



## Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary

### Youth & Education Programs

Fall 2023 – Spring 2024

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 2023)**

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 (October 24, 2023— November 30, 2023)**

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 1, 2023— January 12, 2024)**

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.

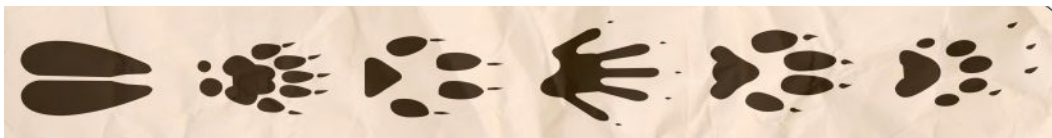


### **BAT HOUSE BUILDING (January 23— February 9, 2024)**

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 5— April 19, 2024)**

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 30— June 2024)**

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.

