

About CNC

CNC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to connect all people with nature through educational, recreational and cultural experiences. Visitors will enjoy the Nature Discovery Area, Ecosystem Gallery, River Overlook, Wildlife Viewing Area, Nature Center Store and more. CNC also features a Homestead Farm, One-room schoolhouse, Sugarhouse and Wetland Area, and offers Nature Day Camp and Nature Preschool.



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At Home with Nature and Traveling Trunks

Supporting Homeschool Education

2019-20

At Home with Nature

Thursdays 10-11:30 am or 1-2:30 pm

This program is designed to support homeschool elementary education through fun, interactive, hands-on activities. Each series consists of three programs.



Students ages 5-12 will be divided into groups based on their age. Each session is limited to 30 students. Each series is \$15 per student and \$12 for each additional sibling. (CNC members receive a 20% discount)

Series must be registered for as a package, and missed sessions cannot be made up or refunded.

Pre-registration is required at least one week before the start of the series.

Early Fall Series - Ecosystems

- Sept 12 - Aquatic Life
- Sept 26 - Ecosystem Succession
- Oct 10 - Human Ecosystems

Late Fall Series - Animals

- Oct 24 - Mammals
- Nov 7 - Birds
- Nov 14 - Reptiles

Early Winter Series - Surviving Winter

- Jan 9 - Adaptation for Adversity
- Jan 23 - Hibernation
- Feb 6 - Migration

Late Winter Series - Resources from the Land

- Feb 20 - Creating with Natural Resources
- March 5 - Maple Syrup
- March 19 - Natural Dyes and Fibers

*Topics may shift within the series due to weather or other conditions.



Traveling Trunks

Checking out a trunk will provide you and your children access to a variety of activities and materials to enhance your learning. From furs and skulls, to 1870s games, to replica Native American tools, learning will come alive when you bring a trunk to home. Trunk fees are \$25 for two weeks.

Furs & Skulls

Grade: K-8



Included in this trunk are the skulls and furs to compare carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Skulls and furs of a coyote, raccoon, rabbit, beaver and deer are in the trunk. Also included are activity and identification guides.

Homestead Life

Grade: K-5

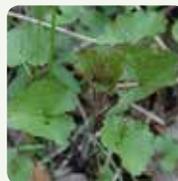
This trunk uses a variety of artifacts to teach children about Michigan farm life in the 1870s.



Included in the trunk are items such as McGuffey readers, toys and games typically played, clothes, butter molds, wool carders and much more! There is also a written packet with background information and activity ideas.

Invasive Species

Grade: 3-8



This trunk includes activities focusing on identification of invasive exotic species, management, the impact exotic species have on ecosystems and more. It's packed full of hands-on lessons, pictures, books, videos

and posters!

Native American Uses of Natural Resources

Grade: 3-6



Use this Traveling Trunk to discover how Native Americans interacted with natural resources a thousand years ago. Reproduction items include an arrow, stone drill, stone point and stone

knife. Among other items, the trunk also includes a brain tanned hide, beaver pelt, fire making kit and baskets.

Rocks & Minerals

Grade: 3-6



Filled with samples of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks as well as many samples of minerals, this trunk enables educators to bring geology to life in the classroom. The kid includes a set of minerals and testing supplies to do basic mineral testing for identification purposes. Activity supplies and outlines are provided.

Animal Classification

Grade: K-3



This trunk includes mammal furs, bird feathers, a turtle shell, snake skin and a rubber fish to compare the outer coverings of most vertebrate animal groups. Also included in the trunk are hands-on lessons to aid educators in teaching classification of animals based on observable characteristics.