

# HOMESCHOOL ED-VENTURES



## WHAT IS HOMESCHOOL ED-VENTURES?

Homeschool Ed-ventures is a science education program designed for homeschooled children who enjoy hands-on learning and outdoor adventure. Each small class of students engages in cooperative, inquiry-based learning, guided by trained environmental educators.

The majority of our program takes place outdoors; taking advantage of the many habitats and seasons at Riveredge. Children develop a strong sense of their place in the natural world and a sense of belonging to both Riveredge and their homeschool community.

Come discover our 485-acre outdoor classroom!

## 2024-2025 PROGRAM DATES

### MONDAY CLASS DATES (12:30PM - 3:00PM)

September 16*	January 6*	April 7*
September 30	January 20	April 21
October 14*	February 3*	May 5*
October 28	February 17	May 19
November 4*	March 3	June 2

### FRIDAY CLASS DATES (12:30PM - 3:00PM)

September 13	January 3	April 4
September 27	January 17	April 18
October 11	January 31	May 2
October 25	February 14	May 16
November 8	February 28	May 30

\*Tadpole dates. Playgroups meet 1:30pm - 3:00pm

## FEE INFO

*Half payments available, see below*	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
<b>0 - 3 YRS FULL YEAR</b> 9 Playgroups, parent supervised	<b>\$75</b> per family	<b>\$95</b> per family
<b>4K - 7<sup>TH</sup> FULL YEAR</b> 15 classes	<b>\$295</b> per child	<b>\$335</b> per child
<b>8<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> FULL YEAR</b> 15 classes	<b>\$315</b> per child	<b>\$345</b> per child

## APPLICATION AND PAYMENT

Apply through our convenient online form on our website: [riveredgenaturecenter.org/homeschool](http://riveredgenaturecenter.org/homeschool)

**Registration Deadline: Friday, August 2, 2024**

Full or half payment is due on August 2nd. After that, payment is due within two weeks of confirmation. For half payment, the second 50% of payment is due Jan 17th.

Multi-Child Discount: For families with 3 or more children ages 4-17, a \$20 discount will be applied per child.

To off-set our non-profit's credit card fees, please consider paying by check.

Cancellation policy: Refunds will be issued up to two weeks before the start date of the school year minus a \$50 administrative fee. If cancellation occurs after this time, a 50% refund of the pro-rated remaining sessions will be issued. Full refunds are only given for medical reasons and family emergencies.

Waitlist: Waitlists will be formed when groups have reached their capacity or if a child is registered mid-season. Before the beginning of the winter and spring session, we will attempt to add more students into groups if there are spaces available.

Membership: Riveredge Members receive discounts on Homeschool Ed-ventures and other programs. To become a member or renew your membership, please sign up online:

[RiveredgeNatureCenter.org/membership](http://RiveredgeNatureCenter.org/membership)



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at Riveredge Nature Center

**FALL, WINTER & SPRING  
2024-2025**

Join us in our 485-acre outdoor classroom as we explore and learn about the natural world, ask questions, and make connections.



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## TADPOLES 0-3 YEARS

Playgroup meets once a month, 1:30-3:00pm

## DRAGONFLIES 4K-K

### FALL:

**IN THE TALL GRASS:** Learn the difference between grasses and flowers and look for the insects that make up a prairie.

**TOWERING TREES:** Meet the many kinds of trees at Riveredge and search for the animals that use them.

**QUEST: ANIMAL HOMES:** Let's go on a den hunt! Find out what animals are using Riveredge as a home.

### WINTER:

**UNDER THE ICE:** Who's still swimming under the water in winter? Together, we'll drill into the ice to find out!

**INTO THE EVERGREENS:** Experiment with evergreens to find out why they stay green and find the animals that use them for shelter.

**QUEST: ROMP TO THE RIVER:** Rivers are an important place for water and food in winter. Let's hike to look for signs of river users.

### SPRING:

**LIFE UNDER LOGS:** Dead logs are full of life! Let's get rolling and find out who uses a log as a home.

**EXPLORING VERNAL POND:** With scooper in hand, we'll dive into the unique habitat that is a vernal pond.

**QUEST: HELP THOSE HABITATS!** Learn what we can do to help protect native animals and plants.

## MONARCHS AND HAWKS

### 1ST-2ND, 3RD-4TH GRADE

### FALL:

**FOREST DETECTIVES:** Study the secret lives of animals and plants to discover how they shape the forests around us.

**PRAIRIE PIONEERS:** Learn why tallgrass prairies are so important and how their use has changed with time.

**QUEST: NATIVE CONNECTIONS:** Discover the useful plants of Riveredge and their importance to indigenous people.

### WINTER:

**WEATHER WATCHERS:** Conduct experiments and observations to study the patterns of wild winter weather.

**UNDER THE ICE:** What happens underneath the ice after a pond freezes over?

**QUEST: RIVEREDGE RUINS:** Uncover the H!story behind the mysterious riverside ruins at Riveredge.

### SPRING:

**EPHEMERAL SPRING:** Investigate vernal pools, wildflowers, and migrating birds.

**BIOBLITZ: BIODIVERSITY MATTERS!** Discover how all living things are connected in the web of life and help keep count of Riveredge's diverse plants and animals.

**QUEST: HABITAT HEALING:** Practice caring for wild habitats through project-based learning.

## STURGEON

### 5TH-7TH GRADE

### FALL:

**LAND MANAGEMENT:** Study prairie fires, remove invading plants and help protect the land while investigating our human impact.

### WINTER:

**FOCUS ON FORESTS:** Learn how to identify trees, map the forest, check up on tree health, and size up trees for human use.

### SPRING:

**CITIZEN SCIENCE:** Become a nature scientist and teach younger students how to care for habitats.

## COYOTES

### 8TH-12TH GRADE

### FALL:

**WISCONSIN'S GLACIAL ECOLOGY:** Study the impact of the Ice Age on WI's past and present.

### WINTER:

**WINTER ECOLOGY:** Learn how plants and animals survive this challenging season.

### SPRING:

**EARLY PEOPLE OF WISCONSIN:** Explore the cultures of Indigenous Americans and the map-making of early pioneers.