

Fox Valley Park District **SCHOOL PROGRAMS** **GUIDE**





Welcome to Red Oak Nature Center and Lippold Park!

Nestled on the east bank of the Fox River, Red Oak Nature Center and Lippold Park are surrounded by 40 acres of lush forest and wildlife habitat – an ideal setting for visitors to learn about the great outdoors through direct interaction with nature. Six wood-chipped hiking trails and the nationally renowned Fox River Trail offer avenues of exploration, with interpretive signs along the way.

Red Oak Nature Center, an indoor discovery center, enhances the educational experience, featuring environmental exhibits and “hands-on” participation designed to create a better understanding of the natural world. The “Sense the Seasons” exhibit encourages visitors to observe, reflect and learn about local habitats and seasonal changes by using their senses as naturalists.

Lippold Park immerses students in a natural environment with an elevated skywalk, a “tree house” amphitheater and a nature-based playground. A hands-on experience at the pond is accessible by a boardwalk that offers close-up views of a habitat full of aquatic wildlife. Native flora and fauna thrive in the nearby prairie that features a paved walking path.

Outdoor Education at Red Oak Nature Center

Naturalists at Red Oak Nature Center offer school programs for Pre-K to 6th grade classrooms in the fall, winter and spring. Our programs encourage students to explore and investigate through hands-on experiences to learn about ecology, animals, habitats, biology, orienteering and more. All programs outlined in this booklet align with CORE and Next Generation Science Standards and can be customized to fit specific curriculum needs.

Naturalist in Your Classroom

Schedule a Red Oak Naturalist to visit your classroom from November through February. Most programs are free (\$4 per student if out of district). Find out more about our ‘Animals in Winter,’ ‘Things that make you go EWWW!,’ ‘Mysteries Solved!’ and many more! All programs are currently aligned with CORE and Next Generation Science Standards and can be customized to fit specific curriculum needs.

IDNR Trunk and Hike Bags

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has provided Red Oak Nature Center with educational trunks and hike bags. These items contain resources about a variety of nature topics – complete with books, photos, samples and more. The items are loaned to educators and groups free of charge. For more information regarding topics and availability, call Red Oak at 630-897-1808 or visit <http://dnr.state.il.us/education/CLASSRM/teach.htm>.

Naturalist in the Classroom

Animal Wraps

Why do birds have feathers? Why do turtles have shells? How do these coverings determine where these animals will live? Explore different animal “coverings” in a variety of sensory activities.

Next Generation Science Standard:
K-2-ETS1-1

Program Length: Approximately 1 hour

Animals in Winter

How do animals survive the cold winter months? Find out when a naturalist comes to your classroom to explain the three different ways animals survive.

Next Generation Science Standards:
1-LS1-1, 1-LS1-2

Program Length: Approximately 1 hour

Animal Tales

Why do some animals have tails, and others do not? Why are some tails short and stubby while others are long? Do opossums really hang by their tails? These questions and more will be answered after we read some fun tales about animals.

Next Generation Science Standards:
K-2-ETS1-1, K-2-ETS1-2, K-LS1-1

Program Length: Approximately 1 hour

Dis or Dat: Classification

The world of classification is a building block of science. Students will explore the tools and terminology utilized by scientists to sort animals and plants. With the knowledge that is gained, can your students classify the mystery animal or plant we bring to your class?

Next Generation Science Standards:
2-LS2-2, 2-LS4-1

Program Length: Approximately 1 hour

Fintastic Family Adaptations

Fish are amazing creatures! Learn how a fish's appearance may not be just for show. Students discover that each part has a special role to play in survival.

Next Generation Science Standards:
1-LS1-1, 1-LS1-2, 1-LS3-1

Program Length: Approximately 1 hour

Land Formations

Learn about different landforms such as mountains, rivers, canyons and caves and discover how they impact animal habitats. Extend the learning by scheduling the “Into the Cave” tour at Red Oak Nature Center for your next field trip.

Next Generation Science Standards:
2-ESS1-1, 2-ESS2-2, 2-ESS2-3

Program Length: Approximately 1 hour



Myth-stories Solved!

There are some rumors going around about how spiders and bats are out to get us, but they're not true! Discuss and bust the myths that surround these creepy creatures and discover why these animals are so beneficial.

