

Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary Youth & Education Programs Fall 2022– Spring 2023

Programs are free of charge, but reservations are required. All materials are provided unless otherwise specified; please review with the scheduler upon making your reservation. Maximum Capacity: 50 students per group One chaperone for every 9 students is required.

Please call 413-245-1353 to schedule your visit.



FALL NATURE WALK (October 2022)

The Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary trail system has many habitats to explore. Take a guided nature walk through trees, meadows, and around streams and ponds. Create an autumn journal checklist to record all of your nature sightings.



ECOSYSTEMS (November 1 — December 9, 2022)

Explore the need for a balanced ecosystem including the water cycle. Each student will create a "mini-ecosystem" in the form of a terrarium. Each participant must bring a clean, clear container large enough to fit their hand into to complete the project. Teachers please bring boxes to transport projects.



BIRDS IN WINTER (December 13, 2022 — January 20, 2023)

Explore migration, winter hardships, how nature provides for wintering birds, and the rewards of having a feeding station. Students will build a "block" feeder to help their feathered friends this season. All materials provided. Teachers please bring boxes to transport projects.



BAT HOUSE BUILDING (January 24 — February 24, 2023)

Learn about bats and build a bat house where they can raise their young. Participants should be at least 8 years of age for this program. All materials are provided.



ANIMAL TRACKS & SIGNS (March 14 – April 14, 2023)

Become more aware of our natural surroundings by recognizing some common animal tracks and signs. All participants will make a plaster cast of an animal track.

Materials are provided.



WILDLIFE GARDEN & SPRING NATURE WALK (April 25 — June 2023)

Learn how we can help our backyard pollinators with the many challenges they face. Explore the Norcross Wildlife Trails and learn how to create a nature journal. Students will plant seeds to take home and start their own wildlife habitat. Teachers please bring boxes to transport projects.