

HOMESCHOOL ED-VENTURES



WHAT IS HOMESCHOOL ED-VENTURES?

Welcome to our 485-acre outdoor classroom! 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! Children develop a strong connection to the natural world and a sense of belonging to both Riveredge and their homeschool community.

Please note that while Riveredge Homeschool Ed-Ventures enriches and supplements science instruction, it does not fully replace required science curriculum for homeschooled students in Wisconsin.

2026-2027 PROGRAM DATES

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

September 14*	January 11*	March 29*
September 28	January 25	April 12
October 12*	February 8*	April 26*
October 26	February 22	May 10
November 9*	March 8*	May 24*

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

September 18*	January 15*	April 2*
October 2	January 29	April 16
October 16*	February 12*	April 30*
October 30	February 26	May 14
November 13*	March 12*	May 28*

* Tadpole dates. Tadpoles meet 1:00pm - 2:30pm on class dates marked with a *

FEE INFO

Half payments available, see below

	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
0 - 3 YRS FULL YEAR 9 Playgroups, parent supervised	\$90 per family	\$120 per family
4K - 7TH FULL YEAR 15 classes	\$335 per child	\$375 per child
8TH - 12TH FULL YEAR 15 classes	\$355 per child	\$385 per child

APPLICATION AND PAYMENT

Apply through our convenient online form on our website: riveredgenaturecenter.org/homeschool

Application period will open to currently enrolled families on March 1st, and to new families on April 1st. Currently enrolled families will receive a direct email from Steff at smerten@riveredge.us with the registration link: please submit your registration as soon as possible.

Applicants are placed in classes on a first-come, first-served basis and will be notified of placement via email. We do prioritize siblings being placed on the same day of the week whenever possible.

Multi-Child Discount for members: For Riveredge member 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 30 days prior to the start date of the trimester minus a \$50 administrative fee. If the cancellation happens after this time no refunds will be issued excluding medical reasons or 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 RiveredgeNatureCenter.org/membership



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at Riveredge Nature Center

**FALL, WINTER & SPRING
2026-2027**

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, 1:00-2:30pm

DRAGONFLIES 4K-K

In fall, learn about worms and decomposers, investigate trees and the animals who live in them, and study camouflage.

In winter, look for patterns and shapes in nature, explore the winter landscape with five senses, and discover the meaning of different animal sounds.

In spring, investigate how animals move, explore wildflowers and pollination, and learn about baby animals.

MONARCHS 1ST-2ND GRADE

In fall, investigate the secret lives of animals and plants to discover how they survive in an ever-changing environment. Where do they find their food? How do they protect themselves from predators? How do they find a new home?

In winter: How do animals survive the big freeze? Whether animals live below the water, in the mud, or in the snow, they all need a place to go. Find out what makes a good shelter in the animal world before we build our own.

In spring, explore Riveredge's ponds and wetlands to look for frogs, toads, and salamanders in various stages of life. Learn how they navigate the world before testing your own navigation skills.

HAWKS 3RD-4TH GRADE

In fall, go from small creeks to the Milwaukee River, exploring watery habitats and who lives within them. Learn why tallgrass prairies are so important and how their use has changed with time. From big to small, we'll see it all.

In winter: Where do animals live in winter? What shelters do they build to survive? Learn the different ways nature provides shelter from the creek to the river, the forests to the prairies, and let's build a shelter together. Let's uncover the mysteries of Riveredge and learn how living things, even people, adapt to their ever-changing environment.

In the spring, Hawks will investigate vernal pools, wildflowers, and migrating birds. Try your hand at navigation using maps, compasses, and other navigation techniques while stewarding Riveredge's unique species and their beautiful habitats.



STURGEON 5TH-7TH GRADE

Fall: Insects and Their Kin
Students will build their skills in field observation, identification, and data collection as we explore a range of habitats and insects roles in them.

Winter: Winter Survival
Investigate how organisms survive the winter including migration, hibernation, shelters, and food storage. Students will use observations, exploration, and hands-on experiments to determine the best ways to survive.

Spring: Pollinator Protectors
Explore pollinator migration and life cycle, study interdependence, and take part in a citizen science project, creating innovative solutions for a more sustainable future.

COYOTES 8TH-12TH GRADE

Students will survey Wisconsin history and land use with a focus on the communities who have called Riveredge and Wisconsin home. Find out how the seasons, environment, and economics have influenced life throughout the years. Learn where to find wild foods, how to prepare them, and which of them are found at Riveredge today.