Next Generation Science Standards:
2-LS4-1

Program Length: Approximately 1 hour

Reptiles Rock

Delve into the world of reptilia where live animals will be visiting. Explore the characteristics of reptiles and meet a few that live at Red Oak Nature Center! Call for details about animal interactions.

Next Generation Science Standards:
1-LS1-1, 1-LS1-2

Program Length: Approximately 1 hour

Things That Make You Go Ewww!

Take a look at the “grosser” side of nature, scat, pellets and excrete. Learn how being “gross” can help with survival and learning more about the natural world. Material fee is \$25 per class.

Next Generation Science Standards:
3-LS1-1

Program Length: Approximately 1 hour

Need some new green ideas for your school?

Naturalists are available to talk to your environmental groups about green initiatives!

Topics include:

- Invasive Species
- Wildlife
- Starting a zero-waste lunch policy
- Citizen scientist projects

Teacher in-service programs also are available!





School Programs at Red Oak Nature Center & Lippold Park

Anatomy of a Predator

Students will learn amazing facts about Illinois' top predator—the coyote. Look at the coyote's special adaptations that help them to survive and thrive in an area that is constantly changing and working against them. Students will become biologists as they head out into the field using their new-found information to investigate a staged forensic scene.

Next Generation Science Standards:
4-PS4-2, 4-LS1-1

Program Length: Approximately 1.5 hours

Animal Homes

Animals have homes too! Discover how animals find and make their homes in nature, and why their home is so important for their survival. Take a short hike to look for some possible animal homes in the woods.

Next Generation Science Standards:
K-LS1-1, K-ESS2-2, K-ESS3-1

Program Length: Approximately 1 hour

Baby Animals

Take your class on an exploratory hike in the woods and help reunite baby (puppet) animals with their parents along the path. Learn about how babies and their parents aren't really so different after all.

Next Generation Science Standards:
1-LS1-1, 1-LS1-2, 1-LS3-1

Program Length: Approximately 1 hour

Diary of a Bird

Follow our friend Fledge, the Red-winged blackbird, as he grows up in the wetlands. Practice and learn just like Fledge as he hatches, learns to fly, heads out to find food and eventually raises a family while defending his territory from predators.

Next Generation Science Standards:
1-LS1-2, 1-LS3-1, 1-ESS1-2

Program Length: Approximately 1.5 hours

Eco-detectives

As eco-detectives, students will investigate and solve seasonal outdoor mysteries through activities, tracking and short hikes. Each season will bring a new mystery! (4 chaperones required)

Standards will vary
Program Length: Approximately 1.5 hours

Fall Color Hike

Join a naturalist and gain a deeper understanding of the fall season. Students will take a colorful hike on the trails at Red Oak and will participate in a scavenger hunt while they learn why tree leaves change color and the adaptations animals go through in autumn.

Next Generation Science Standards:
K-2-ETS1-1, K-2-ETS1-2, K-LS1-1, K-ESS2-2

Program Length: Approximately 1 hour

From Sap to Syrup (March Only)

Walk through time to see the sap-collecting methods and syrup-making processes used by Native Americans, pioneers and sugar farmers. Assist naturalist staff with collecting maple sap. Learn more about the process from sap to syrup at the evaporator where sap is being boiled into delicious, 100-percent pure maple syrup. The adventure ends with a taste of real maple syrup.

Next Generation Science Standards:
1-LS1-1, 2-LS2-1, 2-LS2-2, 2-LS4-1

Program length: Approximately 1.5 hours

Have Seeds... Will Travel – Lippold Park

Explore three habitats in search for the many different ways plants move around their habitat. Collect and examine different types of seeds and determine the best way for them to travel. (4 chaperones required.)

Next Generation Science Standard:
2-LS2-2

Program Length: Approximately 1.5 hours

Into the Forest

Explore why each tree in Red Oak Nature Center's forest is unique. Students will collect data using scientific forestry tools and make observations about what's happening from root to crown.

