



2017-2018  
Hartley Nature Center  
**Preschool  
Peep**



### New for 2017—Outreach Combo

Book a program for your class at your school and receive a free program at Hartley Nature Center! (September-April only)

### A First Peep at Nature

Scamper with squirrels, hoot with owls, stomp in puddles and stop to smell the flowers. Our trained educators take advantage of a preschooler’s natural sense of wonder to provide opportunities to see, hear, smell, touch and play in the great outdoors.

- Programs are **1 to 1½ hours** long
- Programs begin indoors to introduce our topic before heading outside for activities, games, and a walk through the park.
- The class is broken up into **smaller activity groups** (10-15 children each) for outdoor exploration
- **Maximum group size at HNC: 45**

Alternative indoor activities stressing the same themes and concepts will be implemented during inclement weather.



### Scholarships Available

**Bus Scholarships** can pay the transportation costs for groups that utilize commercial transportation. These funds are limited; first come, first served. Please inquire when making reservations as to availability of funds. Bus scholarships can be combined with program scholarships.

**Program Scholarships** to cover a portion of the program fees are also available for Head Start classes. Please call for details.



*Special thanks to the **Donald Weesner Foundation** for supporting our bus scholarship fund and **private donors** who contributed to our school scholarship fund.*

# Early Childhood Class Offerings

**Animal Detectives** transforms students into observant detectives of the woods to explore footprints, holes, fur and more as they discover signs of animal life.

**Eager Beavers** shows your students just what's so cool about beavers! A puppet show will teach students about life in the beaver pond and an exploration hike will bring us close to real beaver signs in Hartley Park.

**Bird Buddies** gives students a chance to hear and learn bird calls and silly bird behavior. Students learn how to observe live birds and act out bird behavior using props, songs and games.

**A Bug's Life** puts sweep nets and magnifying glasses in the hands of junior bug scientists as we turn over logs and sweep the grasses in search of insects and more.

**Getting Squirrely** uses one of our most interesting and common critters to learn about what animals need to stay alive. Students look for "lunch spots," nests and our resident squirrels.

**Trees are Terrific** sends students into the forest where they'll examine parts of trees, act like a tree, play like squirrels, and toss and sort leaves.

**Pollination Station** demonstrates how plants grow, bloom and make seeds. Take a scavenger hunt while inspecting flowers, parachuting pollen, or maybe planting seeds.

**Ponds, Puddles & Polliwogs** brings students to the pond's edge with rubber boots, nets and buckets. Catch and be amazed by young dragonflies, fairy shrimp, frogs and other watery critters.

**Whooo are Owls?** will give students a chance to see an owl mount up close, feel owl feathers, hear owl calls and hoot out to our special and mysterious owl friends in the forest.

**Snowshoeing** Extra-small snowshoes (down to age 2) allow students to creep into the winter wonderland with paw-like feet and explore footprints, animal holes, fur and more as they discover signs of animal life.  
*(Additional \$2/student snowshoe fee)*

**Nature Play** is an opportunity for children to engage in Hartley's Nature Playscape, a playground made of natural elements including water. You will be welcomed by HNC staff who will provide a brief introduction to nature play, with the remaining time staffed by your teachers. This field trip takes place completely outdoors; children and adults should dress for the weather!

## Rates

Program			Cost per classroom
<b>NEW! Outreach Combo</b> Book a program at your site, receive a free program at HNC (Sept-Apr)	Within 15 miles	1 hour 1.5 hours	\$75 \$100
	Within 30 miles	1 hour 1.5 hours	\$100 \$125
	Within 45 miles	1 hour 1.5 hours	\$125 \$150
Early Childhood Program at HNC		1-1.5 hours	\$60 minimum charge (up to 12 students) \$5/child for group larger than 12 students
Nature Play in HNC Playscape		1-1.5 hours	\$20 minimum charge (up to 10 students) \$2/child for group larger than 10 students



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