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Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery Visitor Center

FALL 2009 SCHOOL PROGRAM INFORMATION

HOW TO REGISTER FOR A SCHOOL PROGRAM

- Reservations can be made by calling the visitor center at (269) 668-2876 during the appropriate registration window (see below).
- Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Fall 2009 school programs will be available September 29 – November 13, Tuesday – Friday.
- We cannot guarantee all requests will be met.

SCHOOL PROGRAM REGISTRATION WINDOW DATES (TUESDAY-FRIDAY)

- **2nd through 8th grade:** September 15 - 18
- **Pre-school, Kindergarten, 1st grade, High School and others (groups of 16+):** Sept. 16 - 18
- **Small groups of 15 or less (all age groups):** September 17 – 18
- **Reservations can only be scheduled by talking directly to a visitor center staff member and cannot be taken via email. We apologize for any inconvenience.**

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AVAILABLE WHEN YOU CALL:

1. Name of contact. If the primary contact is different than the teacher(s) bringing the students to the visitor center, please provide us with all pertinent names.
2. School name, address, phone number and e-mail address of contact
3. Grade level
4. Total group size
5. Name of program requested
6. Any special requests

LATE SIGNUP/CALLING AFTER THE REGISTRATION WINDOW HAS PASSED

Program availability for groups calling after the registration window will be determined on an individual basis. Please call during the appropriate window for your students so we can better serve you.

MIX AND MATCH YOUR PROGRAM -- NEW FORMAT!

All groups are required to participate in the Introduction to Michigan Fish Hatcheries (IMFH) program (also known as the Hatchery Tour). From there, ***it's up to you.*** Add any of the other programs listed below to enhance your student's experience!

Program	Grade Level	Length	Maximum # Students
Introduction to Michigan Fish Hatcheries	All	1 hour	70
<i>Add a program:</i>			
Alien Invaders of the Great Lakes	3-10	2 hours	35
Fishery History	All	1 hour	35
Great Lakes, Great Fish!	4-7	2 hours	35
Meet a Monster	2-12	2 hours	35
Nature Hike	All	1 hour	70
Self-Guided	All	N/A	N/A
Wetland Wonders	4-7	2 hours	35
Wild About Water	3-7	2 hours	35

Grade levels shown are those that align with Michigan Curriculum Framework benchmarks and standards. Some programs may be adapted for different grade levels other than those listed. Please contact the visitor center to find out what will work best for your students.

If you wish to add another program, be sure to plan on the combined length of the IMFH program **and** the program you've added. For example, if you add Nature Hike to the IMFH program, you will need to plan on a total of two hours (one hour for IMFH and one hour for Nature Hike).

Our ability to meet the needs of larger groups (those greater than 35) is based on staffing at the visitor center. We will do our best to accommodate all requests, but cannot guarantee all will be met. If possible, we strongly recommend that you adhere to the 35-student limit for programs in order to provide the best learning experience for your students.

EXHIBIT ROOM

We invite you and your students to walk through and enjoy our exhibit room. Students can walk through a train car to learn how fish once were transported, see footage of fish being stocked in the 1930s and 1940s and learn how they can take an active role in protecting our natural resources.

Be sure to set aside some extra time during your visit in order to explore the museum!

FISH MARKET GIFT SHOP

We are pleased to offer visitors the opportunity to purchase a variety of items at our Fish Market Gift Shop. Books, postcards, fish pens, fish magnets, T-shirts, hats and more are available for purchase.

All programs are **FREE OF CHARGE!**

We look forward to meeting you and your students for a program soon.

Please contact Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery Visitor Center Interpreter Shana McMillan by phone at (269) 668-2876 or by e-mail at mcmillans1@michigan.gov with any questions or concerns.

Call (269) 668-2876 during our registration window to make your program reservation.