Next Generation Science Standards:
3-LS4-3, 3-LS1-1, 3-LS3-1, 3-LS3-1, 3-LS3-2, 3-LS4-2

Program Length: Approximately 1.5 hours



I Seed a Plant – Lippold Park

A seed is a tiny package of life. Learn what is in this marvelous package and investigate the four requirements it needs to grow. (Requires chaperones.)

Next Generation Science Standards:
1-LS1-1, 1-LS1-2, 1-LS1-3

Program Length: Approximately
1.5 hours

Mini-Beast Patrol – Lippold Park

Have you ever looked at a snail up close? Have you ever watched a praying mantis hunt for food? Students will learn all about insects, arachnids, mollusks and all sorts of creatures on Earth that look like they arrived straight out of a sci-fi movie!

Next Generation Science Standards:
3-LS1-1, 3-LS3-2, 3-LS4-2, 3-LS4-3

Program Length: Approximately
1.5 hours

Our Furry Friends

What do foxes, moles, elephants and pet dogs all have in common? They are all mammals! Students will learn that fur, producing milk and having live born young are all traits shared by mammals. After learning about these traits, students will practice distinguishing mammals from non-mammal animals.

Next Generation Science Standards:
1-LS1-2, 1-LS3-1

Program Length: Approximately
1.5 hours

Pondering Life – Lippold Park

Through educational activities and aquatic investigations in Lippold Pond, students will learn how wetlands help living things. Students will conduct water quality tests, collect samples and determine the health of our pond. Dress to get muddy. This program can only accommodate two classes at a time.

Next Generation Science Standards:
2-LS4-1, 2-ESS2-3

Program Length: Approximately 2 hours

Snowshoeing Discovery Walk

Strap on some snowshoes and explore the trails at Red Oak. Three inches of snow or more are needed for this adventure. This program can only accommodate 24 students at a time and the fee is \$4 per student.

Standards will vary
Program Length: Approximately
1.25 hours

Signs of Spring

Birds are singing, flowers are blooming and everything is green—discover the signs of spring! Explore some local signs of the season on a hike through the woods.

Next Generation Science Standards:
K-2-ETS1-1, K-ESS3-1, K-LS1-1
Program Length: Approximately 1 hour

Student Scientists – Lippold Park

Designed for entire grade level groups (grades 5 to 7), student scientists will visit Lippold Park for an in-depth habitat study using various problem solving tools. Program length is 5 to 6 hours to allow a full hour of exploration and explanation for each activity. Accommodations for a shorter program length can be made and a list of activities can be emailed upon request and/or registration. (Requires chaperones.)

Standards will vary
Program Length: Approximately
5 to 6 hours



Into the Cave

Explore Red Oak Nature Center's dolomite cave! Learn about how the cave was made over time and what forces of nature helped it along. Hear the legend of the cave and the mysteries surrounding it.

Next Generation Science Standards:
2-ESS1-1, 2-ESS2-1

Program Length: 1.5 hours



Plan Your Visit to Red Oak Nature Center & Lippold Park

Program Information

- Programs are available starting at 9:30 a.m.
- Red Oak Nature Center can accommodate groups of two classes at a time (with some exceptions).
- Programs are delivered rain or shine (except severe weather conditions).
- *Programs are held outside.*

During Your Visit

- A naturalist will greet your class on time and be prepared to teach.
- Naturalists will follow a lesson plan and accomplish the goals and objectives stated.
- Programs are designed to be fun and interactive, as well as educational.
- At the time of reservation, please inform us of any special needs you may have so that we may best accommodate your group.

For Your Safety and Enjoyment

- *Dress appropriately for outdoor activities by having students wear boots, raincoats, hats, mittens, etc. as needed.*
- Please arrive on time for your scheduled program.
- Please provide students and chaperones with nametags to assist our naturalists in directly interacting with your group.
- Restrooms and a drinking fountain is located inside the Nature Center.
- Maintain discipline, encourage exploration and participation and assist when requested.
- Enjoy your visit!

Reservations

To reserve your visit, contact Red Oak Nature Center Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 630-897-1808 or email redoak@fvpd.net.

Registration

There is no charge for in-district schools; \$4 per non-district student. \$7 for student scientist program.

