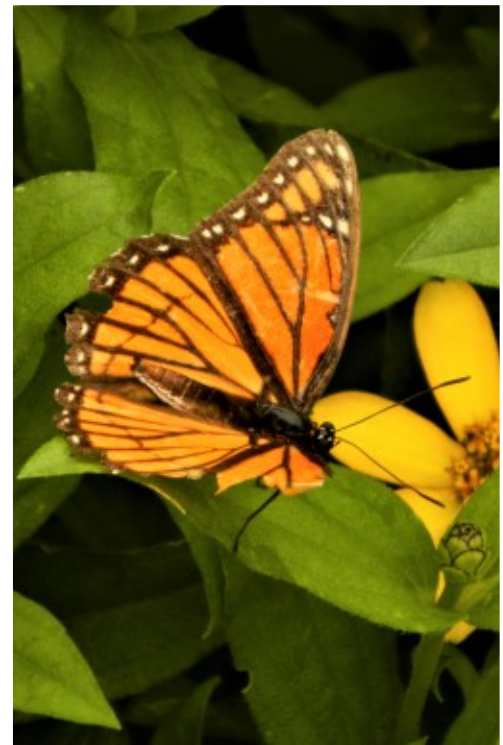


Effective September 2020

ADAPTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OUTDOOR & VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

FOR-MAR NATURE PRESERVE & ARBORETUM



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Program Participant Expectations

Virtual Programming Expectations:

- Kits to accompany virtual programming will be prepared and delivered ahead of lessons for participants.
- All programs will consist of a predetermined theme, video instruction with a For-Mar Educator, a hands-on portion distributed via nature discovery kits, and accredited support videos from outside sources.
- A virtual hub will be established via Google classroom for access to printable content, presentations, For-Mar videos and links for supporting resources around the monthly theme.
- Live Video presentation via Zoom or Google Classroom are available upon request and availability.
- Educator is available by email for questions and feedback.

Attn. Educator Emily— fmclercial@gcparks.org



Example Virtual Adaptive Program

Sample Virtual Nature Education Program Outline:

Introductory Video

Three to five minute video introducing the subject and discussing key features we plan to learn together.

Hands-on Activity or Themed Craft

Make or manipulate something to support the theme. This section supported by Live ZOOM instruction if feasible. Project ideas include hyphae art using yarn, glue, and paper or fine motor work such as sorting large LEGO.

Science Experiment Video

Our hands-on portion should raise some questions about the theme, which we will now test using scientific method in an experiment demonstration video. Example experiment could be making a spore print using a mushroom, and instructions will be available on Google Classroom for students or teachers to recreate the demo if they wish.

Printable Worksheet

Matching, cut outs, or photo-labeling worksheets to support the topic.

Summation Video/Support Video

A review and wrap-up video, including more resources on the topic or a live chance for Q&A.



Program Participant Expectations

In-Person Programming at For-Mar:

- All program check-in will take place in front of the For-Mar Visitor Center.
- Temperature checks and screening questions required upon arrival for all programs.
- All programs will take place entirely **outdoors (dress for the weather)** and will be canceled if inclement weather occurs, unless otherwise noted. Participants will be notified of a cancellation.
- While we are outdoors, masks and 6 foot physical distancing are required for program participants.
- Staff will be wearing masks at all times.
- To book a program at For-Mar please contact the Nicole Ferguson or Courtney Prout see contact information on the last page.
- For all other question or feedback please contact Emily at

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Covid-19 In-Person Program Guidelines:

- In-Person Programs can have no more than 10 participants per group
- Masks and 6 foot physical distancing is required
- Temperature Checks and health screening waivers are required upon arrival
- Programs are required to be 100% outdoors
- The For-Mar Visitor Center, Treehouse and Gift Shop are closed until further notice

For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum

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For-Mar Virtual and Outdoor Programming

Monthly Themes 2020

Nature Discovery programs provide interactive and engaging hands-on programs for people of all abilities. Join us at For-Mar or host For-Mar virtually at your facility for a program designed to meet your group's needs.

- Cost at For-Mar: \$2 per person
- Cost for Virtual Program: \$2 per person + kit delivery
- Programs range from 1-2 hours long
- Maximum of 10 participants in-person and 20 participants virtually

OCTOBER

Fun with Fungi!

Why do toadstools grow so close together? Because they don't need mushroom! Fungi play a vital role in the environment, and will play an even greater role in the future as we learn more about them. Good for eating, ailments, erosion prevention, pest control, and even building materials, we will tackle the mind-blowing implications of fungi use in everyday life.

NOVEMBER

The 5 Kingdoms

Life exists in all different shapes and forms. Science organizes what we know into categories, called taxonomy. This unit will explore how we sort living things, but with a fun medieval twist.

DECEMBER

Wolves

Michigan Wolves—Go Gray! Many humans have preconceived notions about predators. We plan to peel back that cultural lens and discover unbiased truth. Where do wolves live within our state? What are their habits and family structures like?



Upcoming Monthly Themes:

January-Winter Foraging

February-A Wander Through A Wetland

March-Mission: Opossum-ble

April-Oh Say Can You Tree

May-Bugging Out

June-All MI Lakes, Great and Small

Custom For-Mar Program Themes

Other Available Program Topics

Animal Show and Tell – For-Mar is home to a variety of animals. Learn about our For-Mar animal friends and get up close and personal with our live animals.

Nocturnal Animals - Investigate the world of nighttime animals and what makes them unique.

Rockin' Roll Rocks – Discover different types of earth materials and learn all about how rocks are formed.

Scat! – Everyone poops! Learn how animal poop lets us know what animals call For-Mar home. Find and identify scat from local animals.

Nature Paint – Discover the natural world through art using all natural items.

Leaves and Trees – Investigate the different parts of trees and find out what roles they play in our lives.

Fishing Basics – Where: *Buell Lake County Park or Bluegill Boat Launch*. We have the poles and the bait so let's go fishing! Come join us at the lake as we learn or re-learn fishing basics from casting to fish identification. Don't wait; it's time to go fishing with For-Mar.

Custom Nature Programs -

Don't see a program that has what you're looking for? For-Mar staff can also create unique field trip opportunities both virtually and in-person at For-Mar that meet your group's specific needs. Depending on the topic, there may be additional costs.



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