



North Branch Nature Center

713 Elm Street, Montpelier, VT 05602

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Preschool Children's Nature Discovery Programs Spring, March - May 2010

All programs will run from 10:00—11:30 and family members may join us as much as they would like. Each Tuesday program will be repeated the next day.

Program fee: \$5.00 per child, ages 3-5.

Tuesday or Wednesday, March 9 & 10 - "Tuning in Our Senses"

When we tune into the natural world we are not unlike our animal friends—we must all use our fabulous five senses! Join us for fun, hands-on activities to sharpen our senses and simulate how some of our favorite Vermont animals hear, smell, taste, and feel.

Tuesday or Wednesday, March 23 & 24 - "Tap that Tree"

It's formally spring, and every Vermonter's thoughts turn to the sugaring season. How does that amazing food get produced? What is special about our state tree, the Sugar Maple? Can we get set up now to do some sugaring at NBNC? Come learn about sugarmakers and their wonderful business. Sweet teeth welcome!

Tuesday or Wednesday, April 6 & 7 - "A Salamander's Cycle"

Once the snow melts, here at NBNC we await the spring rains that bring the salamanders out from the mud. We'll learn about the amazing journey of salamanders to their spring habitat and ways to help them on their dangerous trips. We'll even get a visit from some of the nature center's resident salamanders!

Tuesday or Wednesday, April 13 & 14 - "Returning Red-wings"

It is springtime and new life is returning all around us! Many bird lovers cannot wait until the arrival of the vocal Red-winged Blackbirds. Come join us to celebrate the return of these feathered friends. We'll learn more about this territorial Vermont bird and take a walk to catch a glimpse of one!

Wednesday or Thursday, May 12 & 13 - "Lovely Llamas"

Off site field trip from NBNC—Note day of week change from normal schedule!

We've discovered a nearby llama farm and have planned our first pre-school field trip away from NBNC with families. We'll meet at 10:00, get oriented for the trip, and drive (your cars, please) to Upper Terrace St. in town to visit the "Moonlight Llamas" farm. We'll learn about the animals and see how their fur is used for practical and fun wool objects. Please wear rain boots and bring green salad scraps or apples for the "lovely llamas."

Tuesday or Wednesday, May 25 & 26 - "The Wonder of Wildflowers"

While walking through the woods and fields in the early spring, you will see a stunning variety of wildflowers decorating the landscape. We'll take a short hike to learn more about these beautiful plants and their intriguing names. Will *you* be the first to find the "Jack in the Pulpit"?

*Please contact us with any questions via phone (229-6206)
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