- Schools located within the Fox Valley Park District may register for the entire school year beginning in August
- Schools outside the park district may begin registering after Labor Day.
- Programs must be registered at least two weeks in advance; earlier registration is recommended and appreciated.
- Checks should be made payable to Fox Valley Park District.
- Grants are available from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. For more information, call Red Oak Nature Center at 630-897-1808.

Directions

On Route 25, one mile north of Route 56 in Batavia, Illinois.

Bus Entrance & Parking

Red Oak Nature Center's parking lot is located directly off of Route 25. Please inform bus drivers to *drop students* at the front gate and then exit the lot for the duration of the program. Buses may not block the flow of traffic in the Red Oak Nature Center parking lot. Buses may park at Lippold Park (1/2-mile north of Red Oak Nature Center) and return to the lot 10 minutes before the end of the program.

Chaperones

A minimum of 1 chaperone (age 18 or older) per 10 students is required. We ask that all students stay with their naturalist and chaperones at all times.

Lunch Facilities

Red Oak Nature Center provides an outdoor picnic shelter for groups. Lunches should be kept with chaperones or will be kept inside Red Oak Nature Center. We encourage zero-waste lunches.

Group Confirmation

- A Group Confirmation Form will be emailed approximately 1 month before your visit. Please review and verify that the program date and time, number of registered students and any special instructions are correct.
- Payment balance is due the day of the program. Refunds cannot be issued.

Cancellations and Changes

- Due to the high demand of our school programs, we ask that you notify us as soon as possible if you need to cancel or reschedule your visit (subject to availability of dates).
- If there are severe weather conditions, we will make our best effort to modify the program if necessary or notify you of a cancellation as quickly as possible.
- Refunds cannot be issued.
- All programs and fees are subject to change.

Red Oak Nature Center Programs At-A-Glance

Fall – September to November • Winter – December to February • Spring – March to May

PROGRAM	GRADE LEVEL											SEASON			LOCATION			PROGRAM LENGTH* (Approx. Hours)
	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Fall	Winter	Spring	Red Oak	Lippold	Classroom		
Anatomy of a Predator						●					●		●	●			1.5	
Animal Wraps	●	●										●				●	1	
Animal Homes	●	●									●			●			1	
Animals in Winter			●									●				●	1	
Animal Tales	●	●										●				●	1	
Baby Animals	●	●											●	●			1	
Diary of a Bird			●										●	●			1.5	
Dis or Dat: Classification				●								●				●	1	
Eco-detectives				●							●		●	●			1.5	
Fall Color Hike	●	●									●			●			1	
Fintastic Family Adaptations			●									●				●	1	
From Sap to Syrup				●									●	●			1.5	
Have Seeds...Will Travel				●							●				●		1	
Into the Cave				●							●		●	●			1.5	
Into the Forest					●						●		●	●			1.5	
I Seed a Plant			●								●		●		●		1.5	
Mini-Beast Patrol					●								●		●		1.5	
Myth-stories Solved!				●								●				●	1	
Our Furry Friends			●								●		●	●			1.5	
Pondering Life				●		●	●	●			●	●	●		●		2	
Reptiles Rock			●			●						●				●	1	
Snowshoeing Discovery Walk				●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●			1.25	
Signs of Spring	●	●											●	●			1	
Student Scientists							●	●			●		●		●		5-6	
Things That Make You Go Ewww!					●							●				●	1	

*Program times do not include Hike to the Cave, introduction DVD or exhibit exploration time.



Welcome to Blackberry Farm!

Blackberry Farm is a living history museum where pioneer life is re-created through educational demonstrations and hands-on fun. Set amid 54 scenic acres with a lake, ponds and a meandering stream, the pioneer village features costumed historical interpreters teaching visitors about life in the late 1800s. Picnic areas and park concessions are available.

Pioneer Cabin (1840s)

Dutch oven cooking, candle dipping, soap making, heirloom gardens, butter making.

Wagner House (1840s)

Post-and-beam constructed home from early downtown Aurora.

Pottery Shop (1850s)

Visit P.H. Smith's Shop and experience many facets of 19th century pottery making—fired on site.

Blacksmith Shop (1900s)

Watch the blacksmith at work on our forge.

Weaver's Cabin (1860s)

Busy spinners card and spin wool and flax. Weavers weave rugs and textiles on our antique looms.

