

## Purpose

The Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary offers monthly Home School programs to give Home School students the opportunity to experience the natural world around them. Students will become more familiar with Missouri native plants and animals and learn about different aspects of the environment.

## Who Can Take Part?

These programs are designed for home schooled children ages 6 and up. Note: There is a limit of 15 students to each program and our programs fill quickly. Prepaid registrations are a must.

Adults may accompany the class, hike on the trails or relax in the nature center. Ask for a scavenger hunt to entertain the pre-school children during the program.

## 2011 Program Prices

Member: \$5/1 child \$10/2 or more children

General Public: \$8/child

No charge for accompanying adults.

## How to Register

Call (816) 781-8598

## Group Program Option

If you have a group of 10 or more students and you would like to schedule your own program, we would love to have you! Visit [www.naturesanctuary.com](http://www.naturesanctuary.com) for a copy of our School Program Guide or call us for more information! 816-781-8598



# Home School

## *Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary Membership Levels*

As a member, you will receive benefits such as:

- *The Sanctuary*, our bi-monthly newsletter
- discounts on all public programs
- 10% off gift shop items
- member-only gift shop sales
- special member-only events

### *Individual Privileges*

Ladybug .....	\$20 - 34
Coneflower .....	\$35 - 49

### *Family Privileges*

Bluebird .....	\$50 - 74
Bluestem .....	\$75 - 124
Monarch ** .....	\$125 - 249
Kingfisher .....	\$250 - 499
Sycamore .....	\$500 - 749
Bobcat .....	\$750 - 999
Martha's Circle .....	\$1000+

**\*\*To optimize your donation and assistance to the Sanctuary, please consider a Monarch membership level.**



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## Program Information

- These programs are designed for home schooled children who can participate in learning activities without an accompanying adult.
- Only pre-registered students will be allowed in the program.
- Programs begin promptly at the stated time and last for 90 minutes.
- If Liberty schools are closed due to inclement weather, MLTNS will be closed that day.
- In addition to our Home School Programs, we have a number of public programs throughout the year which are suitable for the entire family.



## What to Bring & How to Dress Students

- Rain or shine, outdoor exploration is a part of each program.
- In winter, students should dress appropriately for extended periods outdoors. In warmer weather, we recommend light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and pants as protection against plants and insects.
- Sandals, crocs, and water shoes/socks are not allowed. Sturdy shoes, tennis shoes or boots are required for all participants.



# 2011 Program Schedule

Program Times: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

## January 20 Feeding Frenzy!

Where do you find food when everything is frozen? Explore what the birds and animals need to do to find food in the winter.

## February 17 Let it Snow

With snow everywhere, it's the perfect time to learn about snowflakes! Join us as we look at what it takes to make a snowflake, observe some real snowflakes.

## March 24 Fabulous Frogs\*

This time of year the Sanctuary is starting to "hop" with frogs and toads. We'll learn about our webbed-footed friends, take a hike to listen to their calls, meet some amphibious friends, and make a froggy craft!

## April 14 The Social Buzz

People aren't the only ones who like to hang about in groups. "Social" insects like bees and ants are busy this time of year. Take a glimpse into what insect high society is like!

## May 26 The Lost Ladybug

Come and learn about ladybugs and participate in a special population research for ladybugs. Each ladybug we find will be photographed and its data sent to the Lost Ladybug Project—a group interested in rare ladybug populations!

## August 25 Fossil Find! \*

We'll go to the creek for a look at fossils and learn about the kinds of rocks we find there. Then, we'll make a "fossil" for you to take home.

## September 22 Monarch Tag

Monarch butterflies migrate hundreds of miles every fall from North America to Mexico, then back again in the spring. Learn about Monarchs and try your hand at catching one. We will be tagging any Monarchs we catch for a special migration research with Monarch Watch.

## October 13 Creepy, Crawly, & Cool!


Celebrate Halloween early by learning about the creepy, crawly things in nature that are also super cool! We'll meet some of them in person and make a creepy, crawly, craft!

## November 17 Let's Talk Turkey

Join us as we learn about wild turkeys, try our luck with a turkey call, take a hike to look for turkey signs, and make a Thanksgiving craft!

## December 15 Christmas Critters

What is a partridge and why is it in a pear tree? Do all reindeer have antlers? Join us as we learn about some of the animals found in the songs and stories of Christmas time.

**\*Children will be getting wet in this program. Only tennis shoes or boots are acceptable footwear.** 

**BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR EGADS CAMP!**