

2024-2025

THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY WIND WOLVES PRESERVE

OUTDOOR DISCOVERY PROGRAMS



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Wildlands Conservancy's Wind Wolves Preserve has welcomed over 200,000 students to its Outdoor Discovery Program since 1998. We continue to provide one of Kern County's premier outdoor education facilities, offering hands-on programming to hundreds of school children each year. Our goal is to inspire wonder and joy in nature with lessons that connect youth to the outdoors while fostering observation, curiosity, and discovery. Field trips typically run for 3.5-4 hours, starting as early 9:30 am, and include a 1/2-hour break for lunch. We can accommodate 40-75 students per day, with larger groups accepted for select themes, subject to availability. Contact us about educational opportunities for small groups (less than 40 students). We look forward to hosting you soon!



RESERVATIONS OPEN MAY 1ST

To book a field trip program at Wind Wolves Preserve, call 661.858.1115 or email windwolves_education@wildlandsconservancy.org. We recommend booking early - spots fill quickly!

OUTDOOR DISCOVERY PROGRAM THEMES

NATURE'S DISCOVERIES

PRE-K - 2ND GRADE & SPECIAL NEEDS



Introduce your early learner to nature and basic ecological concepts as we learn about habitats. While exploring different habitats at the preserve, students will discover what kinds of animals live in those spaces and identify characteristics that help them survive there. We will also discuss how habitats meet animal needs of food, water, and shelter. This program includes a live animal encounter!

Daily maximum: 100 students, subject to availability

FIRST PEOPLES OF THE CANYON

2ND - 4TH GRADE



Examine the role of natural resources in our lives as we learn how early Chumash and Yokuts lived in the Central Valley and San Emigdio Mountains over 200 years ago. Through hands-on activities, such as grinding acorns in stone mortars and playing hunting games, students will explore historical daily life for these Native Californians and discuss how they used local natural resources for food, shelter, and medicine.

Daily maximum: 75 students

WILD NEIGHBORHOODS

3RD - 6TH GRADE



Explore the interconnectedness of organisms in an ecosystem, including through processes like nutrient cycling, as we learn about our wild neighbors. Students will analyze skulls to study correlations between animal form and function. This program also includes a live animal encounter, in which students will identify traits that contribute to an organism's survival.

Daily maximum: 75 students

WATER WONDERS

4TH - 6TH GRADE



Get your hands wet as we investigate properties of our local stream, San Emigdio Canyon Creek, and explore how water shapes its environment. Students will conduct a bioassessment, collecting and cataloguing aquatic invertebrates to assess stream health. They will also survey riparian plants and stream flow while learning basic hydrological terminology and concepts.

Daily maximum: 75 students; Seasonal: October–November and March–May

CURIOUS EXPLORER

2ND - 5TH GRADE



Ignite your students' curiosity as we explore the trails of San Emigdio Canyon. Students will employ the building blocks of scientific inquiry as we practice making observations, asking questions, and proposing explanations based on evidence. Naturalists will also cover a range of ecological concepts encountered on the route. This program is walking-intensive!

Daily maximum: 100 students, subject to availability