



## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Please thoroughly review our online Program Policies and FAQs located in the online program request form.

- Applies to: Explore at the Nature Center, Nature in Your Classroom, Gold Discovery, Maidu, and Aquatics programs.
- Programs are appropriate for the grade levels listed alongside descriptions.
- Programs are limited to a maximum of 35 students (excluding Hike with a Naturalist programs which have a limit of 18 participants).
- All programs/tours are offered Monday through Friday, no earlier than 9:00am—except where noted.
- Most programs require 4 - 8 adult chaperones (including the teachers and aides), who are included in the program fee. Add \$10 per additional adult—maximum of 10 adults total. *Note: Classroom programs only require teachers and/or aides.*
- Programs marked with a  have a virtual option available. Contact us or check our website for more details.
- Programs marked with a  are programs **in your classroom**. If your school is located more than 30 miles roundtrip from the Nature Center, there will be an additional fee for extra travel time/costs.

Parking passes (up to 8) are included in *all* paid program fees (additional fee for up to 10) and are provided upon arrival.

## ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



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Calendar Page!

**DISCOVER NATURE!! WEEKEND PROGRAMS** for *all* ages. Register via phone or in person. Join a naturalist every weekend on a nature themed public program!

Check out our calendar at [www.sacnaturecenter.net/events/calendar/](http://www.sacnaturecenter.net/events/calendar/) or scan the QR code!

## REQUESTING A SCHOOL PROGRAM

All program reservations are made online. Go to [www.SacNatureCenter.net/Education/School-Programs](http://www.SacNatureCenter.net/Education/School-Programs) and select the program you wish to book. Complete the online form to send in your program request. We make every attempt to reply to your request within two business days. **All reservations are processed according to date requested and are first come, first served. At least two weeks advance registration is required.**

Program policies are found in the online program registration form. You must read and agree to our policies to submit your program request. Once you submit your request, you will receive our Program Policies to sign along with an invoice. If you have any questions or have problems with the online booking process, please call us directly at **(916) 876-4918** or [scheduling@sacnaturecenter.net](mailto:scheduling@sacnaturecenter.net).

We look forward to working with you!



Scan to Book a  
Program Today!

## CANCELLATION POLICY

We require a 14-day cancellation notice prior to the first program date on your invoice. Any program cancellation that occurs less than 14 days before the first program date will result in a forfeiture of the entire program fee (some extenuating circumstances can be resolved by reschedule, credit, or refund). Please refer to our Program Policies for more info. Payment is required at least two weeks before the program. Please keep this in mind when making your reservation.

### EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER

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#### BUILDING HOURS:

Open Tuesday - Sunday 9:00am - 5:00pm (Nov - Jan open till 4:00pm)

Closed most Mondays, except for *scheduled* programs and some holidays



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NATURE EXPLORATION AQUATIC STUDIES MAIDU CULTURE GOLD DISCOVERY

# 2023-2024 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



A community service of  
the American River Natural History Association

The Effie Yeaw Nature Center provides students of all ages and backgrounds a guided experience in nature that excites their curiosity and inspires investigation through our 100-acre Nature Study Area, resident animal ambassadors, interactive museum and replica Nisenan Maidu village.

[www.SacNatureCenter.net](http://www.SacNatureCenter.net)

**We support NGSS learning – let us help you!**

Our programs provide educational experiences that are integrated across disciplines and linked to real world issues. Students make scientific observations and engage in critical thinking and collaborative conversations. Our naturalists work with each teacher to lead experiences that will enhance classroom curriculum.



BRINGING PEOPLE TO NATURE... AND NATURE TO PEOPLE.



## EXPLORE AT EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER

### NATURE AREA TOUR — Grades K-12 ♦ \$170

Students will engage in discovery while experiencing an up-close and personal encounter with one of our live resident animal ambassadors, touring our interactive museum, and joining a naturalist and docents to explore the Nature Study Area. Students encounter natural phenomena and learn science through the lens of patterns, structure and function, cause and effect, and more.

