

ALLISON WOODS OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER

# **PROGRAM GUIDE**





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Allison Woods Outdoor Learning Center has been connecting students with nature for over 30 years. We sit on over 900 acres between Statesville and Harmony, just off Hwy 21. We strive to make our programs hands on and fun for students.

A field trip day at AWOLC typically starts with arrival between 9 and 9:30 am. Groups will have 2 rotations and 1 assembly style program, with each program being around 45 minutes long, plus a break for lunch under the shelter or on the runway. Departure is typically around 1 to 1:30 pm. If you need to leave early or arrive later, we may need to drop to 2 programs.

An in school field trip offers 2 program rotations. We can typically work around your lunch schedule. For in school trips outside of Iredell County, a mileage fee will be added, based on the current federal mileage fee.



### **PRICING**

Field Trips

\$8 per student includes up to 3 programs of your choice and the shelter for eating lunch.

Parents are \$5 each.

Teachers/school staff are included at no additional cost.

### In School

\$8 per student includes 2 programs of your choice.
Schools outside of Iredell County will also have a mileage fee based on current federal mileage rate.

Please note there is a minimum of 20 students for either Field Trips or In School Programs. While we can still accommodate you if you have less than that, you will be charged for the minimum of 20 students.

### **DIRECTIONS**

Take Interstate 77 to Exit 54.

Head North on US 21 and travel 3.4 miles.

Cross the South Yadkin River Bridge and take the first right onto Allisons

Woods Drive.



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- BINGO: Play this traditional game using our custom question/answer card sets. Great for reviews and you choose the subject. Available options are ecosystems, forces and motion, rocks and minerals, raptors and more!
- Creepy Crawlers: Explore the life cycle and learn about creepy crawly insects with specimens and games.
- EcoSystems/EcoWalk: Investigate how organisms interact and have adapted to survive in their environments, either through a short hike or activities.
- Feathered Friends (Raptors/Birds of Prey): Come meet our raptor ambassadors and learn all about birds of prey, their life in the wild and how we can help keep them safe.
- Fizz, Bubble, Foam: Use experiments to explore properties and changes of matter.
- Gardening Basics: What does it take to start your own garden & live sustainably? Hands-on opportunity.

- Owl Pellet Dissection: Dig into an owl pellet to discover what a raptor eats everyday.
- Plant Discoveries: Learn how plants function from photosynthesis to flowers.
- Powerful Pollinators: Explore how pollinators help sustain our ecosystem. During season, students may conduct a butterfly count for our OLC Citizen Science database.
- Stellar Solar System: Learn all about our solar system including the sun, planets and moons; and how all aspects work together to sustain and affect life on Earth.
- Turtle Dogs: Learn all about our state reptile, the Eastern Box Turtle and how our Turtle Dogs help scientists research them. Finish off with a simulated turtle hunt!
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- Green Power: Learn about green energy by construction a wind turbine or see how solar energy works.
- Landform Explorers: Discover how the Earth's landforms change over time & work together to make your own landform model.
- Math with Mortimer: In this explosive activity, students will estimate and record data from a live mortar being shot. Data is sent back to class with the teacher for further graphing and investigations. ALL Safety measures strictly enforced!

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- Reducing Your Footprint: Minimizing your impact, protect the environment, and even improve the environment for plants & animals. Learn how!
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- Wacky Weather: Measure weather to explore daily and seasonal patterns locally and across the globe.
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- Sifting Thru Soil: Gather soil samples, test properties of soil & learn about soil layers.
- Stellar Solar System: Learn all about our solar system including the sun, planets and moons; and how all aspects work together to sustain and affect life on Earth.
- Stream Ecology: Students will investigate stream flow and inhabitants like a scientist and record data collected for our OLC Citizen Science database.
- Tree Detectives: Intro to tree types & how big they are. Use skills to measure & record data on some of our largest trees for the OLC Citizen Science database
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## PLANNING GUIDE

Use this to help you plan your field trip. When ready to book, go to

https://www.allisonwoodsolc.com/school-trips and fill out the form at the bottom of the page.

Teacher Name:	
Teacher Phone Number:	
School Address:	
Grade Level:	Number of Students:
Is your school Title 1?	
Preferred Date:	Earliest Arrival Time:
Alternate Date 1:	Latest Departure Time:
Alternate Date 2:	Preferred Lunch Time:
At Allison Woods or In School?  Pick 3 programs for field trips at our location or 2 programs for in school. If you don't know which programs, let us know what you're	
looking to review or what your focus will be during field trip time and we can suggest programs to match.	
Desired Programs:	