

Rio Salado Audubon Center Education Programs

Sonoran Desert Wildlife | Hands-on scientific inquiry | Connect with nature.

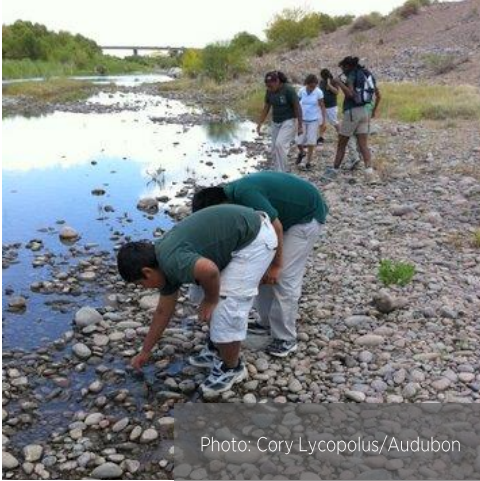


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Programs for Spring 2024

Nature in Your Neighborhood (K-8th)

Discover Sonoran Desert wildlife through a standards-based exploration field trip in the Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area featuring three interactive STEAM stations: (pick up to 3 modules)

- Guided Nature Outing
- Mammals of Arizona
- Science & Art Collide
- Bird beak Adaptation Investigation

Nature in Your Schoolyard (K-8th)

Students reexamine their campus as a place for not only students and staff, but a habitat for animals through three interactive STEAM stations:

- Guided Nature Outing
- Birds of the Valley
- Campus Habitat Redesign
- Bird beak Adaptation Investigation

*Modules are 45min-1hr and can be taught in one day or multiple days

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For more information & Title 1

Scholarship info, visit:

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Overview

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 combine discovery, investigation, and outdoor exploration.

- Ages 4-12 years old
- Aligned to Arizona Academic Standards
- Field trip and in-school visits available
- Scholarships available to Title 1 schools for grades 3-5 (as available)



The Setting

Opened in October 2009, the Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center is a 7,850 ft² nature center in the heart of Phoenix's Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area, a 600-acre park in the historic Salt River corridor. Located less than two miles from downtown Phoenix, the center is a gateway to a lush Sonoran riparian habitat used by more than 200 species of birds and other wildlife.



After a day out on the trails, students and families are invited to play and explore our garden and exhibits.

Audubon educators can also come to you! Educators will bring hands-on materials and lead the same great science activities in your classroom and outside in the schoolyard. Audubon educators can travel within 1-2 hours of Phoenix depending on availability.

Time & Seasonality

- Field trips are generally 1-3 hours long; all include a 15-minute snack break.
- Program start times are flexible, and we invite you to enjoy lunch before or after your program at our center. Most programs run 9:30am- 12:30pm, with optional lunch and free play from 12:30-1:30pm.
- Field trips are scheduled Monday - Friday, September through May.
- Programs at your location can be scheduled any time during the school year, any day of the week (subject to educator availability).
- All bookings are subject to availability.

Program Registration

To schedule a program, email the education department at the Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center at Juliana.gomez@audubon.org to receive the registration link. After registering, you will receive your confirmation, invoice, required release forms, and guidelines and tips for your visit. Schools are responsible for booking their own bus with their school.



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Additional Details

Who Can Participate

Classes throughout Phoenix, 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 Rio Salado Audubon Center, 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, except for classes cancelled due to inclement weather.

Transportation

Teachers are responsible for scheduling their own transportation to and from the Rio Salado Audubon Center. 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 (Title 1 status). Both partial and full scholarships are available. For more information, please contact the Education Department.

Lunch and Snacks

We encourage you to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy outside and/or explore our trails on a self-guided hike after the program at no additional charge. Audubon does not provide snacks or lunch during field trip programs. There is a small refrigerator available to store food, but students and schools are encouraged to provide their own coolers.

Contact Us:

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Please email for inquiries and questions as educators are often away from their desks.



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