Offered at the Nature Center 9:15 am - 11:00 am OR 11:15 am - 1:00 pm

Standards: **K-2:** LS1.A, LS1.C, LS2.A, LS3.A, LS3.B, LS4.D, ESS2.E, ESS3.A **3-5:** LS1.A, LS1.B, LS1.C, LS1.D, LS2.A, RS2.B, LS2.D, LS4.C, LS4.D, ESSW.E, ESS3.A, PS3.D **6-8:** LS1.A, LS1.D, LS2.A, LS2.B,LS2.C, LS4.C, LS4.D, ESS3.C

### NATURE PLUS! — Grades 2-5 ♦ \$295

This interactive, outdoor program allows your students to immerse in the natural world. With an extended hike, nature journaling, and personal encounters with one of our resident animal ambassadors, students benefit from increased connections and deep discussions. Students explore nature journaling, beak/animal adaptations, and a watershed model!

Available from September through November and March through May; 4-hour program beginning as early as 9:00 am

Standards: **2-3:** LS1.A, LS1.D, LS2.A, LS3.A, LS3.D, LS4.D **4-5:** LS1. A, ESS3.A, ESS3.C

## NATURE IN YOUR CLASSROOM

Programs below are 60 minutes in length, presented in your classroom. **\$200 each.** 🚗

*Virtual programs are either 40 minutes (\$125 each) or 60 minutes in length (\$160 each).* 🖥️

### SENSATIONAL SENSES — Grades K-1 (40 minutes)

Students discover how humans and animals process information from their environments through imaginative and interactive activities, including specimens and live native animals.

Standards: LS1.A, LS1.D

### CRITTERS OF THE AMERICAN RIVER — Grades K-2 (40 minutes)

Discover American River life in your classroom! Students compare and contrast mammals, birds and reptiles, examine structure and function of skulls, furs and feathers and meet live, native animals.

Standards: LS1.C, LS1.D, LS4.D

### SCALES AND TAILS — Grades 1-12 (40 minutes or 60 minutes)

Students build an understanding about reptiles, amphibians and the important roles they play in their habitats. Program includes a PowerPoint presentation and viewing of a variety of local, cold-blooded creatures.

Standards: LS1.A, LS1.B, LS1.D, LS3.B, LS4.C, LS4.D

### AMAZING ADAPTATIONS — Grades 3-5 (40 minutes or 60 minutes)

Explore what it takes for animals to survive in their habitats. Students discover unique animal structures, abilities and behaviors through interactive discussion, hands-on activities and up-close observation of live, native animals.

Standards: LS1.A, LS1..D, LS4.C, LS4.D

### RAPTORS OF THE RIVER — Grades 3-12 (40 minutes or 60 minutes)

Invite your students to become experts on local birds of prey. Program includes a PowerPoint presentation, specimens and live raptors. Students will examine unique adaptations, discuss environmental roles, and find out how to protect these winged hunters.

Standards: LS1.A, LS1.D, LS4.C, LS4.D, ESS3.C

### ANIMAL AMBASSADORS— Grades 7-12 (40 minutes or 60 minutes)

Students examine a variety of animal biofacts to learn their physical structures and adaptations, explore their behavior and physiology, and how they interact within their habitat. Learn what it takes to care for non-releasable wild animals by meeting EYNC animal ambassadors, discovering their stories and ways we can keep them wild.

Standards: LS1.A, LS1.D, LS4.C, LS4.D

### AWESOME INVERTEBRATES — Grades K-12 (40 minutes or 60 minutes)

Students explore a variety of local invertebrates including arthropods, mollusks, and annelids as well as examine their life cycle and their importance to our ecosystem. Program includes a PowerPoint presentation and live invertebrate specimens.

Standards: LS1.A, LS1.B, LS1.C, LS2.A, LS2.B

## GOLD DISCOVERY

### Grades 3-5 ♦ \$205

Eureka! At your school, students will pan for gold and participate in a visual historical telling of the discovery of gold in California, as well as its impacts on society and the environment.

75-minute program at your school (in classroom and outside)

Standards: 3.1, 3.3, 4.3, 4.4

## CUSTOM PROGRAM

Don't see what you're looking for? We're happy to customize a program that meets your group's needs and curriculum. Contact us at 916-876-4918 or [scheduling@sacnaturecenter.net](mailto:scheduling@sacnaturecenter.net) to customize a program. 🖥️ (40 minutes or 60 minutes)



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## MAIDU CULTURE

Standards: 3.2, 4.2, 5.2

### METHODS OF THE MAIDU

#### Grades 3-5 ♦ \$205 🖥️ (40 minutes or 60 minutes)

In your classroom, students will experience the sights and sounds of pre-1830 Valley Nisenan Maidu culture through a visual presentation, storytelling, and replica Maidu artifact exploration.

