

Environmental Center at Frick Park Education Program Plan 2010-2012

Program Overview

	Description	Current Partners
Adult Education		
Urban EcoStewards	Volunteers participate in 9 trainings throughout the year on topics such as invasive plants, erosion control, native plant propagation, etc. and then commit to stewarding a section of the park	Nine Mile Run Watershed Association Mt. Washington Community Development Corporation
Walks in the Woods	Volunteer docents and environmental experts lead weekly walks in the parks for the public (summer only)	Local environmental scientists and naturalists
School Programs		
Nature School	3-5 year olds explore, play and build connections to nature over 4 weeks	Stay-at-home parents
Habitat Explorers	1st graders explore habitat and stewardship in 6 sessions throughout the school year, units focus on meadow, woodland, and stream	Colfax & Faison Elementary, Environmental Charter School, Homewood YMCA, Ellis School
Frick to Table	2nd graders participate in 3-sessions on compost, gardening, and cooking	Environmental Charter School
School Stewards	4th graders participate in a 3-session stewardship program	Ellis School
High School Urban Ecostewards	10th graders visit a park 6 times throughout the school year; each session includes observation, science writing, and hands-on stewardship	City High, SciTech Academy, Ellis School
Summer Programs		
Kinder Nature Camp	3-5 year-olds engage in 1 week half-day sessions focused on exploration and stewardship	YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh
Kids Nature Camp	1st, 2nd, & 3rd graders engage in a 1 week daylong program focused on habitat, stewardship, and Native Americans	Parents
Outdoor Expeditions	4th and 5th graders experience outdoor adventure (biking, geocaching, kayaking) for 1 week	Venture Outdoors
Survival Camp	6th and 7th graders acquire basic survival skills over 1 week	Parents
Middle Grades Summer Camp	Middle-schoolers explore Schenley Park to make connections between museum research and local environment	Carnegie Museum of Natural History
Family Programs		
Bump in the Night	Families explore Frick Park at night in this non-scary Halloween event	
Night Explorers	10-14 year-olds and their families explore the park at night	
Earth Day	Community members learn about environmental organizations and activities	
Family Stream Hike	Families explore stream habitat	
Family Bug Hike	Families explore native bugs and their habitat	
Outreach programs	Information and educational programming offered at various community events	Includes: Children's Festival, Beginning with Books Story Walk, Jewish Community Center events, School Family Nights, Venture Outdoors Festival, and others
In Development		
Climate Change Curriculum	Framework for curriculum that would reach all Pittsburgh Public School children in grades 6-8	National Geographic Society, National Aviary, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, Phipps Conservatory, Pittsburgh Public Schools, Pittsburgh Zoo, Western PA Conservancy,
Kids Discover	Multi-session in-school visits to encourage nature exploration	