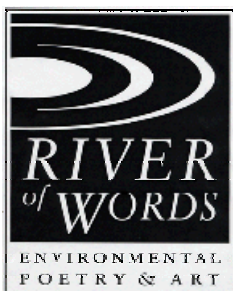


Field Trips to Nature Centers supporting River of Words Activities



Across Georgia, nature centers offer programs that support River of Words. On a field trip, your students might discover their local watershed and create poems or art they can submit to the contest. The content, timeframe and cost of these programs vary by center.

Blue Ridge Outdoor Education Center, Toccoa

Environmental Education Program

For All Ages

Blue Ridge Outdoor Education Center offers students of all ages the chance to see and touch the processes at work in the world around us and to get a sense of their special place in that system through environmental education. Discover the forests and streams of the Appalachian Mountains and be inspired by the organisms that call them home.

Cost: see website

Contact: 706-886-7621, www.blueridgeoec.com

Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center, Mansfield

Brooke Ager Discovery Area - Stream and Watershed Science

Grades: 4th – 5th

Watershed studies provide a great demonstration of the connection between humans and their environment. Students will create a watershed model, do soil experiments and discover how land use affects our waterways. Students also visit a stream to collect and identify creatures that help indicate water quality.

Cost: \$5.00 per student/day with a \$50.00 per day deposit. Deposits are deducted from the total charge. There is a \$150.00 minimum fee for all groups.

Contact: 770-784-3059, <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/node/686>

Brooke Ager Discovery Area - Pond Study (available April – November)

Grades: 3rd –5th

A pond investigation provides the perfect opportunity to demonstrate the connections within an ecosystem. By searching with nets, using field guides, and guided observation students gain skills and discover the adaptations of some amazing aquatic creatures. Pond health can also be assessed using water quality test kits.

Cost: \$5.00 per student/day with a \$50.00 per day deposit. Deposits are deducted from the total charge. There is a \$150.00 minimum fee for all groups.

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Chattahoochee Nature Center, Roswell

The Creek and the Cherokee

Grades: 2nd – 4th and 6th-12th occasionally

Native peoples, including the Creek and the Cherokee, once inhabited the land of the Chattahoochee Nature Center. In this program, students discover how these people used the river, the land, the wildlife, and other natural resources for hunting, farming, gathering, medicine, shelter, clothing, transportation, and music. The program includes a guided forest hike, animal encounter with non-releasable wildlife, use of the grounds, and a guided tour.

Objective: Students will summarize how the Creek and the Cherokee people in Georgia used natural resources in their daily lives.

Cost: Call or visit the website for pricing information. If school transportation is an issue, CNC can bring much of the programming they offer you're your classrooms

Contact: 770-992-2055 x237, www.chattnaturecenter.com

Cochran Mill Nature Center, Palmetto

Field Trip Information: Schools and Home Schools

Grades: Contact the Center

Cochran Mill Nature Center's environmental education programs are designed to enhance classroom curriculum through hands-on discovery and exploration of the natural world, as well as promote awareness and appreciation of the environment. Programs generally run 90 minutes and feature wildlife education, nature hikes, ecology, environmental games and more! Most programs are correlated to Georgia Performance Standards.

Cost: \$75 minimum and the CMNC Programs are \$5.00 per student/adult/siblings over 2 years of age for 90 minutes; Teachers and Para Pros free. Note: \$75.00 non-refundable deposit is required 30 days prior to program date

Contact: 770-992-2055 x237,
<http://www.cochranmillnaturecenter.org/fieldtripinfo.html>

Dauset Trails Nature Center, Jackson

Poetry and Prose in the Outdoors

Grades: 5th and up

Take a hike, explore the outdoors, and be inspired! Students are given the opportunity to learn about the natural world around them, and then encouraged to express their thoughts through writing.

Cost: \$2 donation per student, 15-25 students

Contact: Ike English at 770-775-6798, www.dausettrails.com

Dunwoody Nature Center, Dunwoody

River of Words

Grades: K - 12th

Students will learn about watersheds, identify their ecological address, explore DNC's stream, and learn about macroinvertebrates while inspiring their creativity to make art or poetry to submit to the contest.