75-minute program in your classroom 🚗

### MAIDU FOCUS NATURE AREA TOUR

#### Grades 3-5 ♦ \$170

Learn how the Valley Nisenan Maidu lived pre-1830s during this naturalist-guided tour of our replica Nisenan Maidu village and Nature Study Area trails, highlighting plant and animal resources traditionally used. Students will also explore and interpret replica Maidu artifacts.

Offered at the Nature Center 9:15 am - 11:00 am OR 11:15 am - 1:00 pm

### MAIDU HALF-DAY PROGRAM

#### Grades 3-5 ♦ \$315

Spend the morning outdoors in our replica Nisenan Maidu village. Students observe a traditional acorn preparation demonstration, walk the Nature Study Area trails to observe native plants and animals traditionally used by the Valley Nisenan, explore replica Maidu artifacts and play a traditional game.

Available Monday & Tuesday only, from September through November and March through May

3.5-hour program at the Nature Center beginning as early as 8:30 am

### MAIDU FULL-DAY PROGRAM

#### Grades 3-5 ♦ \$615

Our comprehensive Maidu experience is presented in your classroom AND at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, and is unlike any other Maidu program in this region! Immerse your students in our replica Nisenan Maidu village, experiencing the traditions of the Valley Nisenan people. Your class will use the replica tule houses and grinding rock, and walk through the Nature Study Area learning how the Valley Nisenan used native plants and animals. This program includes native storytelling, making and tasting traditionally-prepared acorn and learning native skills through crafts and games.

Available Wednesday through Friday, from September through November and March through May

4.5 to 6-hour program at the Nature Center beginning as early as 8:30 am

**Mandatory** prerequisites for this program are the *Methods of the Maidu Classroom Program AND Parent/Teacher Training Workshop* – both included in the program fee. More information available at [www.SacNatureCenter.net/Education/Maidu-Culture](http://www.SacNatureCenter.net/Education/Maidu-Culture)

## AQUATIC STUDIES

Standards: LS1.A, LS1.B, LS2.A, LS2.C, LS4.C, LS4.D, ESS3.A, ESS3.C

### POND AND RIVER CLASSROOM LAB AND FIELD STUDY

#### Grades 2-6 ♦ \$390

A comprehensive experience presented in your classroom AND along the American River Parkway introducing students to a world of aquatic invertebrates living in our local freshwater habitats. The classroom lab program offers a PowerPoint presentation and four investigative stations featuring a variety of aquatic invertebrates. In the field, students collect and release a myriad of creatures while gaining an understanding of their role in the food web and ecosystem.

Available September through October and March through May

75-minute program in your classroom 🚗 **and** a 2-hour field study (*on a different day*)

Field days are held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

### POND AND RIVER CLASSROOM LAB ONLY

#### Grades 2-6 ♦ \$205 🖥️ (40 minutes or 60 minutes)

This classroom lab offers a PowerPoint presentation and four investigative stations featuring a variety of aquatic invertebrates and their role in our freshwater ecology.

Available September through October and March through May. 🚗 75-minute program in your classroom

## ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Great for small groups such as scouts, homeschool, and senior groups!

**HIKE WITH A NATURALIST** Up to 18 people; 75-minute program available on weekday afternoons and weekends.

Ages 5 to adult ♦ \$125. Enjoy a hike through the Nature Study Area, customized to meet the needs and interests of your group.

**HIKE WITH A NATURALIST+ANIMAL AMBASSADOR VISIT** Up to 18 people; 90-minute program available on weekday afternoons and weekends.

Ages 5 to adult ♦ \$150. Enjoy a customized guided hike plus a visit with an Animal Ambassador.

Details and booking at [www.sacnaturecenter.net/education/group-tours/](http://www.sacnaturecenter.net/education/group-tours/)

**YOUNG AT HEART** adult program ♦ \$100. Awaken your inner child as you enjoy a leisurely walk along winding oak woodland trails and explore flora and fauna at the Nature Center. We can also come to your facility with our materials and animals.

Details and booking at [www.sacnaturecenter.net/education/adult-programs/young-at-heart/](http://www.sacnaturecenter.net/education/adult-programs/young-at-heart/)



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