

Homeschool Program Descriptions 2010 – 2011

Hands-on Nature Ages 4- 6

Marvelous Minibeasts: What creepy crawlies live under logs and in the grass?

Wild Weeds and Seeds: What tricks do seeds have for traveling long distances?

Animals Prepare for Winter: How do animals cope with Michigan winters?

***Settlers Prepare for Winter:** Explore a log cabin and an old farm house

Snakes and Turtles: Meet some real turtles and snakes

Fuzzy Animals: Learn some secrets of Michigan mammals

Frogs and Toads: Why do frogs sing in the spring time?

Wonderful Water: Visit a stream, where does it come from and where does it go?



Michigan Heritage Ages 7-9

Incredible Insects: Meet some Olympic champions of the insect world

***Listening to the Past:** Visit a wigwam and act out a Native American legend

***Life on a Pioneer Farm:** Do old fashioned chores at our log cabin and the old farm house

Feeding Winter Birds: Which birds visit winter feeders and why?

Mammal Mania: How much do you know about Michigan's mammals?

Reptiles and Amphibians: They walk, crawl and slither – who are they?

***Pioneer Sugaring:** Hike into the Pioneer Woods to discover a secret treasure

Fabulous Fish: What kinds of fish live in the Nature Center's streams and ponds?



Real World Survival Ages 10-12

Life on the Oregon Trail: What was it like to be a pioneer traveling to a new home?

West with Lewis and Clark: What animals and plants did they discover on their journey to the Pacific?

***The Settling of Michigan:** Compare your lifestyle with that of the pioneers and settlers

A Winter Food Web: How do small animals survive the winter?

Winter Weather Science: How does snow insulate? Why does a windy day feel colder?

Winter Survival Skills: Learn some tricks for protecting yourself from the cold. Why are dry mittens and a layer of fat important?

Survivor Trees: Measure some big trees and find out what dangers they have escaped

Flying Predators and Their Prey: Can a moth escape a bat? How does a mouse avoid an owl?

Weather permitting; all programs have an outdoor component. Be sure that your child is dressed to go outside.

* Note *Asterisk classes meet in the DeLano parking lot, 555 E. Ave. All other classes begin at the Interpretive Center.