One-room Schoolhouse (1880s)

See what learning was like for children in the classroom.

Victorian Huntton House (1890s)

Victorian room settings, treadle sewing, quilting, demonstrations and exhibits.

Museums

Early Streets features 12 old-fashioned shops. Carriage House offers horse-drawn vehicles.

Discovery Barn

See chickens, sheep, piglets, baby goats and more.

Adventure Playground

Children can explore this customized play structure with an extensive network of climbing decks, slides, ropes and catwalkstyle bridges connecting an array of playhouses on multiple levels. Don't miss the zipline!

Paddle Boats

Float on Lake Gregory in a four-seat paddle boat.

Carousel

Enjoy the old-fashioned merry-go-round reminiscent of fairs and carnivals from yesteryear.

Train

This steam-engine-replica train and its open-air passenger cars travel around Lake Gregory.

Hay Wagon Rides

Hop aboard to enjoy a ride in the same way pioneer farm kids used to get around.

Pony Rides

Children delight in saddling up for a ride in a fenced area (available for children under 70 pounds).

Pedal Tractor Course

Kids can take the wheel and "drive."

Guided History Adventures

Blackberry Farm's guided field trips teach students about history through themed activities and hands-on experiences.

Apple Hayride

As the trees begin to change and the weather starts to cool down, visit Blackberry Farm for a tractor-driven hayride to the farm's own apple orchard, learn about of the legend and true story of Johnny Appleseed, see and use an antique apple press and sample some tasty apple treats. To best meet to state standards, specific activities are based on the grade level of each group.

Illinois State Standards: 15.C.1a, 15.C.1b, 18.A.1, 17.C.1a, 17.C.1b, 16.A.1a, 16.A.1b, 16.A.1c, 16.B.1

Program Length: 2 hours

Destination: 1800s

Through hands-on and interactive activities, students will step back in time to learn why pioneers chose to move to Illinois and how they survived. Students will explore the Pioneer Cabin, Wagner House, Print Shop and Weaver's Cabin. Activities will meet state requirements through the exploration of primary sources and participation in STEM-focused activities.

Illinois State Standards: 15.C.1a, 15.C.1b, 18.A.2, 18.B.1a, 18.C.1, 18.C.2, 15.C.1a, 17.C.1b, 17.C.2c, 17.D.2b, 16.A.1a, 16.A.1b, 16.A.1c, 16.A.2c, 16.B.2d, 16.C.2c, 16.D.2b, 16.E.2a

Program Length: 2 hours

Pioneer Exploration

During this program, students will step into the life of a child from the 1800s. Students will receive a lesson in our One-room Schoolhouse, try their hand at daily chores at the Pioneer Cabin, visit with the weaver for a hands-on experience working with wool and learn about animals at the Discovery Barn.

Illinois State Standards: 15.C.1a, 15.C.1b, 18.A.1, 18.B.1a, 18.C.1, 17.C.1a, 17.C.1b, 17.D.2b, 16.A.1a, 16.A.1b, 16.A.1c, 16.B.2d, 16.C.2c, 16.D.2b, 16.E.2a

Program Length: 2 hours

One-room Schoolhouse

A great option for home school groups, small institutions and individual classes, the four-hour One-room Schoolhouse program offers an immersive experience in the life of children of the 1800s. Activities will be led in the most authentic way possible and will simulate actual lessons and activities from the days of the One-room Schoolhouse. Students will use a fountain pen to complete their lessons, learn from reproductions of period text books and have recess with period games.

Illinois State Standards: 16.A.1a, 16.A.1b, 16.A.1c, 16.B.2d

Program Length: Flexible; up to 4 hours

Self-guided Field Trips

Explore educational exhibits and demonstrations in addition to rides and activities.

Aurora History

Discover the rich history of Aurora on this self-guided field trip. Students will learn about the underground railroad at the Wagner House, participate in One-room Schoolhouse activities, try on 1800s fashions and learn about the impact of the railway system.

Illinois State Standards: 15.C.1a, 15.C.1b, 18.B.1a, 16.A.1a, 16.A.1b, 16.A.1c, 16.B.2d, 16.C.2c, 16.E.2a

Program Length: Flexible

On the Farm

Students will have fun 'down on the farm' through specialized activities that teach about animals and farm life. Explore the development of eggs to chicks, learn the role the Weaver and Blacksmith play in farm life and try a hand at completing some farm chores at the Pioneer Cabin.

