

the Monday Club

Classes

especially for home schoolers
ages 8-15 years

Join the National Aviary for these 2-hour educational programs that offer home school students the chance to learn, interact, and enjoy the Aviary's living laboratory. Sign up for one or all of these programs! \$10.00 per session, per student.

New this year are classes especially designed for the 13-15 year old student!

8-12 year olds

January 31

Savannah Safari

When people think of the savannah, they usually think of elephants, lions, and giraffes, but there is a whole other world that is often overlooked—birds! Learn how these valuable members of the ecosystem contribute to the circle of life.

February 7

Bird Communication

People use their words, hands, and technology to communicate with each other. Birds, however, do not have this luxury; learn how they use their unique vocalizations and body language.

March 7

Endangered Birds

Many animals around the world are endangered or threatened due to habitat loss and the pet trade. This is a problem not only for the species, but also for people all over the world because birds can be indicator species for the environment. Meet and learn about many of these species at the National Aviary.

March 21

Extinction

Going, going, gone! Species go extinct everyday and it is happening right before our eyes. Learn about species that are extremely endangered, those that are already extinct, and others who have survived only in captivity.

NEW! 13-15 year olds

January 24

Bird Anatomy 101

Learn the basics of what makes a bird a bird, with an in-depth exploration for the older student in a fun and hands-on setting.

February 28

Wetlands

What's happening to wetlands? We'll discover how to preserve and restore the beauty of the wetland environment and the habitats of the animals that live there. Students will participate in water sampling and other activities to learn what scientists do in the field.

March 14

Indicator Species

Birds play a more important role in the environment than many people realize. Environmental changes often affect birds before other larger species of animals. We'll discover why this is, while learning about some important birds species that act as indicators.

March 28

Birds in Captivity: An Introduction (part 1 of a 2 part class)

Learn some reasons why birds are in captivity, and about their special needs. We will develop enrichment for birds at the National Aviary and begin to understand the effects of captivity on bird species.

April 4

Birds in Captivity: Create-An-Exhibit (part 2 of a 2 part class)

In this follow-up class, students will research the bird species of their choice and develop an entire exhibit, taking into consideration all the requirements that the birds need to successfully survive.

To register for any of these classes or for more information, please call (412) 323-7235, extension 209. Space is limited.



Aviary educator Cathy Schlott leads an activity project.