

Pricing

Dragonfly strives to provide a thoughtful, developmentally appropriate & hands-on learning experience at an affordable price to all schools.

Prices vary by age, frequency of visits & by number of students served.

Please contact Rachel for a full quote at 919-274-3750 or by email at rachel@dragonflynature.com

"I would be honored to share my experience, knowledge & enthusiasm with your students."
- Rachel

Why Choose Dragonfly?

In-school Nature Studies are taught by a state licensed, veteran teacher

Nature studies...

... invoke curiosity

... encourage the full capacity of all senses

... connect young people to the natural world

... are interactive

... remove barriers to outdoor, natural play

... provide an opportunity for the development of critical thinking skills, reading, math & scientific inquiry

... inspire conservation of our natural resources

"Most scientists today began their careers as children, chasing bugs & snakes, collecting spiders & feeling awe in the presence of nature."

-Richard Louv

Last Child in the Woods



nature studies designed for young people

Program Guide Early Education Centers

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"We loved having Ms. Rachel visit our 3 year old classroom! The topics she covered were perfect for teaching our little minds about the nature around us that a lot of our kids today don't get to experience. Ms. Rachel's calm spirit really helps to keep kids both focused and excited! Our class especially loved when live animals and bugs came in! Getting to see and touch these animals gave our kids a better appreciation for keeping animals safe and the need to be gentle around them. We can't wait to see her after summer!" -Ashley Etheridge Lund Babes & Kids Apex, 2016

nature studies - 2019-2020

July

Seashells by the Seashore

Let us bring the beach to you this summer! Students will learn about the animals that make shells & investigate the physical properties of a wide variety of seashells. Nothing says summertime like holding a seashell to your ear!

August

Flutterby Butterfly

With an overview of what it means to be an insect, we then zero in on the all-important and ever so lovely butterfly. This lesson will bring out the inner entomologist in each child.

September

The Forest Floor

We will experience the sights, smells and textures of the forest floor, including the critters who call this habitat home. Our rich forest soils are the basis of our forest ecosystem here in NC, and it's worth having a look at what makes it so vitally important.

October

NC's Fall Harvest

Fall is a special time of year for many reasons and we will celebrate our state's bounty while advancing your student's understanding of plants & why they grow fruits & vegetables like apples, gourds & corn among others. Happy Fall!

November

The Flow of Energy

Life on Earth begins with the sun. We will follow the flow of energy from the sun through food chains, considering the interdependence of plants & animals in the web of life.

December

Evergreen

This plant investigation will focus on the coniferous trees of NC plus the hollies & mistletoe that keep their color and their leaves, even in the cold of winter. Tree decor is a fun tradition for many this time of year so it is worth exploring the history & ecology of evergreen plants.

January

Our Night Sky

This program is a basic introduction to astronomy starting with the reasons for night & day and an exploration of constellations in our Northern skies.

February

Birds in the Field

Birding is a hobby for all at any age! This month we will learn about birds as we consider common field markings & birding skills needed to enjoy this hobby and to participate in Citizen Science events like February's Great Backyard Bird Count.

March

Spring Showers & The Rainbows That Follow

Leprechauns follow rainbows in search of gold. We will follow storms in search of rainbows this March. Let's investigate thunder, lightning, rainstorms & rainbows.

April

Prehistoric NC

Alright kiddos, this one is for you! You have asked and asked and here it is: DINOSAURS! Did they really live in NC? We'll take it WAY back this April as we consider prehistoric NC.

May

Peculiar Plants of the Tarheel State

Our NC coast is native to so many unusual plants, like Venus Fly Traps & other carnivorous varieties. This program will cover basic plant science but will focus on the peculiar varieties of plants in our state.

