

Preschool program list

2026-2027

Jasper County Conservation
Environmental Education

Preschool Programs 2026-2027

Welcome Educators!

We are thrilled to offer a variety of engaging and informative environmental education programs designed to empower teachers and inspire students. Our programs are hands-on, curriculum-aligned, and adaptable to various age groups and learning environments.

Explore the options below and discover how we can help bring the wonders of the natural world into your classroom and beyond!

Sense of Discovery Fall Field Trip

We'll use our senses to fully experience all nature has to offer! Topics discussed include changes in season, animals, colors and shapes. Students will walk down the trail, work together to catch pond critters, and have time to explore the park's Nature Playscape Trail. This program is offered as a half-day field trip at Mariposa Park.

Key Learning Outcomes:

- Become familiar with some common local flora and fauna.
- Appreciate the interconnectedness of living things.
- Develop observational skills in a natural setting.
- Encourage imaginative play and engage all the senses on the Nature Playscape Trail



Insect Safari



Discover how insects are different from other animals and take an up-close look at a few. This program can be about a certain type of insect (butterflies, bees, ants, ladybugs, etc.) or about insects in general.

The Tiny Seed

This book by Eric Carle will be read to the class. Students will dramatize a “growing plant,” brainstorm what plants need to live, and understand how plants are important for wildlife as food and shelter. The naturalist will bring different types of seeds to study and students will explore why and how they travel.



The Mitten



The story by Jan Brett will be read to the class and students will re-tell the story using animal puppets and movement. They will learn a fun mitten song and game, and discover where animals really do spend the winter!

Happy Groundhog's Day!

Is spring just around the corner, or will we have more winter weather come our way? Learn about groundhogs, hibernation, and make weather predictions.



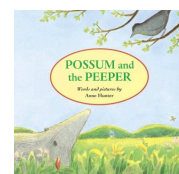
Eggciting Eggs



We'll read “Chickens Aren't the Only Ones” and make discoveries about which babies hatch from eggs. Our box turtle, Franklin, will come along for a visit and share how his life began from an egg!

Possum and the Peeper

Who is this mysterious Peeper, and will Possum ever find him? This program will get children hopping for spring: learning about frogs, listening to different frog songs and taking part in some fun frog activities!



Contact Us

Ready to book a program or have questions?

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Next Steps

1. **Explore our offerings:** Review the program descriptions to find the best fit for your students. Please limit your selection to a total of 3 programs during the school year, including field trips.
2. **Contact us:** Reach out via email at the beginning of the school year to guarantee a time.
3. **Book your program:** We'll work with you to schedule your chosen environmental education experience. Plan for 20-30 minutes per program.
4. **Prepare for an amazing learning adventure!** Please plan to sit with your class and enjoy the presentation along with your students!