



# City of Kingston Parks and Recreation

## Environmental Education Program

### 2017-2018 Registration Information

#### *Forsyth Nature Center Zoology Program*



***FAST FACTS:***

*What: FNC Zoology Program*

*When: 10:00am-2:00pm*

*Where: Forsyth Nature Center*

*Who: Grades 2-12*

*Cost: Fees are waived for programs held in 2017-2018 for Ulster County Schools.*

*Support from: Office of Children and Family Services, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation*

#### Program Description

Feathers, fur, and scales, the Forsyth Nature Center is home to over 150 native and non-native animals including birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish and insects. Students will discover firsthand the incredible adaptations these animals have for survival as we explore the similarities and differences between each of the animal groups. Program can be tailored to specific class lessons.

#### Program at a Glance

10:00-10:30am Transport students to FNC from school (\*if needed)

10:30-10:40am Welcome and introductions

10:40-12:00noon Guided Tour

❖ Warm-blooded animals

❖ Cold-blooded animals

❖ The Grounds (themed gardens, ponds)

12:00-12:30pm Picnic lunch at the FNC picnic area

12:30-1:30pm Hands On! Zoology (up-close and personal with an FNC resident)

Choice A: Birds (feathers, nests, eggs, skulls, and close up bird interaction)

Choice B: Mammals (furs, skulls, antlers, and close up mammal interaction)

Choice C: Reptiles (skins, skeletons, shells and close up reptile interaction)

Choice D: Bugs (preserved butterflies, ants, cicadas, walking sticks, etc, and a hunt!)

Choice E: Buzz on Bees (life cycle, beekeeper suits, honey taste test, no live bees)

1:30-2:00pm Transport students back to school (\*)



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#### Program Details

There will be a designated lunch break at the Forsyth Nature Center Gazebo. Lunch is on your own and all participants should bring a picnic lunch. There is a Carry-In, Carry-Out Policy with all trash. The entire program will be located outdoors, with no indoor option. Porto-potties will be available.

Adult chaperones are certainly welcome and encouraged. We require a minimum of 2 adults to attend with the class, and a minimum of a 12 to 1 ratio of students to adults at the program site. Adult chaperones should meet us at the Forsyth Nature Center, except the two adults required to ride with the students if using the van transport. Adults should definitely come prepared to be hands on and engaged in the program as we will need assistance throughout the program.

#### Transportation:

If you have your own transportation: Please arrive at the Forsyth Nature Center at 10:00am.

#### Directions to the Forsyth Nature Center:

From the Kingston Thruway Traffic Circle, take the Washington Avenue Exit. You will proceed on Washington Avenue and at your third light, take a right onto Grandma Brown Lane. Then proceed into the Dietz Stadium Complex. Take a left after the immediate planter, pass the Andretta Pool, pass the basketball court and enter the lower Forsyth Park parking lot through the third gated entrance. You can use 157 Lucas Avenue, Kingston, NY for in-car navigation.

#### **\*\*\*If you need transportation\*\*\*:**

The Parks and Recreation Department is able to provide transportation as a collaboration with Kingston Citibus at a fee of \$1 per student. Adults are free. We will pick up your class at 9:30am at the Front Door of your school. The \$1 per student transportation fee is due by cash or check made payable to The City of Kingston upon their arrival.

In the event of inclement weather, we will call the school that morning to make any cancellations. At that point, we will offer another reschedule date if one is available. If you need to cancel for any reason, please call the Recreation Department as soon as possible at 481-7339 (Julie Noble's Extension).

The environmental educators will be engaging the students all day in the outdoor learning environment and an appropriate code of conduct is expected from each participant:

- Classroom teachers will be present for entire program
- All discipline issues will be addressed by classroom teachers
- Any student or chaperone who is disrupting the program may be asked to leave



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- Use of cell phones and texting is not permitted
- Safety is of utmost priority

This is an outdoor education experience, but should be treated the same as any learning experience, that is hands-on, interactive and fun. Inappropriate behavior will result in a loss of the privilege to participate in the program.

*If there are any questions, concerns or changes, the teacher should contact:*

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