

Field Trips at Sunset Hill

Who: Elementary classes in Porter County

When: April-May, September- October

How Much: \$2/ child

What: A 2 hour field trip at Sunset Hill Farm County Park; including an educational hike, an interactive talk on farming in Indiana followed by a meet and greet with our farm animals and a wagon ride.

Contact our Program Director Tyler Leer at tyler.leer@porterco.org or 219-510-9028 for more information or to schedule a program



Environmental Sleuths - Kindergarten

On a 5 senses hike, students will explore a variety of plants and animals found at the park, all while practicing their 5 senses.

Academic Standards: K.PS.1,2; K.LS.1,2,3; K.SL.4.3

It's Alive! Plants & Animals - 1st Grade

On their hike, students will investigate the different habitats we have here at the park. They will learn the different ways living things survive within them. Students will also explore different relationships found in nature such as a predator and prey.

Academic Standards: 1.ESS.4; 1.LS.3,4; PS1.3.6; ES1.3.9

Water Wonders- 2nd Grade

Students will learn about the life cycle of the frogs that live in our pond. Afterward they have the opportunity to hunt for tadpoles in the pond to see some of those life cycle stages. Students will also become water molecules traveling through the water cycle.

Academic Standards: 2.ESS.3,4; 2.LS.1,2,3

Vegetation Investigations- 3rd Grade

On a hike through the prairie students will have a chance to identify the structure and function of all the different parts of a plant. Using field student techniques, students will measure the growth rate of trees at the park.

Academic Standards: 3.LS.1,2,3,4; G 3.3.13

Rocks and Roots- 4th Grade

What was Sunset Hill before it was a park? Using remnants and clues from the past, students will learn the history and geology of the park.

Academic Standards: 4.ESS.3,4; 4.LS.1,2,3

Ecosystem Exploration- 5th Grade

Through an interactive game, students will learn all about ecosystems and the different roles the environment plays in their daily lives

Academic Standards: 5.ESS.3;5.LS.2,3.

