



# Environmental Education OUTREACH PROGRAMS

**The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority now offers a variety of in-school, environmental education programs that can be delivered to your students in the classroom, gymnasium or school yard!**

**Outreach programs are approximately one-and-a-half-hours to two-hours in duration and are geared to accommodate one class at a time. They are available from November to April.**

## PROGRAMS

### **A Cub's Life** - Kindergarten to Grade 2

Students investigate the characteristics and needs of animals through indoor discussion and displays followed by an outdoor interactive role-playing activity: A Cub's Life. In this modification of the 'survival game,' animal groups (led by an adult or older student), must meet their survival needs while eluding predators and human influences.



### **Nature Discovery** - Kindergarten & Grade 1

After identifying the location and function of their sense organs, children will explore the natural world in the school yard or another nearby natural area through experiential activities aimed to heighten awareness of the outdoor environment – right in their own 'backyard.' Along the way, students will collect natural objects to incorporate into their own artistic creation in combination with a variety of craft supplies provided.



### **Birds of a Feather** – Grades 2 & 3

Students will investigate the amazing characteristics of our feathered friends through hands-on activities and role-playing exercises. They will take a close look at structural and behavioural adaptations of birds – focusing on winter survival strategies. Young birders learn to identify birds through the '5 – S' system of classification and then make a bird feeder out of recycled materials to take home. All materials are provided.



### **Splash – Water in the Environment** - Grades 2 & 3

Following a short, animated movie that details the life of a water droplet, students embark on their own journey through the water cycle. Through this active, role-playing exercise students will: identify the forms in which water is present in the environment; realize the importance of water in their daily lives and; better understand how water becomes contaminated. Students will be exposed to the efforts of a Conservation Authority in watershed management and conservation.



## Endangered Species – Grades 4 to 6

This dynamic role-playing exercise introduces students to some of Ontario's 'Species at Risk' and the reasons for their decline. Students will learn first hand the devastating impact of habitat loss, climate change, pollution etc. on these animals. Students discuss how they can minimize their impact on wildlife will be introduced to a variety monitoring programs in Ontario.



## Character Education/Team Dynamics – Grades 6 & Up

Students will be challenged to work together to succeed at various group tasks. This program leads students through a progressive range of fun, safe, co-operative games and initiatives that aim to promote teamwork, leadership, trust, communication and problem solving. This program may serve as a stepping-stone to Tiffin's new low ropes challenge course and is an enjoyable way to get your class functioning as a cohesive unit! Call for details!



## Snowshoeing – Grades 1 to 6

NVCA staff will bring snowshoes to your school and take the students on a hike around the school yard or a nearby natural area if available. Age appropriate winter/wildlife activities will be incorporated. Snowshoe rental fee is \$1.00 per student.



## PROGRAM FEES

One program = \$10 per student

Two programs (same school, same day) = \$8 per student

*\*A minimum of 20 students or a minimum fee of \$200 is required for one program, or \$280 for two programs.*

*Additional mileage will be charged to schools further than a 50 km drive from the Tiffin Centre.*

## RESERVATION PROCEDURE

Call the Environmental Education Program Coordinator at (705) 424-1485 to select a date and discuss program availability. Then visit [www.nvca.on.ca](http://www.nvca.on.ca) for a booking form (click on the outdoor education link on the right-hand side of the home page). Forms can also be requested by email or fax.

Complete the form and send it to the Program Coordinator either by **fax to (705) 424-4694** or by **email to [outdoored@nvca.on.ca](mailto:outdoored@nvca.on.ca)**.

**Do you have permission to access a pond, forest area, park or creek near your school? Let us bring the same program you have enjoyed at the Tiffin Centre to your school and save the cost of busing. Select one of the above programs or contact the NVCA Environmental Education Program staff to provide a customized learning experience for your students.**

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