



★ For more than 25 years, the Wildlife Center of Virginia has presented engaging and compelling environmental education programs across Virginia, reaching more than 1.4 million children and adults.

★ All programs include up-close experiences with live, non-releasable wild animals — hawks, owls, falcons, snakes, turtles, or opossums — whose stories illustrate the wildlife conservation and environmental protection themes covered in our presentations.

★ Our programs incorporate stories, games, demonstrations, and other interactive experiences. Where feasible, programs may be enhanced with a PowerPoint slideshow.

★ Programs for schools complement curriculum and SOL requirements, and custom-designed programs are available.



SCHEDULING AND FEES

As a non-profit organization, the Wildlife Center of Virginia must charge fees to support its educational programming. PTAs and civic groups are often willing to sponsor our programs. For scheduling, fees, and more information, contact the Department of Environmental Education at:

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Environmental Education Programs

THE WILDLIFE CENTER OF VIRGINIA





THE WILDLIFE CENTER: At your School, Organization or Special Event

Presentations are 45-60 minutes, for audiences of up to 300.

All programs include live, non-releasable wild animals.

Wildlife Emergency

From barn owls to bears, we see them all at the Wildlife Center of Virginia. Discover what brings animals to our wildlife hospital, meet some former wild patients, and find out how you can help wild animals! *Best for preK-K*

Who's Awake in the Night (Nocturnal Creatures)

Creatures of the night use amazing adaptations to thrive in the dark. Learn about these unique characteristics, and how our actions during the day affect those who stay up all night. *Best for preK-2nd, families or mixed age groups*

Wild Winter Worlds (Winter Adaptations)

What do animals do when the weather turns cold? Meet wild animals who migrate, hibernate, or just tough it out. Learn how human activities can affect animals during this difficult season. *Best for preK-5th, families or mixed age groups*

Home Sweet Habitat

Explore how different animals satisfy their needs for food, water, shelter, and space. Understand the causes and effects of habitat loss, and what you can do to help. *Best for K-5th, families or mixed age groups*

You Are What You Eat (Food Chains)

From producers to predators to scavengers, the amazing food chain provides energy for all living things. Learn more about how wild animals fit into food chains and how we are all connected in the web of life. *Best for K-5th, families or mixed age groups*

A Journey Down the Appalachian Trail

Meet some of the wild animals that call this living landmark home. Discover how our daily activities affect the trail, its wildlife, and the surrounding environment, and learn how we can reduce our impact while hiking or camping. *Best for 3rd-5th*

Critters Don't Need Litter (Litter Awareness)

Everyone needs a clean, safe place to live. Meet animals who can teach us about the dangers posed by litter, and learn how we can help animals and people live in a healthy, litter-free world. *Best for all ages through adult*

A View From the Top (Birds of Prey)

What makes birds of prey such successful hunters? Learn about the fantastic tools these magnificent predators have and discover what they can teach us about the world they inhabit. *Best for all ages through adult*

Treat to Release: Inside the Wildlife Center of Virginia

Explore the workings of our wildlife hospital, meet some of our non-releasable former patients, and discover how the Wildlife Center is carrying out its mission of conservation. *Best for middle school through adult*

Wild Virginia: Environmental Challenges for Virginia's Wildlife

Explore the connection between the Wildlife Center's wild patients and larger environmental issues, such as habitat loss, declining biodiversity, and pollution. Learn how our actions affect wildlife and what we can do to change course. *Best for middle school through adult*

THE WILDLIFE CENTER: In the Classroom

Have you ever seen a real owl skull? Do you wonder what a snake's skeleton looks like? A classroom visit provides an in-depth focus on one animal, in a small group setting. Visit includes a PowerPoint introduction, touchable items, and a live animal. Contact us or see our website for more information. *Groups of up to 30, 30-minute program. Best for preK-high school*



THE WILDLIFE CENTER: Visit the Center

Wildlife Center Tour

Learn about the Wildlife Center with a presentation by an educator, a video introduction to our hospital, and a close-up experience with a resident education animal. Finish with a tour of our outdoor raptor enclosures where you'll see and learn about owls, hawks, and eagles. *Groups of up to 50, one-hour program, all ages through adult*

Hospital and Habitat

Combine the Wildlife Center Tour with a guided nature hike in the neighboring George Washington National Forest. Learn about the animals that live there and discover what they need to survive in their forest habitat. *Groups of up to 50, two-hour program. Best for 1st-5th grade, adaptable for older groups.*

