

FOUNDATIONS

EXPLORE NATURE AND TRY NEW THINGS WITH US!

Our Foundations programs are adaptable to the needs of each and every one of your students. Every time we visit your students or they visit us, we make a point to get outside and learn something new about nature together. Sometimes this involves pushing ourselves a little bit outside of our comfort zones, which is why we do everything possible to build a bond with your students and ensure they feel comfortable around us.

If you are thinking of booking a Foundations program with us, we highly recommend scheduling a meeting so we can go over the specific needs of your students, as well as what types of programming you would be most interested in. An overview of the costs to expect is at the end of this document. All program fees include two Interpreters, supplies, sanitization, and travel to any location in Red Deer, Penhold, or Blackfalds.

If preferred, Foundations groups are welcome to book any program that interests them from our School & Youth Program offerings—simply let us know at the time of booking if you have any special requirements or requests. On the following page are some of the programs that have been a hit with our current and past Foundations groups.

POND STUDY

Where: McKenzie Trails Recreation Area or at a wetland site of your choice (e.g., Bower Ponds)

When: April–September

Description: Discover the dynamics of life in a wetland through pond dipping and an interactive food chain game. This program takes place entirely outside, please dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear that can get a little muddy.

SNOWSHOE ADVENTURE

Where: Kerry Wood Nature Centre or at your site

When: November–April, weather dependent (requires at least 2 inches of snow on the ground)

Description: Learn the basics of snowshoeing with one of our Interpreters. Once everyone is wearing their pair of snowshoes, we'll challenge you to a few activities that will put your snowshoe coordination to the test. Finish off with a guided snowshoe nature walk through the forest. If you have any students with mobility issues, or who are unable to use snowshoes for any reason, they will still be part of the adventure with our TrailRider! This program takes place entirely outside, please dress warmly and wear appropriate footwear (boots with ankle support and no high heels).

WHOOO... KNOWS OWLS?

Where: Kerry Wood Nature Centre or at your site

When: Year-round

Description: Discover the fascinating adaptations of owls and view local species close-up with our mounted specimens. Dissect real owl pellets, and learn about their food and hunting habits. This program is entirely inside.

FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM COSTS

SCHEDULE	COST	DESCRIPTION
Four visits of 1.5 hours each	\$700	Our 1.5 hour sessions are a great introduction to getting your students comfortable around us and willing to try new activities that may sometimes be slightly outside their comfort zones (like trying snowshoes for the first time!). Activities will always be related to the current season and we will go outside for at least a few minutes (sometimes the entire 1.5 hours), weather permitting.
Two full days, 5 hours/day	\$1100	Our 5 hour sessions let your students escape the school building for an entire school day. Perfect for during exam season or as a year-end treat. As with our shorter sessions, activities will be themed-seasonally and we will go outside as often as possible. For example, a winter day with us might include making plaster tracks then going outside to snowshoe and look for real tracks left by animals in the Sanctuary. A summer day could be at McKenzie Trails for some pond dipping and wetland exploration.
Eight visits of 1.5 hours each, and one full day of 5 hours	\$1600	Combine the best of both worlds with a series of shorter visits, plus one full school day with us. In the past, we have visited with groups once per month throughout the school year, then finished off with a full day at McKenzie Trails in June. Of course, we will always be happy to work around your school schedule if you want to switch things up!