



RED OAK NATURE CENTER & LIPPOLD PARK



2343 S. River Street
Batavia, IL 60510
630-897-1808
ROprograms@fvpd.net

Nestled on the east bank of the Fox River, Red Oak Nature Center and Lippold Park are surrounded by 80 acres of lush forest and wildlife habitat – an ideal setting for students to investigate the great outdoors.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Our Environmental Educators encourage students to explore and investigate through hands-on experiences to discover more about ecology, animals, habitats, biology, orienteering and STEM concepts. All programs outlined in this booklet align with CORE and Next Generation Science Standards some programs can be customized to fit specific curriculum needs.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS IN YOUR CLASSROOM

Schedule a Red Oak Environmental Educator to visit your classroom or homeschool from Fall thru Spring. With Next Generation Science Standards at the core, Red Oak encourages curiosity through class participation and ignites critical thinking in your classroom or homeschool.

SELF-GUIDED VISITS

Groups wanting to visit Red Oak or Lippold Park must pre-register. There is a required \$1 per person fee for all groups visiting on their own. Call 630-897-1808 or email roprograms@fvpd.net for more information.

IDNR TRUNK AND HIKE BAGS

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has provided Red Oak Nature Center with educational trunks and hike bags. These items contain resources about a variety of nature topics - complete with books, photos, samples and more. The items are loaned to educators and groups free of charge. For more information regarding topics and availability, call Red Oak at 630-897-1808.

FACILITY RENTALS

Looking for a unique field day location? Rent a room, shelter or the whole facility (Red Oak Nature Center or 'The Wilds of Red Oak' at Lippold Park). Please contact ROprograms@fvpd.net for information.

VIRTUAL VISITS

Have a naturalist virtually visit your classroom! Meet an animal ambassador or shadow a naturalist as they bring the outdoors to you.



ENDORSED BY:





PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Lasting memories for students and teachers

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Programs are available starting at 9:30 a.m.
- Red Oak Nature Center staff can lead groups one class at a time (with some exceptions). All field trips require a minimum of 15 students.
- Programs are delivered rain or shine (except severe weather conditions).
- **NOTE:** On-site programs are held outside. Please plan and dress accordingly.

DURING YOUR VISIT

- Environmental Educators will greet your class on time and be prepared to teach.
- Environmental Educators will follow a lesson plan and accomplish the goals and objectives stated.
- Programs are designed to be fun and interactive, as well as educational.
- At the time of reservation, please inform us of any special needs you may have so that we may best accommodate your group.
- Restrooms and a drinking fountain are located inside the Nature Center.

DIRECTIONS

Red Oak: On Route 25, one mile north of Route 56 in Batavia.

Lippold Park: 1/2 mile north of Red Oak.

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT

- **Face masks are currently mandatory!**
- Please arrive on time for your scheduled program. See Cancellations and Changes for late policy.
- Please provide students and chaperones with nametags.
- Maintain discipline, encourage exploration and participation and assist when requested.

RESERVATIONS

To reserve your visit, contact Red Oak Nature Center Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 630-897-1808 or email roprograms@fvpd.net.

REGISTRATION & FEES

ON-SITE PROGRAMS (1-1.5 hrs)

Resident: \$4 per student
Non-resident: \$7 per student
Student Scientist Program (Lippold Park): \$8.50 per student

SELF-GUIDED GROUPS

\$2 per individual in attendance

CLASSROOM VISITS

First classroom: \$60
Additional same-day classrooms: \$30 each
Some programs may require material fees.

- Schools may register for the entire school year.
- Programs must be booked at least two weeks in advance; earlier registration is highly recommended.
- Checks should be made payable to Fox Valley Park District. Visa, Discover and Master Card are also accepted.
- Grants are available from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. For more information call Red Oak Nature Center at 630-897-1808 or visit, redoaknaturecenter.info

BUS ENTRANCE & PARKING

Red Oak Nature Center's parking lot is located directly off of Route 25. Bus drivers must exit the lot for the duration of the program after dropping off students. Buses are not permitted to remain in the Red Oak Nature Center parking lot. Buses should park at Lippold Park (1/2-mile north of Red Oak Nature Center) and return to the lot 10 minutes before the end of the program.

NO CHAPERONES

Teachers are free.

PROGRAM CONFIRMATION

- A confirmation will be emailed. Please review and verify that the program date and time, number of registered students and any special instructions are correct. The email will also include program guidelines. This email will be sent to the person responsible for booking the program, it is their responsibility to forward to other relevant parties.
- Payment balance is due the day of the program; cash, check or charge. Refunds cannot be issued.

CANCELLATIONS & CHANGES

- Groups must notify Red Oak to cancel or reschedule visits (subject to availability of dates). For cancellations that are made with less than 48 hours notice, there is a \$60 cancellation fee.
- School groups more than 30 minutes late are subject to additional fees and/or cancellation.
- If there are severe weather conditions, we will make our best effort to modify the program if necessary or notify you of a cancellation as quickly as possible.
- Refunds may be issued in specific circumstances, but are at the discretion of the supervisor.
- All programs and fees are subject to change.

LEARN MORE AT [REDOAKNATURECENTER.INFO](http://redoaknaturecenter.info)