



Supplement your science curriculum by
joining other home school students in
hands-on nature study!

When: Meet each month on the first and third Friday from 1:30pm to 3pm

Who: Designed for students ages 6 – 10 years old

Where: Zand Education Center at The Dawes Arboretum

Fees: \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members per session. One adult admission is included with each registered child. Accompanying adults may enjoy the Arboretum grounds or join the class. Reservations are required.

Register: www.dawesarb.org

2025-26

September 5	Pond Life <i>The pond is a complex ecosystem waiting to be discovered! We'll use nets and ID charts to explore.</i>
September 19	Adopt-a-Tree <i>Learn how to observe and record experiences with nature. Adopt-a-tree from our collection to study all year.</i>
October 3	One Square Foot <i>Teams will explore and tally natural and man-made items in this fun scientific investigation. Hurray for biodiversity!</i>
October 17	Spiders Are Special <i>Some folks think these arachnids are spooky and should be feared. Come take a look at what makes them so special and an important part of our natural world!</i>
November 7	Trees as Habitats <i>People and wildlife share some basic needs. Learn why a tree is an ideal habitat for some OH animals.</i>
November 21	Endangered Species <i>What does it mean when an animal or plant is threatened or endangered? Explore why some organisms are in trouble and how some are bouncing back!</i>
December 5	Should I Stay or Should I Go? <i>Look at our local wildlife and their winter habits; will they stay, or will they go?</i>

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December 19	Web of Life <i>Make a food web and learn how organisms get their energy. It's starts with the sun and is all connected!</i>
January 2	Science of Snow <i>Snow crystals are much more than just a speck of ice. Explore the science behind those intricate crystals, examine them up close and grow a winter masterpiece.</i>
January 16	Birds of Winter <i>Observe and identify some common backyard feeder birds as we discuss their adaptations and winter survival skills.</i>
February 6	Groundhog Day <i>Learn fun facts about a sleepy little mammal, the groundhog. Ohio's true hibernator!</i>
February 20	Fossil Fun <i>Fossils are the key to learning about prehistoric life and the Earth's environment from long ago. Examine real fossils and make some new impressions of your very own!</i>
March 6	Maple Syrup Tour <i>Walk this sweet trail to travel in time from the Native Americans' past to The Dawes Arboretum's present. Observe tree taps and sample some local maple syrup!</i>
March 20	Wildlife C.S.I. <i>Become a crime scene investigator and help solve the mystery! Investigate common Ohio wildlife's behavior and habitat. It's a real whodunit.</i>
April 3	Anatomy of a Flower <i>Each part of a flower has a special function. Dissect a spring flower and learn the importance of these beautiful blooms.</i>
April 17	Learning from the Lorax <i>Our favorite holiday is this month! Learn how to "speak for the trees" as we have some pre-Arbor Day fun!</i>