



### 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 are seasonally appropriate and will take place entirely outdoors as able. In the case of severe inclement weather, programs will be cancelled and rescheduled if possible.

### Ready to book a program?

Please fill out a field trip interest form on our website under the program tab, school trips. Questions can be sent to Mary at [Education@hartleynature.org](mailto:Education@hartleynature.org) or call us 218-724-6735.

### COVID Specific Procedures:

- All programs will allow proper social distancing between students and staff.
- All staff, students, and chaperones will be required to wear face masks when indoors or unable to distance outdoors
- 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. No additional charge for snowshoes.

**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

<b>Hartley Nature Center Program</b>	1-1.5 hour program \$7/participant (\$70 minimum) Outreach additional \$.58/mile to and from HNC
<b>Nature Play in HNC Playscape</b>	1-1.5 hour program \$5/participant (\$50 minimum)
<b>Additional Program Information</b>	
<b>Chaperone Policy</b>	One chaperone per 5 students free, additional chaperones will be charged \$7 per person per program.
<b>Program Snowshoe Rental</b>	Snowshoes: \$2.00/student <i>Please note rental fees are in addition to program cost</i>
<b>Payment and Cancellation Policy:</b>	We require a \$25, nonrefundable deposit at the time of booking. The remainder of your balance can be paid on the day of your program.  Program fees are nonrefundable. If a group cancels a program, they may reschedule if time allows for an additional \$25 fee.  If HNC has to cancel a program, a full refund will be issued. If the ISD 709 school district cancels school due to a snow day, HNC will cancel the program and try to reschedule the program as we are able.
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