

2010 Young Naturalist Program

Presented by the Foundation of the State Arboretum

Back by Popular Demand!

Programs are offered twice, but participants should attend each program only once.

Dress for the weather. We will be outside for part of each session.



Signs of Winter

January 9 and 16

Come explore Blandy's winter wonderland! Participants will make snow in the classroom, use a model to discover why winter days are so short, and create an all-season sundial. After exploring why some trees lose their leaves, we will head outside to identify native trees and search for critters finding shelter in their bark. Dress for the weather, we **will** go outside.



Birds of Blandy

January 23 and 30

Winter birds abound at Blandy. In this session we will go on a bird scavenger hunt, identify some of Blandy's resident birds, try our hand at nest-weaving, and explore the perils birds face during migration. Each participant will create a bird feeder to take home to his or her own back yard. We will be outside for part of this session; participants **must** dress for the weather.

Registration Code: Birds



The Blandy Young Naturalist Program is designed for children in Grades 1 to 5.

Sessions explore the wonders of the natural world through observation and hands-on activities.

**Grades 1-2 attend from 9-11:30 a.m.
Grades 3-5 attend from 12:30-3 p.m.**

Attend four or five programs and receive a Young Naturalist Certificate!

Register Early to Reserve Your Space!

\$20 per session (\$17 FOSA members)

Save! Register and prepay for four or five sessions for the same child and pay only **\$18 per session (\$15 FOSA members).**

Register two or more children for the same program and receive this same discount.



Skulls and Skeletons

February 6 and 13

What can we discover about an animal by studying its skull? What clues can we get from eye sockets, teeth, or leg bones? Participants will examine skulls of local mammals. We will also explore the shape of bird beaks and how each is suited to the bird's food source. And we will dissect owl pellets to identify the bones within. Participants **must** dress for the weather; we will be outside searching for owl pellets!

Registration Code: Skulls

All seasons are beautiful at Blandy, including winter. Nature is focused inward, preparing for spring, creating a quietly active world that is a wonder to experience. Join us in exploring the beauty of Blandy in winter!



Animal Adaptations

February 20 and 27

How can hibernating animals sleep for months at a time? Why can't we? In this session we will explore strategies used by local animals to survive winter. Participants will test blubber gloves, investigate ways that groundhogs stay cozy in their dens, and map the amazing journey of the monarch butterfly. We'll go on a tracking excursion outside, so proper attire is a **must**.

Registration Code: Animals



Signs of Spring

March 6 and 13

As the natural world prepares for spring, there are more and more things for us to experience. Come search for budding plants, emerging wildlife, migrating birds, and other signs of activity as we look for evidence of the changing season. Students **must** dress for the weather; we will be outside for most of this session.

Registration Code: Spring

Register Early!

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 FOSA member and Save Now!

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 special Young Naturalist Certificate!*
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