



Home School Program Information

What is Nature School?

Broadmoor's Nature School program is a seasonal series of hands-on thematic science learning in nature with other home schooled children. Programs are designed to meet MA Curriculum Frameworks Science and Technology standards. See sample schedule for more!

Series generally run on consecutive Thursdays in fall, winter and spring, from 10am-2pm. Sessions run for as few as 3 weeks or as long as 10 weeks.

Please inquire for the current session dates, themes and registration information: broadmoorschool@massaudubon.org Pre-registration is required.

Who participates in Nature School?

We currently offer series for children between the ages of 5-12yrs; students will be divided into groups by age or interest for certain activities. Students younger than age 5 cannot be accommodated in Nature School at this time. This is a "drop-off" program.

Students should be able to:

- Sit for 10 minutes
- Participate in discussions
- Hike on trails
- Participate in both group and solo activities
- Be able to write / draw to process learning (help will be provided)

* Ask about options for your younger children! Parents are welcome to stay to see a program in action; please inform us ahead of time of your intention to stay.

Staff

Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary Teacher Naturalists (TNs) will teach the Home School Program series. They are familiar with the building, trails and local plants and animals, and the Massachusetts State Curriculum Frameworks in life and earth sciences. TNs are skilled at facilitating groups of children in fun learning experiences.

The School Program Education Coordinator /Summer Camp Director for Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary will be actively involved in evaluating Nature School's effectiveness by participating and observing. Please contact the Education Coordinator with questions or concerns at broadmoorschool@massaudubon.org or 508-655-2296 x7304.



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Sample Outline (times and activities may vary!)

- 10:00** Open Greeting
Thematic activity that children work on as they arrive.
- ~10:10** Theme introduction / Connection to previous lesson / Share home projects
- ~10:15** Group game to encourage socializing
- ~10:25** Field Science or Visit from Special Guest
Thematic exploration, hiking, games, crafts, and/or activities to learn about the day's nature / science topic
- 12:00** Lunch
Story/discussion that ties into theme; 10-15 minutes of free play
- 12:30** Expanded Field Science
Thematic exploration, hiking, and activities to learn about the day's nature / science topic
- ~1:45** Wrap-up / Journal / Activities designed to process and record the learning for the day
- 2:00** Home Project Assignment and Good-byes
Suggested activities/research connected to theme for students to continue learning with parents or on own at home

**Lunch concerns:* We wash hands before and after lunch and we do not share food! Food allergies should be brought to our attention so we can keep all children safe.

Supply Lists

Each child needs for 1st day:

- Health Info (form provided)
- Change of clothes, labeled with name (kept at Broadmoor for session)

Each child needs for each day:

- Backpack
- H2O bottle, filled
- Non-perishable and non-refrigerated lunch*
- Journal/notebook and writing supplies
- Appropriate clothes for weather
- Sunscreen / bugspray as needed