

Purpose

Preschoolers too wild for you? Let them learn to be REALLY WILD!



Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary offers monthly programs to introduce preschool students to the natural world.

This series of fun programs is filled with valuable environmental experiences where children learn about the natural world firsthand.



What Ages Can Take Part?

These programs are designed for children ages 3 to 6. All children must be accompanied by an adult. In order to maximize your child's learning experience we recommend no more than two adults per child.

2011 Preschool Program Prices

Member: \$5/child and accompanying adult

General Public: \$8/child and accompanying adult

How to Register

- Call (816) 781-8598



Note: Our programs fill quickly, so please register your child in advance. Payment is required at time of registration. Families may register individually or as part of a larger group. Limit 15 children per program.

Group Program Option

Birthday, play group or just a bunch of friends!

If you have a group of 10—15 preschoolers, you are more than welcome to schedule a separate program by calling : (816) 781-8598.

Group rates: Members-\$65, Non-members-\$75

Preschool

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, \$125 or higher.

Take a look at our other programs!

Scout Programs

Birthday Parties

Special Events

Adult Lecture Series

School Programs

E.G.A.D.S. Summer Camp





Program Information

- These programs are designed for preschool children who can participate in the learning activities.
- A parent/guardian must be with his or her child(ren) at all times.
- Only pre-registered children will be allowed in the program.
- Programs begin promptly at the stated time, and last for approximately one hour.
- If Liberty schools are canceled due to inclement weather, MLTNS will be closed that day.
- To maximize your child's experience during our program, we prefer younger/older children do not attend.
- In addition to our Preschool Programs, we have a number of public programs throughout the year which are suitable for families.

What to Bring & How to Dress Children

- Rain or shine, outdoor exploration is a part of each program. Wear long pants, and a coat and hat, as the weather warrants.
- **Everyone** should wear shoes that completely enclose the foot. Tennis shoes or boots are required. Sandals, crocs, and water shoes are **not allowed**.



2011 Program Schedule

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

(unless otherwise noted)

January 7 Snowflake Fun



With snow everywhere, it's the perfect time to learn about snowflakes! Join us as we hear a snowy story and try our hand at making some simple paper snowflakes!



February 11 Animal Valentines

From berries to bugs to sticks and more, animals give each other "gifts" to show they care. Learn about some of the "valentines" animals give each other, then make a valentine for our feathered friends to eat.



March 18 Happy Hoppers

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, then make a froggy craft!



April 15 Busy, Buzzing, Bees

Bees work very hard and do lots of good things for us! Come and learn all about the Queen, her worker bees, the drones, and which very special job each one does.



May 20 Go Buggy!

Search the prairie for its smaller critters.

Learn about our many, mini neighbors. Make a buggy craft.

BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR EGADS CAMP!



June 17 Slithering Snakes

There are many fascinating snakes that call the Sanctuary home. We'll take a snake hike, meet one of our educational program snakes, and make a snake mobile to hang up at home!

***Children will get into the water during these programs.**

July 15 Rockin' Rocks *



10:00 - 11:30 a.m. this program

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

August 19 Hop, Hop, Splash! *



10:00 - 11:30 a.m. this program

Getting wet and having fun is what we'll be doing during this program as we take a look at water-loving animals like turtles, frogs, and aquatic insects!

September 16 Butterfly Bonanza



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

October 14 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 11 Let's Talk Turkey



Join us as we learn about wild turkeys, try our luck with a turkey call, and make a Thanksgiving craft!

December 16 Christmas Critters



What is a partridge 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.