

Greetings from Alley Park!

Did you know that Charles Alley Memorial Park offers a wide range of educational school field trip opportunities for your classes, staffed by professional educators who have a passion for children and the outdoors? Alley Park is a 300+ acre nature preserve, primarily wooded, with trails, two lakes, sandstone outcroppings, wildlife, two outdoor picnic shelters, and the Goslin Nature Education Center with an extended display of "live" animals, as well as other educational displays and activities.

ALL grade levels are invited to take part in any of our programs, which are meant to compliment what you teach in the classroom, by providing related hands-on, multi-sensory outdoor experiences, meeting science curriculum indicators and standards. These lessons can be grouped to provide a half, or full day of instruction. Some examples of (but not limited to) lesson topics for all grades:

Habitat

Pond study

Owls

Geology and rock collecting

Reptiles/Amphibians

Arachnids/Insects

Plant life (growing and living things)

Water cycle

Bats

Food Chain

Mammals

Ohio wildlife

Appropriate for **grades 2-5** is the "**Sap, Syrup, and Sugar**" maple tapping experience held March 12-16, 2011. This half-day experience includes a history trail, visit to the sugar shack, a maple tasting station, and introduction to photosynthesis.

5th - 8th grade Outdoor/Environmental Education is offered to fit your needs

October/November, 2011 and/or April 23 - June 6, 2012. 1-day to 3-day programs are available, and are offered in a day camp setting. Full instruction is available by our staff.

Kindergarteners participate in 90-minute programs, which include a hike, craft, and story or game related to the subject area. Topics include: autumn leaves, wild turkeys, tracking, bird nests, and spring sprouts.

Your day at the park can be entirely education instruction, or a fun and games day including fishing, hiking, games, crafts, etc. Restrooms and drinking water are available. Roasting fires and sticks are also available for a hotdog/s'more lunch upon request. Parking is available for buses or cars. Please email or call for costs, program arrangements, or additional information. Charles Alley Memorial Park is located just south of Lancaster at 2805 Old Logan Road.

See You at the Park!

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The Outdoor Education Staff is excited to share with you our Preschool/Kindergarten program schedule for the 2011-12. All of the following programs include a hike, craft, and a game or story related to the subject area, and lasts about 90 minutes. Students will have the opportunity to view our many live animal displays in the lower level of the Goslin Nature Center. Feel free to bring sack lunches to eat in the picnic shelter. Be sure to dress for the weather, our programs run rain or shine!

Cost is \$3.00 per student - minimum of \$30. per group.

Pre-registration is necessary at least two weeks in advance. Programs do fill up quickly.

A registration form is enclosed for your convenience.

September 27-November 4 - WHO PAINTED THE PARK?

Students will explore some autumn changes in the park discovering why leaves change color and fall.

November 7-22 - WILD ABOUT TURKEYS!

Students will learn about the wild bird that is part of our Thanksgiving celebrations. They will have the opportunity to meet "Tom" the turkey and make their own turkey call.

January 9-March 2 - MAKING TRACKS!

Students will take a hike and discover that the park is alive and well during the winter months. They will make their own animal tracks book and track cast to take home.

January 9-March 2 - SNUG IN THE SNOW.

Students will learn that snow is a vital winter habitat for many animals that depend on it for shelter. The session will include an experiment with snow and a puppet show.

March 26-April 27 - CRADLES IN THE TREES!

Students will search through the park for appropriate nesting materials for a bird nest, and then complete one. They will discover why, how, where, and when birds build nests.

March 26-April 27 - SCOUTING FOR SPROUTS!

Students will look for sprouts along the trails while discovering signs of spring at Alley Park. Students will take home seeds to grow their very own sprouts.

If your class has a special interest not listed, please let us know. We can work up a personalized program for your class on other subjects. For more information, please call or email using the information below.

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