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BRING THE MAGIC OF OUTDOOR EXPLORATION

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COMMUNITY CENTER,
OR LIBRARY!



Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center provides interactive environmental educational programming to schools, community centers, and anywhere youth meet.

We offer outreach programs right in your classroom, library, meeting spot, or outdoor learning space. **If you can't bring your group to Upham Woods for a field day or overnight adventure, we'll come to you!**

OUR OUTREACH PROGRAMS*

A Habitat is Home

Learn about habitats and the four main requirements of all plants and animals: food, shelter, water, and space. Youth will learn about the dynamic nature of populations along with the concepts of limiting factors and carrying capacity through active role-playing games, graphing and math activities, and discussions.

For Grades: 2nd-7th



Animal Signs

Learn about the different signs animals leave all around us, what can be interpreted by each sign, and how these clues can help solve the mystery of which animals are active in your area! Upham Woods staff have a variety of animal pelts, tracks, homes, and other artifacts for students to see up close. There is also the option to spend part of the session outside, should you have an appropriate space available, putting the lesson to action looking for animal signs!

For Grades: 1st-6th



Bats!

Investigate the fascinating world of bats through interactive games, a slide show, and an exploration of cultural myths surrounding bats. Emphasis will be placed on bat adaptations and bat-human interactions.

For Grades: 3rd-7th



French Voyageur Program

Meet Jacques the French voyageur (in full voyageur dress) as this living history character makes an unexpected visit to your group or classroom. Youth will learn about the web of cultures that made the fur trade possible and the role that each culture played as trappers, traders, and travelers. Voyageur era games will be played at the end of the program.



For Grades: 2nd–6th

Microclimates of Wisconsin

This 2-hour program explores the concept of a microclimate using the tools of forestry and meteorology to answer the Essential Question, “How does microclimate influence what living things are found in different habitats?” We’ll discuss current and expected changes in Wisconsin’s climate and predict how these changes might impact where populations of living things are found.



For Grades: 4th–12th

Radical Raptors**

Learn how raptors are different from other birds and their importance to the ecosystem while meeting live animal ambassadors! Depending on bird availability, a hawk and an owl may be included. This program is appropriate for large group assemblies only.



For Grades: 1st–12th

Scales, Scutes, & Skins**

Most Popular with Educators and Students



Learn about the unique adaptations of reptiles and amphibians while meeting live animals! Upham Woods staff will bring a variety of animals (such as snakes, turtles, seasonal amphibians) and share the important roles these animals play in the environment.

For Grades: K–7th

Winter Recreation: Snowshoeing or Cross-Country Skiing



“Float” on top of the snow! Upham Woods staff will bring ski/snowshoe equipment to a location of your choice and teach about the cultural history and proper use of the equipment. Based on location, staff can then lead youth through practice in moving forward, backing up, and what to do after a fall.

For Grades: 2nd–12th

** Subject to availability. All outreach programs may not be available at all times due to weather conditions and animal availability.*

Cost

All outreach programs are one hour long and, unless otherwise noted with **, intended for one classroom (25 participants maximum). The cost is \$88 per hour (or \$150 per hour for Radical Raptors), plus one hour of preparation time and round-trip mileage to and from Wisconsin Dells.

About Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center

Upham Woods is a residential outdoor learning center managed by the University of Wisconsin–Madison Division of Extension. The center sits on the Wisconsin River, two miles north of the Wisconsin Dells, offering an excellent “river classroom” to study Wisconsin’s natural and cultural history.

When our talented team of outreach professionals bring our educational programming to your group or classroom, we enable participants to explore Wisconsin’s past and present so they can better plan for the future. Upham Woods outreach programs are open to all.

Request an Outreach Program

Complete an online reservation request.



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