



Popular Programs

Animals in Winter/Adaptations

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History- Sioux County History

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Maple Tree Tapping

Monarch Watch

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Description of Programs

Animals in Winter/Adaptations

Discover which Iowa critters migrate, hibernate and adapt to our winters through an interactive sorting activity. Can include live animal if requested.

Offered: Winter

Time: 30-45 min

Bird Nests- Getting Ready For Spring: Building the Perfect Nest

Have you ever stopped to marvel at the complexity of a bird's nest? This presentation explores why birds build their nests and the different types they can choose from. See real examples up close!

Offered: Anytime

Time: 30-45+ min

History- Sioux County History

Ever wonder what Sioux County was like before European settlement? Or what early life looked like for those who came to settle it? This program can cover pre-settlement as well as early settlement history depending on time. It gives the audience a glance back in time as while connecting how our past has shaped the county to this day.

Offered: Anytime

Time: 30-45+ min

Invasive Species- 1, 2, Buckthorn Eww!

Foresters have a big job managing a forest for diversity and native tree types. This is a board game where residents become foresters and have a choice to roll a die or draw a card in order to plant the best forest possible! Each team of foresters must get the highest number on their board at the end of the game to win.

Offered: Anytime

Time: 30-45 min

Maple Tree Tapping

Learn how to make maple syrup, a practice the pioneers perfected! We will learn the biology of the tree, eat real maple syrup and tap a real tree, season and weather conditions permitting! (Spring)
An indoor variation is available out of season or when conditions are not cooperative.

Offered: To go outside: Feb-March only, indoor variation- anytime

Time: 30-45 min

Monarch Watch

Your students can join in a North America study aimed at providing information for scientists who want to save the monarch butterfly. We will discuss the biology of the monarch, migration, and tag and release them outdoors. Information will be recorded and we will let you know if your monarch is recovered in Mexico!

Offered: August-September only

Time: 30-60 min

Spring- The First Signs of Spring

What better way of leaving winter behind than to explore the woodlands and prairie marveling at the amazing beauty of their spring flowers! This presentation takes this experience to the audience as we show pictures of these delicate ephemerals. And if your timing is right, we may bring some real examples in a beautiful spring bouquet!

Offered: Anytime, likelihood of bouquet is late March-early May

Time: 30-45+ min