



The Anita Purves Nature Center provides fun and educational

Programs for Preschools

Invite a **Traveling Naturalist** to bring hands-on materials, interactive lessons, and sometimes a live animal to your facility. Or, bring your group on a **Special Request Tour** to explore the nature center's Field Station and Busey Woods.

Opening on April 22, 2017: **The Friendship Grove Nature Playscape**, located just outside the nature center, is a unique and interactive landscape that engages children in imaginative and active outdoor play. Your group can explore this exciting new feature during a **Group Visit** or after your Special Request Tour.

The nature center also offers a wide variety of educational loan items such as themed **Loan Kits** and **Nature Discovery Backpacks** for you to take your investigations with you!

Urbana Park District staff are eager to help you! Contact Savannah Donovan, Environmental Public Program Coordinator, at 217-384-4062 or sydonovan@urbanaparks.org with your questions or requests.



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Preschool Program Choices

Special Request Tours (at the nature center):

Forest Friends	Meet Mr. Big Mouth Frog, then “hop” through the forest learning about the animals that live in all its layers. (Sep-Nov & Mar-May)
Going Buggy!	Search for and compare different types of insects and other bugs. (Jun-Sep)
Life in the Underworld	Search out the tiny creatures that live on and under the forest floor. (Apr-May)
Remarkable Reptiles	Explore reptile characteristics with a live snake and two box turtles!
Seeing Red	Learn about winter birds and their adaptations, with a focus on cardinals. (Dec-Feb)
Spring Fling	Practice using all five senses while exploring the springtime forest. (Apr-May)
Terrific Trees	Using music, movement, and outdoor exploration, preschoolers will get in touch with trees! (Sep-Nov & Apr-May)
Tree-mendous Seeds	Investigate how seeds travel and what happens to them in the fall and winter. (Sep-Nov)
Who-o-o Knows?	Meet a live screech owl and learn about these native birds of prey.

Traveling Naturalist (at your facility):

Flying Friends	Learn about the adaptations of birds and other flying animals.
Remarkable Reptiles	Explore reptile characteristics when a live snake and two box turtles visit your classroom.
Winter Animals	Discover how wildlife survives winter as students pretend to be woodchucks, squirrels, or other local critters. (Oct-Feb)
Who-o-o Knows?	Meet a live screech owl and learn about these native birds of prey.

Exploring a different topic? Request a customized program for an additional fee (dependent on the degree of customization required). Call 217-384-4062 to discuss the possibilities!

Program Information & Fees

Special Request Tours (at the nature center)

Duration: 60 minutes

Capacity: up to 24 children

Chaperones: 1 adult for every 3 kids; max 12 adults

Fee: \$40

Traveling Naturalist (at your facility)

Duration: 30-45 minutes

Capacity: up to 20 children

Fee: \$45 (+ additional mileage fee if outside C-U)

Please request your program at least two weeks in advance.