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.

**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.

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
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 Squirrelly** 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!

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**Rates**

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<th>Hartley Nature Center Program</th>
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**Additional Program Information**

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<th>Chaperone Policy</th>
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| Program Snowshoe and Ski Rental (K-6th) | Snowshoes: $2.00/student  
Skis: $3.00/student  
*Please note rental fees are in addition to program cost* |
| Payment and Cancelation 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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