



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 appropriate for **3-5 year olds**
- Programs are **1 to 1½ hours** long
- Programs begin with an introduction about our topic before completing activities, games, and a walk through the park.
- The class is broken up into **smaller activity groups** for outdoor exploration
- Programs will be entirely outdoors. In the case of severe inclement weather, programs will be cancelled and rescheduled if possible.

When calling 218-724-6735 please have ready:

- Number of Students
- First & Second Choice for Dates
- Desired Time
- Location: HNC or your site
- Contact Name, Address, Phone, Email
- Any special needs of which we should be aware?

Inquiries can be sent to Jenni at edassistant@hartleynature.org

COVID Specific Procedures:

- Small class sizes in compliance with the Minnesota Department of Health recommendations.
- Program materials will be limited, will not be shared among students and will be properly sanitized before and after use.
- All programs will allow proper social distancing between students and staff.
- All staff will wear face masks when at least 6 feet of distance is not possible.
- Staff will self monitor symptoms and will follow the Minnesota Department of health decision tree.



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 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.

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

Hartley Nature Center Program	1.5 hour program \$10/participant (\$100 minimum)
Outreach Pricing Book a program at your site	Additional \$.58/mile
Additional Program Information	
Chaperone Policy	One chaperone per 10 students free, additional chaperones will be charged \$10 per person.
Program Snowshoe and Ski Rental (K-6th)	Snowshoes: \$2.00/student Skis: \$3.00/student <i>Please note rental fees are in addition to program cost</i>
Payment and Cancellation Policy:	A full payment must be made to reserve a program. Program fees are non-refundable. If a group needs to cancel a program they may reschedule if time allows. If Hartley Nature Center cancels a program a full refund will be issued.



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