

Attention Teachers!

— FREE for McHenry County Schools —

School Programs

Registration for Fall School Programs is in progress and we're busy planning program options for winter.

Contact us at (815) 479-5779 or Education@MCCDistrict.org to schedule your next Virtual Field Study!

Depending on where things stand the rest of the school year, in-person or virtual — we will be there! Just let us know what you need. We will stay committed to supporting you and your students.

Visit our School Programs webpage for more information at MCCD.me/SchoolPrograms.

McHenry County Conservation District
Fall Virtual Field Studies

Teachers! We are eager to assist with your e-learning and online classrooms, and hope you'll take advantage of these FREE programs. Throughout the school year we'll continue to review and revise our programs, and stay committed to supporting you and your students, virtually or in person!

Contact Kim Compton or Amber Ross
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Contact Valerie Coduto or Elizabeth Mays
vcoduto@MCCDistrict.org 815-479-5779 ext. 15 | emays@MCCDistrict.org 815-479-5779 ext. 14

- Have to Have a Habitat, Grades PreK-1**
 Students learn about local animals, what they need to survive and how humans can help them. Highlights include a puppet show, a scavenger hunt, and tips on how to make your backyard more habitat friendly.
- Pioneer Life, Grades 1-5**
 Discover the life of an early settler in McHenry County. Learn what chores had to be done and compare daily life then and now. Schedule a real-time visit to the restored 1854 farmstead. This program includes pre-recorded lessons, worksheets, a "visit" to the farmhouse, and a plant resource virtual hike.
- The Ice Age, Grades 6-9**
 Named for the massive ice sheet that shaped its landscape, Glacial Park is the home for this program on glacial northern Illinois, and glacial geologic time, the formation of
- Plant Life Cycles, Grades PreK-2**
 How do plants move around if they don't have legs? This exploration demonstrates how seeds travel. Learn about the different parts of a seed and how a plant grows.
- Bugs, Bugs, Bugs: Insect Life Cycles, Grades 2-3**
 What makes an insect, an insect? Watch as we transform cycle of insects and includes a "hike" outdoors to collect, observe, and identify different kinds of insects.
- Exploring Ecosystems, Grades 4-8**
 Explore the ecosystems found within McHenry County: prairie, pond, and woodland. A brief history of the relationships between human and natural communities is also discussed.



Discover Nature Resources

Check out these digital and printable resources to help guide your Nature Discoveries.



Virtual Field Studies

Originally created for teachers and students, Virtual Field Studies is great for all ages who want to discover more!



Behind the Scenic Views

Perfect for middle school or high school. In this series, experts at the Conservation District discuss recent projects, including wetland restoration and mussel surveys.

Education Program Registration Procedures

Choose one of the following convenient ways to complete your registration.

If you are registering by mail or drop off, make sure you sign the participant waiver at the bottom of the registration form, download at MCCD.me/RegistrationForm. Copies of the form are acceptable as long as they are legible. Payment must accompany your registration. We accept checks payable to *McHenry County Conservation District* and cash. Payment by credit card is accepted via online registration only.

Online:
MCCDistrict.org

Fax (no fee programs only):
 (815) 479-5766

Phone:
 (815) 479-5779

Mail:
 Attn: Program Registration
 Prairieview Education Center
 2112 Behan Road
 Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Drop off locations/hours:
Prairieview Education Center
 2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake
Mon.–Fri.: 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Sat.: 12:30–3:30 p.m., **Sun.:** Closed

Lost Valley Visitor Center
 in Glacial Park
 Route 31 & Harts Rd., Ringwood
Daily: 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Registration Dates

Registration is processed first come, first served. Beginning on the following dates:

Residents **Non-residents**
Winter: November 10 **November 20**

Confirmation You will receive a confirmation by email and/or mail to verify your space in the program.

Register Early Classes are typically canceled if they do not meet their minimums one week ahead of time.

≧ **Tip** ≦ Sign up for multiple people/programs at once to incur only one \$2.00 transaction fee. (Fee programs only).

Withdrawal/Cancellation If you need to withdraw from a class, please contact Prairieview Education Center at (815) 479-5779 or email Education@MCCDistrict.org as soon as possible. This information is needed for a number of reasons and also allows registrants on the waiting lists to be contacted. Unless otherwise noted, advance notice of five business days (ten in the case of summer camps) is required to receive a refund. Cancellations may occur if there are an insufficient number of people signed up or if severe weather is forecast.