

Spotlight on Education Programs

Education programs are available for groups of all ages and cover a variety of topics with a focus on conservation.



The Monday Club makes Kestrel nest boxes

Outdoor Adventure Camp

Explore nature with the National Aviary! Enjoy a week filled with hands-on interactive experiences as you learn about the environment.

Start off by learning all about birds at the National Aviary, then apply your knowledge in the field on day two at Moraine State Park. Spend a day at Jennings Environmental Center where you will discover many interesting facts about plants and how to use them to attract birds to your own backyard. Travel to Beechwood Farms and see how water creates natural habitats for animals and plants alike. Finally, explore the outdoors with REI and learn exciting wilderness survival tips. Climb the rock wall and test your skills. Acquire the knowledge to be at home in the outdoors while leaving no trace behind.

Join the National Aviary's Outdoor Adventure Camp for a fun filled week!

DATES and AGES

July 9 - July 13 • Ages 6-8
July 16 - July 20 • Ages 9-11
July 23 - July 29 • Ages 12-14

Cost per child: Members \$225.00
Nonmembers: \$250.00

Essay contest for scholarship • See website
Pre-camp and post-camp care is available.

Camp sponsored by Dominion Foundation

The Monday Club

This school year, homeschoolers took part in many new exciting classes on a variety of topics such as penguins, rainforests, and flight. During the two-hour classes students participated in lectures, hands-on activities, and up-close experiences with our birds.

In the spring, the Monday Club [classes are always on Mondays] was part of a special conservation program that involved fieldwork. The first project was designed to help combat the decline of the American Kestrel population in our region. This small falcon nests in tree cavities. Due to the effects of urbanization and deforestation, the kestrels' population numbers are declining across Pennsylvania, where they may not be able to find suitable habitat.

On the first day of the project, the students learned the natural history of the American Kestrel, met our resident kestrel, Scooter, and built wooden kestrel boxes. On the second day, the students traveled to Frick Park and hung the boxes. This will help the kestrel population by providing a nesting habitat that will increase kestrel numbers and breed future generations.

The Monday Club will continue to monitor the boxes over the summer.

To register for any of these programs, contact the Education Program Scheduler at 412-323-7235 ext. 209 or email education.programs@aviary.org.

