

City Of Gainesville
Environmental and Cultural History
Outreach Program Descriptions

- **Where?** Outreach programs are great for schools, extended day programs, libraries, senior centers, scout groups, etc. Of course, if travel isn't a hassle, these outreach programs can also be booked at Morningside Nature Center.
- **Fees:** Outreach Programs are priced by distance from MNC: **0-15 miles:** \$84.50
16-30 miles: \$98.50 **31-45 miles** \$113.25 **45-60 miles:** \$126.75
Additional Programs on the same day at the same site are \$35.25 each
- **Time:** All Outreach Programs are about 1 hour long
- **Learn More and Request a Program by visiting cityofgainesvilleparks.org!**
Look for the Book a Program page under Natural Resources and Programs.
- **Questions:** Contact us at 352-393-8242 or EEprograms@cityofgainesville.org

Bear Necessities

Age Group: Youth/All **Max Participants:** 50

Activities and hands on materials makes learning about bears fun! Emphasis is on biology and conservation of the threatened Florida black bear. Participants will have a beary good time!

Bird Watching Basics

Age Group: Youth/All **Max Participants:** 50

Learn techniques for spotting and identifying Florida's feathered friends as well as information about attracting birds. Taxidermy birds help illustrate important identifiable program is a real tweet for beginning birders!

Citizens of the Sandhill

Age Group: Youth/All **Max Participants:** 50

Who are the citizens of the sandhill? Allow us to introduce you to the gopher tortoise, gopher frog, indigo snake, Florida mouse and eastern diamondback rattle snake. You'll meet these animals and tour the sandhill through a slide presentation.

Critter Classification on the Go

Age Group: Youth **Max Participants:** 30

Animals belong in a class, but it's not because they have to study! Students learn that animal classes are groups of critters alike in certain ways as they discover the world of classification with live and preserved animals as well as a series of sorting games.

Lost Tribes of Florida

Age Group: Youth/All **Max Participants:** 50

Travel back in time to find Florida's ancient people. Demonstrations, artifacts and reproductions bring this program to life for groups of all ages.

Memories of Muir

Age Group: Youth/All **Max Participants:** 50

John Muir- famous as the Father of the National Park System and founder of the Sierra Club-made a Thousand Mile Walk from Kentucky to the Gulf of Mexico as a young man in 1867. Set three years later in the year 1870, fictional character Deuteronomy Clark spins tales of the day he met the remarkable young Muir on his epic adventure to the Gulf.

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Mystery History Trunk

Age Group: Youth/All

Max Participants: 50

Explore a trunk full of contraptions, gadgets, and objects from the mid to late nineteenth century. Participants will have fun guessing what the items are and learn about life in Florida over 100 years ago as trunk contents are revealed and the history mystery unravels.

Nature Scene Investigators- On the Go!

Age Group: Youth

Max Participants: 30

A program for aspiring nature detectives! Participants will use wildlife investigation techniques and naturalist know-how to solve a nature mystery. Tracks, scat, bones and feathers are just some of the clues that will help students to crack the case!

Nature Tales

Age Group: Pre-school-Kindergarten

Max Participants: 30

Pre-schoolers and kindergarteners will love to hear a story about animals read by one of our naturalists and then take part in a story based activity. Stories and activities vary and may be tailored to your groups' unit or theme.

Slime and Scales

Age Group: Youth/All

Max Participants: 50

Leapin' lizards! Is it true that toads cause warts and snakes are slimy? We'll answer these questions and more as we introduce you to both live and preserved amphibians and reptiles of Florida

Some Like it Hot

Age Group: Youth/All

Max Participants: 50

Heat things up with our fire ecology program! Participants will get fired up about seeing equipment and instruments used during prescribed burns. A pictorial hike through a Morningside Nature Center burn site will bring to life the benefits of prescribed fire and how plants and animals react to it.

Stream Scene- On the Go!

Age Group: Youth/All

Max Participants: 25

Become an aquatic insect in a stream and experience both the tragedies of pollution and the benefits of restoration efforts. Participants learn about aquatic systems, macro-invertebrates, environmental indicators, types of pollution and pollution solutions.

Who's Awake?

Age Group: Preschool-K/Youth

Max Participants: 50

As the shadows creep and the sun starts to sink, who are the critters that scamper and slink? As all the stars twinkle and the full moon glows who are the creatures that night only knows? Find out who goes bump in the night during this family friendly program.

Wildlife Friendly Landscaping

Age Group: Adult

Max Participants: 30

Is it really possible to have great landscaping that doesn't require much watering and is attractive to you, your neighbors and wildlife...even in the city? The answer is YES! This pro-gram teaches the basics of wildlife friendly landscaping!