APEC
ALLEY POND
ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

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Parking is limited. Bus drop-off only.
Carpooling is suggested.

Grades K-5th Class Visits 2026-2027

90 Minute Program Includes:

- Introduction to APEC
- Choice of 9 trip topics
- Live animal presentation
- Guided nature hike along Alley Pond Park trails

Our instructor-led field trip programs are grade level appropriate and correlate to New York City and New York State standards.

To Schedule A Field Trip:

- Call (718) 229-4000 or email us at contact@alleypond.org

Program fees:

- Large Room: $10 per student, up to 32 students
- Small Room: $10 per student, up to 25 students
- Teachers & staff are free, $8 per parent chaperone
- A $50 non-refundable deposit per class is due at time of booking

Smaller class size accommodations

60 minute programs available for people with disabilities and preschool classes

Children

- Program includes live animal presentation and nature walk
- $7.50 per student, minimum $60 per reservation
- Teachers & staff are FREE
- $50 non-refundable deposit per class due at booking

Adults

- Program includes live animal presentation and nature walk
- $8 per participant, minimum $80 per reservation
- Teachers & staff are FREE
- $50 non-refundable deposit per class due at booking

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Animals & Their Young

(For grades K-5. Teachers choose 2 animal groups to compare during lesson: mammals, birds, or reptiles.)

Are animal babies born and raised the same way? This lesson compares 2 animal groups and teaches students about animal babies, parents, and the many adaptations that ensure their survival.

Endangered Species

(Grades 4-5)

This vital program will distinguish between the terms threatened, endangered & extinct allowing students to understand why so many animal populations are disappearing at an alarming rate. Additionally, students will examine products of the illegal wildlife trade. Students will also learn about green choices they can make to promote a healthier planet.

Fascinating Forests

(Grades K-5)

Students will discover what makes the eastern deciduous forest so unique. Food chains, habitats, layers of the forest, and its inhabitants will be highlighted.

Interesting Insects

(Grades K-5)

Insects play an essential role in all of our lives. Students will learn about the unique characteristics of these fascinating invertebrates and better understand the importance of these amazing creatures.

Introduction to Herpetology

(Grades 2-5)

Delve into the wild world of herpetology to explore reptiles and amphibians. Students will compare physical attributes and learn about some amazing adaptations which aid in survival.

Native Americans in Queens:

(Grades 2-5)

The Matinecock Tribal Nation has a long and proud history in Queens and western Long Island. During this lesson, students will learn about the traditions and customs of the Matinecock People. A discussion of daily life and tools of survival will give children a better understanding of Native American culture and their respect for nature. Students might also be surprised to learn that some Matinecock still live in neighboring communities.

Pond Discovery

(Grades K-5)

Explore and learn about the physical characteristics of a pond, the biotic and abiotic elements of the ecosystem, and meet some of its local inhabitants.

Seasonal Adaptations

(Grades K-5)

How do the animals and plants survive the changing seasons in New York City? From hibernation to migration, diet change to dormancy, students will learn about the special adaptations animals have to survive in their ever changing environment.

Wonders of Worms & Compost

(Grades K-3)

What is compost? How does it differ from trash? How is it created? In this lesson students will learn how compost is made, how it is used, and why it is so important. They will also learn about how trash is harmful for our planet and learn about the importance of decomposers.

Our Trip Topics Align with Next Generation Learning Standards