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NEARBY NATURE FIELD TRIPS AND CLASSROOM NATURALIST VISITS – FALL 2017

Greetings Teachers! Want to spend some time outdoors with your students this fall? Interested in bringing nature into your classroom? Looking for fun new ways to meet science learning goals? Nearby Nature can help! Kids who spend time outside are healthy, happy, and ready to learn. And kids whose classroom learning environment includes nature and science understand better how they are connected to the web of life that sustains us all.

Below is information about scheduling Fall Nature Walks in Alton Baker Park and Classroom Naturalist Visits.

Scholarships: If funding is tight at your school, **we have resources to share.** 1) Thanks to our Youth Scholarship Fund, we have financial assistance available for our field trips and classroom visits. 2) Thanks to the Science Factory's Scholarship Fund, we also have assistance available for Science Factory planetarium visits as part of our Earth to Sky walks.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks!

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How to Schedule a Nature Walk in Alton Baker Park and/or a Classroom Visit:



You will find **Program Information** on the following page. To register for a program/request scholarship support, use our online form at <http://www.nearbynature.org/registration-scholarship-forms/online-form>. **We will notify you by email about the status of your request.**

Enrollment and scholarship funding take into consideration our commitment to serving a diversity of schools, income levels, grades, and districts. Priority for scholarships will go to Title I schools, however, all teachers are invited to schedule programs and request grants.

All field trips happen **rain or shine** and begin outside the Science Factory in Eugene. Classroom visits happen at your school. Final confirmation of your program dates as well as instructions about how to prepare for your programs will be provided via email.

Program Information

1) **Field Trip Times:** Nature walks run from 9:30-11:45 am and are led by trained volunteer guides. Kids are divided into groups of 7-9 children. Afternoon program extensions run from noon-1 pm or 2 pm (details below). We can serve two classes per day. Time for eating sack lunches with our guides is provided during the field trip.

2) **Field Trip Cost:** Morning walks cost \$3.50 per child. Full day programs cost \$6.50-\$6.75. **Scholarship assistance is available.**

3) **Field Trip Topics:** The following topics are available for Fall 2017. Links to current school standards are detailed at <http://www.nearbynature.org/program-standards>.

- **Nature Detectives Walks** (1st-5th graders) – On these morning nature walks, kids use their nature-detecting skills to explore the park and look for signs that plants and animals are getting ready for winter! If you have a topic you would like us to address, please ask.
- **New -- Learnscape Adventures** (pre-school-5th graders) – On these morning nature adventures, kids visit our Learnscape Garden and Outdoor Classroom in the heart of the park. Kids enjoy garden activities in our Edible Classroom, cooperative games/supervised free nature play, and storytelling in the Hazelnut Hollow. *(Note: we have limited availability for this program -- we can serve only one class per day.)*
- **Critter Quest Walks** (1st-5th graders) – On these morning field trips, kids spend half their time using pond dipping nets to look for aquatic critters and half their time on a wildlife-themed nature walk. Life cycles, adaptations, and camouflage are some of the topics that are addressed.
- **River Quest Walks** (1st-5th graders) – On these morning water-themed walks, kids visit the Willamette River to see the water cycle in action, learn about watersheds, and check out riparian plants and animals..
- **New -- Forest Quest Walks** (1st-5th graders) -- On these morning nature walks, kids learn about the parts of a healthy forest, from soils that grow seeds to towering trees. Plant life cycles and wildlife habitats as well Northwest plants and animals are addressed.



Kalapuya Quest Walks (3rd-5th graders) – On these morning Kalapuya-themed walks, kids explore the park and visit the Talking Stones. They learn how the Kalapuya people historically used native plants and animals for shelter, food, and clothing. These walks also cover Kalapuya transportation, traditions, language, and stories.

Kinder Quest Walks (pre-school-kindergarteners) – On these morning nature walks, young children get to know

nature nearby through games, nature tales, and hands-on activities that engage all their senses. Walks are appropriately paced for the age of your students. If you have a topic you would like us to address, feel free to ask.

4) **Afternoon Program Extensions:** If you would like your field trip to be a full day adventure, you have two afternoon options (described below). For both programs, kids eat lunch at the end of their morning with Nearby Nature and have a short bathroom-recess break from 11:45 am-noon.



- **Nearby Nature Afternoon Adventures** (noon-2 pm) – After their morning nature walks (any topic other than Critter Quest is okay), kids spend half their time using pond dipping nets to look for aquatic critters and half their time creating Earth Art from our “stones to cones” collection. (Note: program can end earlier than 2 pm if necessary for transportation reasons.) Nearby Nature afternoon programs cost \$3.25 per child. Limited scholarships may be available.
- **Earth to Sky** (noon-1 pm) – After their morning nature walks, kids go to a Science Factory planetarium show. Available topics are provided to enrolled teachers. Planetarium visits cost \$3 per child. **Scholarship assistance is available from the Science Factory.** (Nearby Nature manages these funds and assigns grants as available.)

5) **Classroom Visits:** Nearby Nature staff and volunteers can do **classroom visits from November-March**. Each age-appropriate visit lasts 45 minutes. Topics for these visits include our popular Earth Art, Race for the Pond, and Mountain Melt. See <http://www.nearbynature.org/programs/classroom-naturalist-visits> for a complete list of topics. **Nearby Nature staff will contact you to arrange visit times after we have confirmed our participation list.** Classroom visits cost \$60 per visit for the first visit and \$30 for up to two additional visits on the same day. Scholarships available.



About Nearby Nature: *Nearby Nature is a non-profit education group dedicated to fostering appreciation of nature nearby and providing tools for ecological living. In 2017, we are celebrating our 25th birthday! Our staff and volunteers lead nature walks, school programs, daycamps, family events, and restoration projects. We serve thousands of kids with our programs every year. Overall, kids spend 32,000+ hours in nature per year thanks to our programs! For more information, see www.nearbynature.org or call 541-687-9699.*