A mileage fee of 49 cents per mile will be charged for schools outside Durango.



Grades 3-5 Flaming Forests

Forest fires may seem scary or destructive, but they are important for a healthy forest. Students become the forest in a variety of skits that demonstrate fire behavior, and decide what they can do to protect their homes and families from wildfire.



Grades 3-5 Bird Basics

Hollow bones, flight feathers, and specialized feet are just some of the features that make birds unique. Students explore our bird, egg and nest collections and discover first hand how birds are adapted for finding and eating very specific foods.



Grades 3-6 All About Owls

Dissecting owl pellets introduces important ecological vocabulary and concepts, including bird and mammal anatomy, food webs, and predator-prey relationships. Students explore adaptations in vision, hearing, hunting, and flight, and learn first hand what an owl had for lunch.



Grades K-2 Buzz on Bees

Interactive demonstrations teach students about the happenings of a hive. Comparing human jobs and responsibilities to bees' complex social interactions helps students connect to these fascinating and ecologically important insects.



Grades 4-8 Snow Physics

Engaging activities help students understand snow crystal metamorphosis, properties of snowpack, and the role snow plays in the local water cycle. Students make human snowflakes and water molecules, and learn how layering affects the stability of winter landscapes.



Grades 2-6 Mammal Mania

Hands-on time with our collection of mammal skulls and pelts teaches students about predator-prey relationships, food webs, habitat adaptations, and vertebrate classification. Local animals are featured in this exploration of what makes a mammal a mammal.



Grades 4-8 Winter Wildlife

Activities demonstrate how animals and plants adapt to winter through physical, physiological, and behavioral strategies. Students decipher tracks and build a human mountain to learn how slope, aspect, and elevation affect animal behavior and plant biology.