

## Homeschool Programs

Our programs are tailored to fit your history, geography, and science curriculums.

**Archeology:** Discovering Ancient People Description: students will learn about the study of archeology; through evidence gathering they will discover people of the past who lived at Wintergreen and the Blue Ridge mountains. This activity is appropriate for ages (6) 8-15.

**Forest Ecology:** Students will engage in hands-on, active learning to explore the complex relationships within the forest ecosystem. They'll discover how plants, animals, and decomposers work together to keep the forest healthy. Students will also learn about products from goods from the woods. Appropriate for ages 6–15.

**Forest Floor Study:** Students will take part in hands-on exploration of the forest floor to uncover the hidden world beneath their feet. Through observation and sampling, they'll learn about soil, fungi, and small creatures that recycle nutrients. Appropriate for ages 8–15.

**Habitats (Seasonal):** Through outdoor, hands-on exploration, students will study how habitats at Wintergreen change with the seasons. They'll investigate animal behaviors, plant adaptations, and survival strategies unique to each time of year. Appropriate for ages 6–12.

**Life Cycles:** Students will engage in active learning as they observe and compare the life cycles of local plants and animals. They'll discover how each stage of growth supports the balance of the ecosystem. Appropriate for ages 6–12.

**Classifications:** Students will use hands-on activities to explore how scientists classify living things. Through observation, sorting, and field examples, they'll learn to identify characteristics that group organisms into categories. Appropriate for ages 8–15.

**Nocturnal Animals:** Through interactive, hands-on activities, students will explore the world of nocturnal animals and their amazing nighttime adaptations. They'll learn how these creatures communicate, hunt, and survive in darkness. Appropriate for ages 6–12.

**Stream Study:** Students will engage in hands-on, outdoor investigation of Wintergreen's streams. They'll collect and identify aquatic organisms, test water quality, and discover how streams reflect the health of their surrounding ecosystems. Appropriate for ages 6–15.

**Geology:** Students will take part in active, hands-on learning as they explore the rocks, fossils, and landforms of the Blue Ridge Mountains. They'll uncover how powerful geological forces shaped Wintergreen's landscape over time. Appropriate for ages 6–15.

**Length of Programs: 2 hours**

**Location: Trillium House/ Wintergreen Trails**

**Cost: \$8.00/ student (minimum 15 students, maximum 20 students) Reservations need to be made 3 weeks in advance.**

*For more information on available programs, contact Kathie Driscoll, Education Director at [youth@tnfw.org](mailto:youth@tnfw.org).*