

Outreach Programs



Mackinaw Trail Middle School students enjoy a program at their school.

Outreach programs are a great way to have a follow-up presentation in your classroom after a visit to the center. These programs also may be integrated into the LAPs Interactive Distance Learning Program, which is offered monthly from September through May, and is exclusively presented from the center to distance learning partners throughout the state.

For more information, contact Wanita Campmueller at the Wexford/Missaukee Intermediate School District at 231-876-3036.

Outreach programs are designed to meet the particular needs of your current subject curriculum. They also may be designed to fit into a current lesson plan. All programs presented through the center are prepared to meet the Michigan Department of Education standards and benchmarks, and address core democratic values.

Special Events

Special events at the Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center provide fun and extra learning opportunities for the public and students who have attended a program during the school year. The schedule is consistent from year to year to encourage students to attend with their parents and families.

Winter Free Fishing Weekend - mid-Feb.

Spring Turkey Workshop - early March

Free Fishing Weekend - early June

Fiesta Celebration - 4th of July

Native American

Cultural Experience - late July

Picnic in the Park (donation) - early August

Deer Hunters' Open House - early Nov.

All events listed above are free, except for the Picnic in the Park.



The annual deer hunters' open house is held the weekend prior to firearm deer season.

Interpretive Programs and Educational Services

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4th graders do LAPs for Michigan at the Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center.

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Outreach programs may be subject to a nominal fee. Please contact the park interpreter to schedule your outreach program today.

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School Programs

The goal is to spark enthusiasm for nature through a fun and positive learning experience. Wise use of natural resources will assure a good future for all. The center will make every effort to accommodate any program request. The length of visit will determine what may be incorporated into a program. Programs listed may last one to two hours.



Lincoln Elementary 4th graders visit Tippy Dam.

School programs must be made in advance. They include a welcome, viewing a multi-media presentation and a tour of the center. Groups may select one of the following programs/activities:

(op = outdoor program ip = indoor program)

Guided Hikes

SCI.III.2.E.2 - SOC.II.4.LE.4 - SOC.II.4.E.2 - MA.III.3.E.5
ELA.IX.11.E.2

Guided nature hikes may be stand-alone, topic specific, or part of any program.

Ready, Set, Go Fishing! (op)

SCI.III.2.3.2 - SOC.II.4.LE.4 - SOC.II.4.3.2
MA.III.3.E.5 - ELA.IX.11.E.2

Fishing is fun! We will discuss various fish species, and help students understand how fishing is an important part of Michigan's outdoor heritage. All fishing gear is supplied. Group size may vary, but an adequate number of chaperones must be present.

Michigan Black Bear (ip)

SCI.III.2.E.2 - SCI.III.4.E.2 - SOC.II.4.LE.2
MA.III.3.E.5 - ELA.I.3.LE.4

Discover the unique characteristics of this native species. Bear skulls, hides and mounts are used as hands-on learning tools. Bear management, including research and monitoring, will be discussed.

Wild Wetlands (ip/op)

SCI.III.2.E.2 - SCI.III.4.E.2 - SOC.II.4.LE.4
SOC.II.4.E.2 - MA.III.3.E.5 - ELA.IX.11.E.2

Learn about the many characteristics of wetlands and why they are important. Students especially enjoy this entertaining habitat program which includes a guided hike to the Heritage Nature Study Area.

Understanding the Gray Wolf (ip)

SCI.III.4.E.2 - SOC.III.2.E.2 - SOC.II.4.LE.4
MA.III.3.E.5 - ELA.I.E.LE.4

Learn all about this remarkable endangered species. Compare the differences between wolves, coyotes, foxes and people! The program dispels myths about this animal in history and literature and documents the animal's natural recovery in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.



Guided hike to nature study area.

Michigan's White-tailed Deer (ip)

SCI.III.2.E.2 - SOC.II.4.E.4 - SOC.II.4.LE.4
MA.III.3.E.5 - ELA.I.3.LE.5

Students learn how to classify and study mammals. Using antlers, skulls, jaw bones, hides and mounts, it provides excellent visual and hands-on learning opportunities. Animal characteristics, social behavior, feeding habits, antler size, and wildlife management will be discussed.



The nature study area is a designated watchable wildlife site.

Eastern Bluebird/Nest Box (ip)

SCI.III.2.E.2 - SOC.II.4.LE.4 - SOC.II.4.E.2
MA.III.3.E.5 - ELA.I.3.LE.4

Learn about one of nature's great comeback successes. Understand its habitat needs, social behavior and threats. Students will be shown how to monitor bluebird nest boxes and provide habitat. A construction demonstration of a nest box and guided hike also may be included. Winter-Spring.



The Eastern bluebird, a successful nongame wildlife species