

Environmental Education Program Brochure

Connecting with Nature: Making a Difference for Conservation



Audubon's field science programs offer engaging, hands-on experiences and activities that provide students the opportunity for genuine scientific inquiry and connection with the natural world.

Each of our programs for 4-12 year olds combine discovery, investigation, and outdoor exploration. All are designed for Next Generation Science Standards.

When you bring your students to the Audubon Center,
you bring your science curriculum to life!

"This program is an amazing part of our science curriculum. It provides a hands-on, inquiry-based science experience that gets students excited about learning."

- 4th Grade Teacher, Gonzalez Elementary

Programs At-A-Glance

Program Title	Grade level/Age	Type & Location	Price
Discovery Walk	Pre K-Kindergarten, ages 4-6	Outdoor (RDAC Field Trip or at your location)	\$125
Pollination Fascination	K-2, ages 5-8	Outdoor (RDAC Field Trip)	\$175
Animal Adaptations	K-2, ages 5-8	Outdoor (RDAC Field Trip)	\$175
Nature's Interconnections	Grades 3-5, ages 8-12	Indoor/Outdoor (RDAC or your location)	\$135
All About Birds	Grades 3-5, ages 8-12	Indoor (RDAC Field Trip, or at your location)	\$135
Birds of a Feather Explore Together	Grades 3-5, ages 8-12	Outdoor (RDAC Field Trip)	\$175
Ecosystem Exploration	Grades 3-5, ages 8-12	Outdoor (RDAC Field Trip)	\$175

Booking a Program with the Randall Davey Audubon Center & Sanctuary

The Setting

Our wildlife sanctuary spans 135 acres and includes hiking trails, pollinator and wildlife gardens, and a large classroom space offering natural artifacts, tools, and technology for science investigations. Our trails and the neighboring Santa Fe Canyon Preserve feature diverse forest, river, and garden habitats for student exploration.

Time & Seasonality

Field trips are generally 1-3 hours long; all include time for a 15-minute snack break. Program start times are flexible, and we invite you enjoy lunch before or after your program at our sanctuary. Outdoor programs at the Center are scheduled Monday - Friday, August - November and March - May. Indoor programs or outdoor programs at your locations can be scheduled any time during the school year. All bookings are subject to availability.

Program Registration

To schedule a program, contact the education department at the Randall Davey Audubon Center by sending an email to smaxwell@audubon.org. Upon registration, you will be provided with your confirmation, invoice, required release forms, and guidelines and tips for your visit.

“The students loved the science in this lesson”

- 3rd grade teacher, Santa Fe Public Schools

Program Descriptions

Discovery Walks

Pre-K & Kindergarten, Field Trip or Your Location, 1.5 Hours

Designed for young learners, we'll engage all of our senses to explore the natural world during this fun and educational nature walk on our sanctuary trails or your outdoor space. Educators will lead guided investigation, as well as games and other fun learning activities. *Customizable depending on your classroom learning. Contact us for more info.*



Pollination Fascination

K - 2nd Grade, Field Trip, 3 hours

Students taking part in this program discover the importance of pollinators in the life cycle of flowering plants, and in our food web. Students will take part in a guided flower dissection, observational nature hike, and pollination game.

Animal Adaptations

K - 2nd Grade, Field Trip, 3 hours

In this program students are introduced to New Mexico wildlife and the unique features that help them survive in the habitats surrounding our sanctuary. Students practice scientific observations on a nature hike, explore inquiry through an adaptations game, and collect data during an animal skull investigation.



Nature's Interconnections

3rd - 5th Grade, At Your Location, 2 hours

Invite an Audubon Educator to visit your classroom and explore your schoolyard habitat. Students will investigate the different parts of a habitat and what animals need to survive. Together, we will head outside to see what we can find and what we could improve to create a healthy habitat for wildlife in our backyard. Through hands-on activities, students explore the interrelationship between living and nonliving things, including the role we as humans play and how we can protect natural resources.

Program Descriptions



All About Birds

3rd - 5th Grade, At Your Location, 1.5 hours

Invite an Audubon Educator to visit your classroom to explore the world of birds with your students. During this program, students focus on the question: what makes a bird, a bird? Through a hands-on investigation of various bird artifacts, like skulls, beaks, feathers, feet, bones, eggs, and nests, students practice inquiry, scientific observation, and data collection to learn more about the adaptations of this fascinating family.

This in-class visit pairs great with our outdoor Birds of a Feather program!

Birds of a Feather Explore Together

3rd - 5th Grade, Field Trip, 3 hours

Our most popular program! How do birds use their adaptations to survive and thrive? With help from an Audubon educator, we'll learn about some of the wild birds found at the Sanctuary, then go on a guided observation hike. Students will investigate the diversity of bird adaptations and behavior through hands-on games, data collection, and analysis. After a day of outdoor science learning, students can reflect on how human choices can affect birds, and what they can do to help conserve them.



Ecosystem Exploration

3rd - 5th Grade, Field Trip, 3 hours

Students explore the biodiversity of our Sanctuary's ecosystem and the adaptations of animals living in the habitat. We explore how energy enters and moves through a food chain, collect data through a hands-on investigation of the producers, consumers, and decomposers that live on and near our trails, and learn about the importance of non-living factors, such as weather, climate, and water.

Education Program Details

Who Can Participate

Classes throughout Santa Fe, as well as outside the district; adult chaperones; community groups such as churches, camps, scouts, and homeschoolers; and more.

Special requests

We recognize the different needs of our community and are willing to work with you to accommodate to the best of our ability. Program modifications or special requests must be approved by the Education Department in advance of booking your reservation. Please contact us with any questions or for further details.

Payment and Cancellation

Pre-payment for all programs is required, unless otherwise noted by Audubon staff. Once you receive your confirmation, you are required to send payment with your completed contract at least 16 days prior to your scheduled program or you will forfeit your reservation. Please make purchase orders and checks payable to Audubon New Mexico, or contact the Education Department if you would like to make a payment with a Visa or MasterCard. If a cancellation is made at least 7 days in advance of your scheduled date, you will receive a refund less a \$50 administrative fee. Classes cancelled within 7 days of your scheduled date forfeit registration fee, with the exception of classes cancelled due to inclement weather.

Transportation

Teachers are responsible for scheduling their own transportation to and from the Randall Davey Audubon Center & Sanctuary. Once you receive confirmation from the Education Department for a scheduled program, please reserve your bus(es) immediately, as availability becomes very limited throughout the year.

Financial Assistance

A limited amount of financial assistance is available for classes with at least 50% of students qualifying for the free or reduced lunch program. For more information, please contact (505) 983-4609, smaxwell@audubon.org.

Lunch

We encourage you to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the lawn and/or explore our trails on a self-guided hike after the program at no additional charge.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us by email at smaxwell@audubon.org or call (505) 983-4609.