

Spotlight on Education Programs

There are some new and exciting education programs at the National Aviary! Education programs are available for groups of all ages and cover a variety of topics with a focus on conservation. The Fall **Spotlight** classes are:

NEW Penguin Connection

A one-hour, up-close encounter with the Aviary's popular African Penguins.

Penguin Connection is a new program providing a unique face-to-beak encounter. Guests will learn first-hand about the natural history and medical care of these engaging birds. The program also consists of 20 minutes of penguin contact time where guests will have the opportunity to touch a penguin and offer the penguin enrichment items. At the end of the program, participants can opt to have their photo taken with the penguin. Registration is limited to a maximum of six people per day, ensuring an intimate experience for all participants.

"The small group format of **Penguin Connection** enables people to meet and interact with the birds in a quiet and personal setting," says Nicole Begley, Supervisor of Animal Programs at the National Aviary. "Our penguins are among the most beloved birds here at the Aviary, and we anticipate that people will be truly impacted by the opportunity to get close to and learn about these remarkable birds."

Penguin Connection takes place daily from 3 pm to 4 pm and is open to adults and children age six and up. Cost per participant is \$40 (\$35 for members), which includes general admission to the National Aviary. Children ages 6-14 must be accompanied by a participating adult.

Advance registration is recommended.

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

Special Introductory Rates Available Now!



Wetlands

Grades 4-6

Discover the role of watersheds and wetlands in our everyday lives! Through a multi-media presentation, hands-on activities and live bird encounters, students will be able to recognize the importance of wetlands for wildlife. Students will also gain an understanding of the wildlife that calls this habitat home, and the impact humans have on wetlands and what they can do to help preserve these areas.

Rainforest

Grades 4-6

Through a multi-media and interactive presentation, students will experience the wonders of the rainforest. After learning rainforest basics, the participants will be able to enter the Aviary's free flight rainforest exhibit and have a personal encounter with our rainforest birds. In addition, students will gain an appreciation for over fifty percent of the world's plants and wildlife. Students will leave this class and be able to start conservation-minded activities right in their own homes!

Penguins

are cool... or are they?

Grades 1-12

Did you know not all penguins live in a cold climate? Through this class, students will learn fun facts like this and even more about the seventeen different species of penguins. The participants will be able to discover what makes this flightless bird different and unique compared to all other birds.