



YOUTH NATURE PROGRAMS

Naturalist Program

Time: 60-75 minutes (timing can be tailored to group's requirements)

Purpose: To connect youth with nature and give them sufficient preparation for their specific badge

Objectives of Scouts Canada's Naturalist Badge - those in bold are addressed by this program:

1. Find different kinds of seeds that travel by "helicopter" "parachute" "sling shot" or "animal express"
2. Take a picture of an animal track
3. Show at least **three different ways that animals camouflage themselves**
4. Show at least **three winter adaptations to survive the Canadian winter**
5. Show at least **three examples of how plants and animals protect themselves from weather or predators**
6. Take a hike through an urban community and look for nature (**we will go on a small hike in the park**)
7. **Observe any wild animal (or animal sign)** and report on what you learned from its behavior
8. **How plants or animals attract or repel others using colour and smell**
9. Describe or draw some **ways that animals capture or eat food**

Canadian Wilderness Award Program

Time: 2.5 hours

Purpose: To connect youth with nature by allowing them to explore Fish Creek Provincial Park, learn about environmental threats, and take part in a hands-on conservation project to improve the health of the park.

Objectives of Scouts Canada's Canadian Wilderness Award - those in bold are addressed by this program:

1. **Visit Fish Creek Provincial Park. Learn about threats posed to the health of this natural area.** Create a report or display that highlights the reason why the park is there and some problems facing the park.
2. **Participate in a conservation project which improves the provincial park.**
3. Help show fellow youth group members some aspect of nature study of your choice.

CWA Program Options

- Threat: Invasive species; Stewardship Activity: weed pull
- Threat: creek contamination from stormwater; Stewardship Activity: clean up around stormwater retrofit pond

We encourage leaders to host follow-up discussion/activity to complete remaining Award requirements.

Programs take place in Fish Creek Provincial Park, either at the Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre (west end of the park, access via 130 Ave. SW) or at the Bow Valley Ranch Visitor Centre (just off Bow Bottom Trail SE).

Questions and inquiries can be sent to katie@friendsoffishcreek.org or by calling 403-238-3841.

Please submit attached booking form with potential dates to katie@friendsoffishcreek.org.



YOUTH NATURE PROGRAMS BOOKING FORM

Group Name:	
Group (Cubs, Brownies, Church, etc.):	
Community (Cranston, Midnapore, etc.):	
Leader Name:	
Leader Email:	
Leader Phone:	
# of participants in group:	
Is Leader certified in First Aid?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Is there anyone in your group that requires special assistance?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes ➤ How we can support:

<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalist Badge 60-75mins, \$4 per participant* <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Wilderness Award 2.5-3hours, \$6 per participant*	Potential Dates & Times (please suggest 2-3 options):
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BOOKING POLICY

*Chaperones are free of charge to maintain a 3:1 ratio. Minimum booking fee of \$50. Programs must be booked and payment received by cash or cheque a minimum of two weeks in advance of the program date. Limited bookings available from April to September. Bookings are accepted on a first come, first served basis; please book early to avoid disappointment. Chaperones must be at least 18 years of age and remain with the group for the entire length of the program.

For booking questions, comments or concerns, please contact Katie: Katie@friendsoffishcreek.org or (403)238-3841

INFORMED CONSENT

The Friends of Fish Creek have been running safe, successful and fun opportunities for the public to connect with nature since 1992. Our goal is to foster understanding of and respect for nature while creating memorable experiences for participants. Many of our programs take place outdoors and carry both perceived and real risks associated with nature, such as uneven and/or slippery terrain, weather, possible interaction with wildlife, etc. I understand that, although Friends of Fish Creek staff and volunteers will do their best to mitigate any potential hazards to the group, there are risks that are out of human control.

Our leaders are trained in safety and program delivery and have undergone our screening process. Photographs may be taken of groups participating in our programs to be used for promotional and reporting purposes. If an individual has not signed a photo release, notify the Friends of Fish Creek volunteer or staff before program begins.

To enable Friends of Fish Creek staff and/or volunteers to focus on program delivery, the youth group leader is responsible for management of participant behavior as well as provision of First Aid if necessary.

Group Leader: _____
(signature)

Date: _____

Please email completed form to Katie@friendsoffishcreek.org