

**2009-2010
Wargo Nature Center
Home School Programs
Grades 6 – 12**



**Choose one session: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cost \$4.29/person/session. Pre-registration is required.
Please register online at www.anokacountyparks.com**

The older home school students will be learning about the science behind nature through experiments, observations and hands-on outdoor activities. Students will record their data in a journal each month.

October 15 - Research Methods

Students will learn about and try various research methods used by wildlife biologists to study animals. We will use radio-telemetry equipment, live trap small mammals and learn how to determine an animal's population size.

November 19 - Weather

Students will study weather by conducting experiments. We will study how clouds form, how rain develops, why the sky is blue and more.

December 17 - Winter Ecology

We will investigate the link between organisms and their environment and also the adaptations that help them to survive the winter.

January 21 - Snowshoe/Tracking

Let's go snowshoeing! We will snowshoe as we learn to identify winter animal tracks.

February 18 - Bird I.D.

This study will focus on the birds that stay in Minnesota through the winter. We will learn bird identification by sight, sound and habitat studies.

March 18 - Orienteering

Orienteering is a valuable skill when studying wildlife or just hiking. Students will learn the basic use of a compass as well as more advanced map and compass skills.

April 15 - Tree I.D.

What comes from trees? Students will study the everyday products we use that come from trees as well as learn tree identification skills.

May 20 - Insect I.D.

Insects are all around us and many are important in the survival of other species. Students will explore several different habitats –grassland, forest and wetland- and learn to identify insects found in these areas.

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