



ALLEY POND
ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

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OUTREACH PROGRAMS

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

- Effective December 2021 all visitors, ages 5 & up, must provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination
- All visitors, ages 2 & up, must wear masks for the entire program

Our outreach programs further promote our mission to educate children about the wonders of our natural environment.

- Augment core curriculum and state standards by providing safe & quality inquiry based science lessons
- Bring stimulating materials to enhance understanding & promote critical thinking skills among students
- Suited to special education classes
- Non-cash payments preferred. Payments may be made by credit card or check

At Your Location

- 45 minutes
- 4 animals
- Fees:
 - 1 class - \$190
 - 2 classes - \$175 / class
 - 3+ classes - \$165 / class



Travel Fees: Outreach sites within a 5 mile radius of APEC will be charged a \$15.00 travel fee. Sites beyond 5 miles in Queens & west of Glen Cove Road/Meadowbrook Pkwy will be charged \$30.00. Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx, & Nassau Co. east of GCP/Meadowbrook Pkwy will be charged \$40.00. Manhattan & the Bronx have an additional \$15.00 tolls fee.

Support provided by: Con Edison, NYCDCLA, & NYCDPR

Animals Alive:

(Perfect for all ages)

By far our most popular program!

This interactive lesson offers observation and inquiry of live animals to help students understand animal classifications (mammal, bird, reptile, and more). Pre-K program focuses on habitat, diet, texture & movement while K-5 addresses predator/prey relationships & animal adaptations.

This program is very effective for students with special needs.



Awesome Arachnids:

(Grades 3-5)

What is the difference between an insect and an arachnid? This exciting lesson teaches students to distinguish between insects and arachnids based on their physical characteristics. Learn what arachnids have in common and see a live tarantula.

Pond Ecology:

(Grades K-5)

Through this inquiry based educational program, children will learn about the plant and animal life of this complex ecosystem. As they meet some live pond residents, students will discuss food webs, predator/prey relationships and amphibian metamorphosis.

Forest Ecology:

(Grades K-5)

Through an interactive forest community activity, students will learn the layers of a deciduous forest and the animals that inhabit them. Program includes a visit from live forest animals.

Native Americans:

(Grades 2-5)

Take a journey with us back in time when Native Americans inhabited the land. Observe and examine artifacts from the Matinecock Indians whose villages spanned from present day Newtown Creek in Queens to Smithtown, Long Island. Compare and contrast modern lifestyles with those of the Native Americans. Learn about their customs, survival techniques and conservation practices.



Insect Investigation:

(Grades K-3)

APEC offers students a whole new insight into the world of insects. With the use of bug viewers, children will get the opportunity to examine live crickets and or Hissing Cockroaches up close. Students will learn the body parts of insects, their life cycle and their role in nature.

Earthworms:

(Grades K-3)

Earthworms teach young children sensitivity to living things and illustrate the interdependency of life. Curious students will interact with and handle these often misunderstood creatures. Through hands-on activities and engaging discussion, children will learn the earthworms' physical characteristics, diet, habits and special adaptations.

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 illegal wildlife trade. By the end of this thought provoking program, students will be able to examine their own lives and determine the role they can play in minimizing further species decline.