



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

2026-2027

September 4	Bird Beak Investigation A bird's beak is specialized for its diet. Manipulate tools, predict and test their effectiveness, then apply the knowledge to real specimens!
September 18	Pollinators at Work Buzz in for fun as we learn all about moths, bees and butterflies. Search the gardens for these amazing pollinators!
October 2	Have Seeds, Will Travel These seeds are on the go! Start a seed collection and discover helicopters, parachutes, hitch hikers and more.
October 16	Every Tree for Itself What do trees need to live and grow? Let's model how trees compete to survive then go for a hike to look for models of different scenarios.
November 6	Go Bucks! How well do you know the white-tailed deer? We'll explore just how the deer is specially adapted to escape predators and survive the harsh Ohio winter.
November 20	Water Wonders Water is constantly moving. Play a game, do an experiment, and investigate the water cycle!
December 4	Japanese Garden Exploration Inside, we will do some fish printing and learn more about Japan. Then we will hike to this unique landscape and learn the significance of its beautiful features.
	2026-27 (cont.)

December 18	Gifts from Nature Let's create some fun gifts using nature! Whether the gift is to give away or for yourself, you will explore nature in a new way.
January 15	Wildlife in Winter Investigate the animals that live all around us! How do they stay snug in the snow and survive the cold winter?
February 5	Tracks and Traces Identify some common animal tracks and traces. We'll hike a nearby trail to discover signs of wildlife at The Arboretum.
February 19	Maple Syrup Tour Walk this paved trail to travel in time from the Native Americans' past to The Dawes Arboretum's present. Observe tree taps and sample nature's sweet treat!
March 5	Papermaking 101 By reducing waste and recycling, we can help save the environment! Let's investigate the papermaking process and take home a beautiful, and practical, product.
March 19	Have to Have a Habitat Forests are home to 80% of all land-based plant and animal species. What makes a great habitat? Explore The Arboretum then create a model to share and take home.
April 2	Wiggly Worms Dig into learning about nature's recyclers and their amazing impact on our world. You will see these squirmy decomposers in a whole new light!
April 16	Spring Amphibians Visit the Cypress Swamp and explore "nature's nursery"! In the springtime this wetland is home to a variety of insects and amphibians beginning their life. Use field guides, nets and magnifying tools to learn who calls this water their home.