Cost: \$10.00/student—\$50 minimum

Contact: 770-394-3322, www.dunwoodynature.org

Elachee Nature Science Center, Gainesville

Nature Journaling Activities

Grades: 5th – 8th

Investigate a stream and hike through a watershed while learning the important role that water plays in our lives. Then record your impressions in poetry or prose on the banks of a rushing stream.

Cost: \$10.00/student.

Contact: 770-535-1976, www.elachee.org

Newman Wetlands Center, Hampton

River of Words & Nature Journaling

Grades: 6th - 12th

Students will learn about wetlands and the watershed, and will explore the role of human beings as stewards of these ecological systems. They will spend time in the creeks and wetlands of the Clayton County Water Authority property and participate in observation exercises of the wildlife and plant communities in these environments. They will have the opportunity to create poetry and artwork, either on-site or back at school.

Cost: \$5.00 per student with a minimum of \$50.00. Maximum number of students per class: 20

Contact: 770-603-5606, www.ccwa.us

Oatland Island Wildlife Center, Savannah

River of Words

Grades: 1st - 8th grade students

Students will learn about watersheds and wetlands and be able to describe the characteristics of wetlands, observe Georgia's dynamic coastal wetlands through direct experiences in our salt marshes and tidal creeks, and unleash their imaginations in a wetlands poetry writing session. The field trip is 2 hours in length.

Cost: See website for costs

Contact: 912-898-3980

www.oatlandisland.org

Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center, Columbus

Environmental Education Program

For all ages

Students will learn about watersheds, visit and explore a pond and marsh environment, and learn about the animal and plant life unique to their ecological address in the Chattahoochee River Valley.

Cost: \$5.00/student, 10 students minimum

Contact: 706-507-8555 ColumbusState.edu/oxbow

Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton

Environmental Education Program

Grades: K - 12th grade students

Students will learn about watersheds, visit and explore a lake and stream environment, and learn about the animal and plant life unique to their ecological address in the Oconee River basin.

Cost: see website

Contact: 706-484-2862, www.rockeagle4h.org

Sandy Creek Nature Center, Athens

River of Words

Grades: 2nd - 8th

Enjoy a trip to our local wetlands, sample the edge of our pond, learn about our wetland plants and animals, and discover the importance of the surrounding watershed. Wrap up the program by creating your own watershed art or poetry inspired by your visit. Field study program is 2 hours.

Cost: \$2.50/Athens-Clarke County students and \$3.50 for non-ACC students.

Adult chaperones welcome and are free. Minimum \$40 fee.

Contact: 706-613-3615, ext. 231, www.sandycreeknaturecenter.com

Pond Study

Grades: K5 - High School students.

Plan to get muddy while studying the natural community of our Claypit pond. Explore the area by making observations and taking biological samples. Students will learn how water quality can affect life in a pond. Wrap up the program by creating your own watershed art or poetry inspired by your visit.

Cost: \$2/Athens-Clarke County students and \$3/Non-ACC students.

Minimum charge is \$30. Adult chaperones are free.

Contact: 706-613-3615 X 231, www.sandycreeknaturecenter.com

World of Water

Grades: Middle and High School Students

Students will learn the importance of water to our planet and in our lives. Students will investigate a nearby stream to determine if it is healthy through visual, chemical and biological tests. Follow up discussions will help students understand natural changes that occur throughout a year compared to changes that are caused by human influence. Wrap up the program by creating your own watershed art or poetry inspired by your visit.

Cost: \$2/Athens-Clarke County students and \$3/Non-ACC students.

Minimum charge is \$30. Adult chaperones are free.

Contact: 706-613-3615 X 231, www.sandycreeknaturecenter.com

Smithgall Woods Regional Educational Center, Helen

Environmental Education Program

Grades: Pre-K - 12th

Explore a north Georgia watershed while collecting macroinvertebrates and learning how human activities can impact the physical and chemical characteristics of our water supply. Watch how students' natural curiosity is rekindled as they collect tadpoles and learn about aquatic plants along the edge of a small pond or beaver wetlands. Pre-K through 2nd grade on-site programs are teacher led. Outreach programming is also available.

Cost: Please call for pricing information.

Contact: 706-878-3087