

Sunriver Nature Club At Cascades Academy



Fall 2018

Week 1: Life in the Desert

We will explore the desert and high desert ecosystems and learn about the adaptations of their inhabitants. Animal guests will attend.

Week 2: Creepy Crawlies: Worms, Reptiles, Amphibians

This week, we will focus on the slithering creatures of our region. We will learn about key species so we can identify them in the wild. There also will be several animal guests for hands-on interaction.

Week 3: Pond Life and Water Chemistry

We will peer beneath the surface of a nearby pond while staying safely on land. We will explore water samples like biologists in the field, learning about tiny aquatic insects, touching fish, and experimenting with chemistry.

Week 4: Bees and Flowers

Bee-fearers, beware! Club this week is all about bees and the flowers and forces that keep them happy. We will identify common wildflowers, learn about bees, discuss pollination, and taste local honey.

Week 5: Mammals

We will discuss pelts, tracks, and scat of Oregon's smallest and largest mammals so we can be informed hikers and explorers. Our meeting will conclude with a nature hike to put our new tracking skills to use.

Week 6: Raptors

We will learn about birds of prey by touching biofacts, dissecting owl pellets, and maybe even seeing a raptor up close. An animal guest will attend.

Week 7: Geology and Chemistry

We will learn about rocks, dirt, and volcanoes. Our club meetings will conclude with a bang as we use household materials to make several different types of volcanic explosions!

Please note that all activities outlined above are subject to change due to weather, animal health, group interest, etc. However, all Nature Club sessions will include hands-on activities, games, outdoor exploration, learning and fun! For more information about content or activities, please contact Sunriver Nature Center's Education Coordinator, Erin Hullinger: erin@sunrivernaturecenter.org.