

HOMESCHOOL GROUPS

We encourage homeschool groups to book any program that interests them from our other Grade-specific pages. On this page, we present a list of the programs that have worked well for homeschool groups in the past, and that tend to be popular among our current homeschool group customers.

BUILDING BLOCKS OF ROCKS

Where: Kerry Wood Nature Centre or at your school

When: Year-round

Duration: 1.5 hours

Cost: \$110 per class

Maximum Number of Students: 30 (1 class)

Indoor/Outdoor: Entirely inside

Curriculum Connection:

- Grade 3 Science Unit A Rocks and Minerals
- Grade 7 Science Unit E Planet Earth

Description: Jump into geology with our hands-on introduction to minerals and rocks.

HISTORICAL SANCTUARY WALK

Where: Kerry Wood Nature Centre

When: Year-round

Duration: 1–1.5 hours

Cost: \$99 per class for 1 hour programs, \$110 per class for 1.5 hour programs

Maximum Number of Students: 100 (3 classes)

Indoor/Outdoor: Entirely outside, please dress for the weather and wear proper footwear

Curriculum Connection:

- Social Studies
- English Language Arts
- Physical Education

Description: We'll lead your students on a themed nature walk in the Gaetz Lakes Sanctuary. Suggested themes include:

- Early settlement of Central Alberta and establishment of the Sanctuary
- Stories and adventures from author Kerry Wood

NATURE DISCOVERY WALK

Where: Kerry Wood Nature Centre or at your school	Curriculum Connection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Physical Education
When: Year-round	
Duration: 1–1.5 hours	
Cost: \$99 per class for 1 hour programs, \$110 per class for 1.5 hour programs	
Maximum Number of Students: 100 (3 classes)	
Indoor/Outdoor: Entirely outside, please dress for the weather and wear proper footwear	
Description: We'll lead your students on a themed nature walk in the Gaetz Lakes Sanctuary or in a natural area near your school. Suggested themes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal tracking • Homes and habitats of common Central Alberta animals • Seasonal changes and seasonal adaptations of animals • Camping/survival skills • Weather observations • Compare and contrast ecosystems 	

STARRY PLANETARIUM SHOW

Where: Kerry Wood Nature Centre or at your school	Curriculum Connection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 1 Science Unit A Creating Colour • Grade 1 Science Unit B Seasonal Changes • Grade 6 Science Unit C Sky Science • Grade 9 Science Unit E Space Exploration • English Language Arts • Social Studies
When: Year-round	
Duration: 1–1.5 hours	
Cost: \$110 per class for 1 hour programs, \$120 per class for 1.5 hour programs	
Maximum Number of Students: 25 (1 class)	
Indoor/Outdoor: Entirely inside	
Description: Explore the night sky during daylight hours with our mobile planetarium. Learn some easily recognizable constellations, as well as how to find the Big Dipper and the North Star. Watch as the stars move with the seasons, and listen to the myths behind the constellations.	

WHOOO... KNOWS OWLS?

Where: Kerry Wood Nature Centre or at your school

When: Year-round

Duration: 1.5 hours

Cost: \$130 per class

Maximum Number of Students: 30 (1 class)

Indoor/Outdoor: Entirely inside

Curriculum Connection:

- Science

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.

SNOWSHOE ADVENTURE

Where: Kerry Wood Nature Centre

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

Duration: 1–1.5 hours

Cost: \$99 per class for 1 hour programs, \$110 per class for 1.5 hour programs

Maximum Number of Students: 35 (1 class)

Indoor/Outdoor: Entirely outside, please dress for the weather and wear proper footwear (boots with ankle support and no high heels)

Curriculum Connection:

- Science
- Social Studies
- Physical Education

Description: Learn the basics of snowshoeing with one of our trained 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.

EDIBLE PLANT WALK

Where: Kerry Wood Nature Centre or at your school

When: May–October

Duration: 1–1.5 hours

Cost: \$99 per class for 1 hour programs, \$110 per class for 1.5 hour programs

Maximum Number of Students: 70 (2 classes)

Indoor/Outdoor: Entirely outside, please dress for the weather and wear proper footwear

Curriculum Connection:

- Science
- Social Studies
- Physical Education

Description: There is a world of yummy treats right on our doorstep — if you know where to look! Your class will explore the plants that wildlife use for their daily survival, as well as a few basic species that are safe for us to eat, and how to identify them. (Note: due to mimicry and the potential for harm with misidentification, information about wild mushrooms is not included in this talk.)

POND STUDY

Where: McKenzie Trails Recreation Area or at your school if you have a wetland nearby (e.g. Bower Ponds)

When: April–September

Duration: 2 hours

Cost: \$130 per class

Maximum Number of Students: 100 (3 classes)

Indoor/Outdoor: Entirely outside, please dress for the weather and wear sturdy footwear that can get a little muddy (no flip flops)

Curriculum Connection:

- Grade 5 Science Unit E Wetland Ecosystems
- Grade 8 Science Unit E Freshwater and Saltwater Systems
- Grade 9 Science Unit A Biological Diversity
- High School Science
- High School Biology
- Physical Education

Description: One of our most popular and immersive programs. Discover the dynamics of life in a wetland through pond dipping and an interactive food chain game.

BISON HUNT

Where: Fort Normandeu

When: May–October

Duration: 1.5 hours

Cost: \$110 per class

Maximum Number of Students: 70 (2 classes)

Indoor/Outdoor: Mostly outside, please dress for the weather and wear proper footwear

Curriculum Connection:

- Grade 4 Social Studies Unit 4.2 The Stories, Histories and Peoples of Alberta

Description: In this entertaining re-enactment of a pre-contact Blackfoot bison hunt, students play the roles of both hunters and animals. Beef jerky for the whole class is available for \$15 extra.

HISTORICAL DISCOVERY TOUR

Where: Fort Normandeu

When: May–October

Duration: 1–1.5 hours

Cost: \$99 per class for 1 hour programs, \$110 per class for 1.5 hour programs

Maximum Number of Students: 100 (3 classes)

Indoor/Outdoor: Mostly outside or in a building with no heat, please dress for the weather and wear proper footwear

Curriculum Connection:

- Social Studies

Description: Our interpreters will take your class back to the 1880s and introduce them to the key characters and settings of Red Deer's early years.

HOME WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY

Where: Fort Normandeau

When: May–October

Duration: 1.5 hours

Cost: \$110 per class

Maximum Number of Students: 100 (3 classes)

Indoor/Outdoor: Mostly outside or in a building with no heat, please dress for the weather and wear proper footwear

Curriculum Connection:

- Grade 3 Science Unit B Building with a Variety of Materials
- Grade 3 Science Unit C Testing Materials and Designs

Description: Explore the differences between First Nations and European Settler lifestyles, and discover how these lifestyles affected the types of shelters used by each group. Test your skills in a shelter building activity to see who can withstand the “storm”.

OF TWO PEOPLES

Where: Fort Normandeau

When: May–October

Duration: 1.5 hours

Cost: \$110 per class

Maximum Number of Students: 100 (3 classes)

Indoor/Outdoor: Mostly outside, please dress for the weather and wear proper footwear

Curriculum Connection:

- Grade 5 Social Studies Unit 5.2 Histories and Stories of Ways of Life in Canada

Description: A lively fur trade game illustrates interactions between the First Nations, Métis, and European peoples.