

The Outdoor Classroom



Retzer Nature Center

Unless otherwise noted, these programs are held at Retzer Nature Center. For more information or to register visit www.waukeshacountyparks.com.

Environmental Education Programs: Weekday Offerings

Various Weekdays in October

Options available at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

\$4 per student (free for adults and young siblings under age 3)

Maximum of 20-30 paid registrants (program dependent)

Ages: Elementary students

Register at least one day prior to program (no walk-ins please)

Families, caregivers, home school groups, scout troops, 4-H and more... supplement your learner's virtual education experience with an environmental education program at Retzer Nature Center. In the month of October, we will be highlighting five exciting programs for your elementary student. Each program is 60 minutes in duration. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Programs will be conducted largely outdoors, so dress for the weather. In case of inclement weather, program will be moved to an openly ventilated location. Face masks will be required indoors and when social distancing cannot be properly maintained outdoors.

The Secrets of Stream Life

October 1 and 27 at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

October 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Discover a whole hidden world of life in a local stream. Learn how these creatures survive through the winter and what they will become next year! Most importantly, we will learn simple actions we can take to protect our streams and the life in them.

Plant Adaptations

October 6 at 3:00 p.m.

October 14 and 22 at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Explore and make observations at Retzer Nature Center to compare the diversity of plant life in different habitats. See how the physical traits of plants can help them survive as we explore the concepts of habitat and adaptation. Compare and contrast what different plants need to survive, grow and reproduce successfully in their habitat.

Trees, Seeds, Nuts & Leaves

October 7 at 3:00 p.m.

October 20 and 29 at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

This seasonal program will focus on trees as we explore what they are, how they reproduce, and how they change throughout the seasons. We'll make observations about different trees and compare size, texture, shapes and colors of nuts, leaves and seeds we find.

Animal Adaptations – Camouflaged Critters

October 8, 13, 21

10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy a visit from the Retzer teaching animals. See how an animal's physical and behavioral traits can help it to survive as we explore the concepts of habitat and adaptation. This program will focus on different animals' adaptations to blending into their surroundings.

Nature Exploration

October 15 at 3:00 p.m.

October 28 at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Using our powers of observation and sensory skills, we will have a hands-on outdoor experience exploring the natural treasures of the season. Naturalists will modify the exploration according to the season and may cover animal habitats, plant and animal identification, food chains and webs and plant and animal adaptations.



See new weekday
planetarium show offerings!

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