

OTHER INFORMATION

The Elkhart Environmental Division offers hands-on, environmental curriculum for Elkhart Community and Concord Schools. Curricula are available for grades kindergarten through sixth on topics such as recycling, water conservation, and the benefits of trees.

Picnic tables available:

Picnic tables are available to bring your lunches. Please check for availability when scheduling. Ask about our "Waste-Free" lunch curriculum in advance so you can help your students prepare a garbage free lunch!

Dress for the Weather:

All field trips include a hike, please have students dress for weather including closed toed shoes and jackets if needed. Bus tours are available in the case of heavy rain.

Discipline:

Please remember that discipline is the responsibility of the teachers and chaperones, never the environmental educator.

Science Standards:

The Elkhart Environmental Division's programs meet multiple state science standards. See listings inside.



SCHEDULING INFORMATION

Scheduling Programs:

- Programs can be scheduled throughout the school year by calling 293-5070.
- Please contact us at least 3 weeks in advance.
- Educators can schedule up to 9 months in advance.

Student Capacity:

- There is a maximum of 2 classes for any program.
- Our building and staff capacity are limited and we can ensure a better quality program when classrooms visit individually.

Length of Program:

- Field Trip to Center: 90 minutes (interpretive hike included)
- In the Classroom (*for Elkhart and Concord Schools only*): 60 minutes

Cost:

- Free for Elkhart Community Schools
 - \$1 per student for schools outside of Elkhart Community Schools
- Please pay in form of check or money order.**

Learn and Serve:

If you would like to have your students do a service project in conjunction with their field trip, please let us know when you schedule.

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ELKHART ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND FIELD TRIPS



2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

ELKHART ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER PROGRAMS

KINDERGARTEN: THINK EARTH

This program will focus on simple things young children can do to help the earth while emphasizing recycling. Children will get a chance to discover what materials go in a recycling bin and what goes in the trash!

Science Standards K: 1.1, 2.1, 3.1

1ST GRADE: HOORAY FOR KERPLOP!

Kerplop! The Water Drop will lead students on a path of exploration as they discover the dangers of water pollution. Through hands-on activities, students will understand how they can help protect water in their daily lives.

Science Standards 1: 1.2, 6.1, 6.2



2ND GRADE: TREE TREASURE!

Besides wood, what else can trees provide? This program will help students understand why trees are important to the earth. Students will become tree explorers as they learn the different parts of a tree, inside and out, and how they work together.

Science Standards 2: 1.3, 1.7, 3.1, 3.4, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3

3RD GRADE: THE FIVE R'S!

Students will learn why recycling is so important by looking at the Garbage Pizza and seeing how much trash can really be recycled. They will put their new knowledge to the test as they become a wise shopper to help the environment.

Science Standards 3: 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.8, 2.1, 4.8

4TH GRADE: CONCENTRATE ON CONSERVATION



Did you know that you could conserve energy and save \$20-\$60 a year with a few simple adjustments? Conservation will come to life when students interact as energy resources. This unique experience will help students visually interpret and understand the importance of conservation and the impact one person can make!

Science Standards 4: 2.4, 3.11, 3.14

To register for one of these programs call the Elkhart Environmental Center at 574-293-5070.

5TH GRADE: ON A VOYAGE TO RECYCLE!

Students will hop aboard the Mobro Trash Ship and discover how trash is managed in their community! They will evaluate their own trash and find ways they can cut down on the waste they produce daily.

Science Standards 5: 1.6, 6.1, 1.7

6TH GRADE: FOCUS ON GROUNDWATER

Kids will explore why the Elkhart Environmental Center is covered in clay and the importance of protecting our resources. Students will be able to see trash from different perspectives as they run their own town and decide the fate of their town's trash.

Science Standards: 6: 1.8, 1.9, 3.8, 3.14, 4.8, 5.2, 7.2

AVAILABLE TO ALL GRADES:

WORMS EAT MY GARBAGE...

Students will explore the world of worm composting and why they are so important to our earth. **Limit of one classroom per session.** (Classrooms have the option of building a worm bin for their class - there is a \$15 additional fee for a worm bin).

Science Standards 3: 1.2, 1.8, 2.1, 2.2, 2.5, 4.1, 4.3, 4.4 (with worm bin: 3: 1.3, 2.)