

Program Topics

Schools and youth groups may choose from the following programs designed for the typical 2-hr program slot, or from the Junior Naturalist topics listed under our [Calendar](#). We're also happy to customize a program for your group, and can bring many of our programs to your site or classroom (see Outreach*; go to [Outreach](#) for details).

- **DEFAULT: General Introduction** to Eagle River Valley (flora, fauna, geology), all ages
- **Life around the Beaver Pond**, popular for pre-K to 2nd grade
- **Geology** of the Eagle River Valley: from mountain-building to glaciers, 4th grade and up
Note: Allow extra time if want to hike Albert Loop to the Eagle River
- **Cycles of Life** (focus on soils, salmon, insects, or plants), all ages
- **Alaska Animals** (optional: animal tracks), all ages
- **Bear and Moose Safety** (available as Outreach*), 3rd grade and up
- **Mammal Skulls & Teeth** (available as Outreach*), 3rd grade and up
- **Owl pellet dissections** (available as Outreach*), 4th grade and up
- **Birds** (overview, or focus on particular species or migration), all ages
- **Insects** (optional: catch & release butterflies), available as slideshow, Outreach*
- **Wetlands** and stream-side Ecology (catch & release macro-invertebrates), 5th grade and up
- **Ecosystems**, 5th grade and up
- **Plant Identification** (focus on trees), 3rd grade and up
- **Wildflowers** (available off-season as slideshow, Outreach*), 3rd grade and up
- **Uses of Native Plants** (available off-season as slideshow, Outreach*), 3rd grade and up
- **Snow Studies** (available as Outreach*), 3rd grade and up
- **Winter Survival** (optional: build a shelter, fire), available as Outreach*, 4th grade and up
- **Winter Adaptations** (animals, plants) available as Outreach*, 4th grade and up
- **Snowshoeing** (we provide snowshoes for 30 students), 2nd grade and up
- **Feeding Winter Birds** (optional: make bird treats) available as Outreach*, pre-K and up
- **Animal Puppet Storytelling**, available as Outreach*, pre-K and up
- **Craft programs**, such as birch-bark canoes, paper-making or nature-printing – designed for small groups (max of 10 participants) and needs to be age-appropriate; available as Outreach*
- **Scout Badges**, such as the Forester badge, Conservation badge, etc.

Spring FAVORITES for school fieldtrips:

Life around the Beaver Pond, Alaska Animals with animal tracks, Cycles of Life (soils, salmon, insects), Tree Identification, Ecosystems, Wetlands Ecology, Geology of the Eagle River Valley

Fall FAVORITES for school fieldtrips:

Life around the Beaver Pond, Alaska Animals with animal tracks, Mammal skulls and teeth, Cycles of Life (soils, salmon, seeds and berries), Tree Identification (focus on trees), Ecosystems, Birds (migration, etc), Bear and Moose safety, Geology of the Eagle River Valley

Winter FAVORITES for school fieldtrips:

Snow studies, Winter Survival (building shelters, fire), Animal winter adaptations, Snowshoeing, Feeding Winter Birds, Life around the Beaver Pond, Alaska Animals with animal tracks, Geology

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