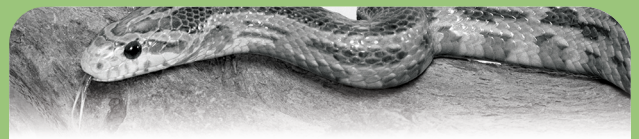

Testimonials

"My summer camp students were so inspired by your captivating and creative programs. Everyone loved learning about native wildlife, habitats, and the impact people have on the environment. You are extremely talented in working with children and provided us with an outstanding experience by forming such close personal connections with our group. We look forward to working with you again."

"Thank you for teaching our youth group about backyard birds, and for helping to establish nestboxes around the property. This was the first time we have tried such a project, and our weekly nestbox monitoring has become wildly successful for our citizen scientists!"

"Our school has been involved with Alissa and her programs on a weekly basis for three years, and my students are always incredibly eager to learn about the information she presents. Through the use of children's literature, many hands–on materials, and interactive games, the children have been encouraged to learn through observation and discussion. These programs have been a wonderful addition to our science curriculum, and have inspired our classes to document and chart what they see in nature, both in school and at home."

"Thank you for presenting your bird migration program to Navigator Scouts last week. Part of our core mission is to spend time outdoors and to protect our planet, which can only be achieved by understanding our interactions with the Earth's ecosystems and wildlife. Your program helped our chapter to learn about animal migration and how we can assist birds in their seasonal journey. Thank you again for such a wonderful presentation."

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Discovery by Nature

Environmental Education for All Ages

About

My name is Alissa Pendorf, and I'm an independent educator in the Centre region. As a graduate student in environmental education at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, I am passionate about developing and delivering innovative, conservation–centered programs for all ages, with a focus on students grades K–5.

In addition to being part of the North American Association for Environmental Education, I also serve on Penn State University's avian advisory committee and have received 30+ hours educational training at The Cornell Lab of Ornithology. My business—Discovery By Nature, LLC—is fully insured, maintains state and federal background clearances, and possess permits for the collection and use of both live animals and specimens for scientific education.

Mission

The mission of **Discovery By Nature** is to foster appreciation and conservation of the natural world through engaging, place–based learning. Using curricula, books, and activities that meet Pennsylvania's Learning Standards for Early Childhood, my goal is to introduce children to the wonders of nature through education and creativity, which often converge in exciting ways!

In an age when environmental education has become a priority, it is my belief that cultivating an understanding of the world and its ecology can serve as a powerful catalyst for promoting conservation and sustainability throughout all generations. Thank you for your support!

Program Pricing: $75

$70 for multiple same–day programs

Maximum 25 students per program.

Curricula

Each program (approximately 1–1.5 hrs) includes a storybook reading, educational presentation, follow–up worksheet, and group activity. Teachers are provided with a synopsis sheet prior to each lesson that highlights lesson concepts and vocabulary, as well as access to supplemental videos for continued classroom learning.

Avian Curricula

- What Is A Bird
- Identifying Birds
- Feathers
- Flight
- Migration
- Birds & Dinosaurs
- Sounds & Songs
- Nature's Nests
- Exceptional Eggs
- Toes & Talons
- Beaks, Food & Feeders
- Parrot Preservation
- Birds of Prey
- Amazing Owls

A Celebration of Birds
(activity day)

Ecological Curricula

Discovery by Nature, LLC is expanding to include additional ecological programs! Lessons that are offered through partner organizations* may incur an alternate fee structure.

- Wetland Discoveries
- Color & Camouflage
- Fantastic Frogs
- Reptile Meet & Greet

Rescue & Rehabilitation
(*Centre Wildlife Care)

Discovery By Nature, LLC offers programs to schools, homeschoolers, youth groups, scouting organizations, neighborhood events, birthday parties, and more.

Contact us today to schedule!