Illinois State Standards: 15.C.1a, 15.C.1b, 18.B.1a

Program Length: Flexible

A Day at Blackberry Farm

Experience the sights and sounds of Blackberry Farm through a self-guided tour where students will ride the train and hay wagon and visit the Pioneer Cabin, One-room Schoolhouse, Discovery Barn and Early Streets Museum.

Illinois State Standards: 15.C.1a, 15.C.1b, 18.B.1a, 16.A.1b, 16.A.1c, 16.A.2c, 16.B.2d, 16.C.2c, 16.E.2a

Program Length: Flexible

History on Wheels

To make a reservation, call 630-264-7408.

Bring Blackberry Farm's "Life in the 1800s" to your classroom! Students will explore the pioneer life of children from decades ago who learned in a one-room schoolhouse, had daily chores and spun wool into yarn.

Available in January, February and March
Grades 1 to 3; Up to 2 classrooms together
Per school visit: \$45 resident / \$60 non-resident





Plan Your Visit to Blackberry Farm

Program Information

- Guided History Adventures start at 10 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. and are 2 hours in length and can accommodate up to 120 students per session.
- Self-guided Field Trips are available from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Programs are delivered primarily outside rain or shine (except severe weather conditions).

During Your Visit

- Check in at your designated gate 5 to 10 minutes before your scheduled program time.
- Program staff will follow a lesson plan to accomplish the goals and objectives stated in the program description.
- Programs are designed to be fun and interactive, as well as educational.

For Your Safety and Enjoyment

- Dress appropriately for outdoor activities by having students wear boots, raincoats, hats, mittens, etc. as needed.
- Please arrive on time for your scheduled program. Due to scheduling, program times may not be extended due to late arrival.
- Please provide students and chaperones with nametags to assist our program staff in directly interacting with your group.
- A portable restroom will be available for use during programs. Indoor restroom facilities may be available based on location of the activities at the park.
- Teachers and chaperones are asked to maintain discipline, encourage exploration and participation and assist when requested.
- Enjoy your visit!

Directions

Approximately 2.5 miles from the Orchard Road exit off I-88, Blackberry Farm is located just west of Orchard Road and south of Galena Boulevard at 100 S. Barnes Road in Aurora.

Reservations

- Fall program reservations begin Aug. 1.
- Spring program reservations begin Feb. 1.

To reserve your visit, contact Blackberry Farm Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 630-892-1550 or email Holly Wiggins at hwiggins@fvpd.net.

Programs must be reserved at least two weeks in advance; earlier reservation is recommended and appreciated.

At the time of reservation, please inform staff of any special needs you may have so that we may best accommodate your group.

Cost

- A \$50 deposit is required at the time of reservation. This will be applied to your total balance.
- Checks should be made payable to Fox Valley Park District.

Students

- Guided History Adventures: \$7 per student
- Self-guided Field Trips: \$4 resident students \$5.50 non-resident students

Teachers & Chaperones

- FREE for all field trips!

Chaperones

A minimum of 1 chaperone (age 18 or older) per 5 students is recommended. We ask that all students stay with program staff and chaperones at all times. Any chaperones over 1:5 ratio will pay the student rate.

Bus Entrance & Parking

Drop-off location will depend on which program is scheduled. Specific instructions will be given to the group contact before your program.

Lunch Facilities

Blackberry Farm provides an outdoor picnic area for groups for 30 minutes.

Group Confirmation

- A contract will be sent to the group contact. Please review and verify that the program date and time, number of registered students and any special instructions are correct.
- Payment balance is due on the day of the program.

Cancellations and Changes

- Due to the high demand of our school programs, we ask that you notify us as soon as possible if you need to cancel or reschedule your visit (subject to availability of dates).
- If there are severe weather conditions, we will make our best effort to modify the program if necessary or notify you of a cancellation as quickly as possible.
- All programs and fees are subject to change.

Blackberry Farm Programs At-A-Glance

PROGRAM	GRADE LEVEL								WEEKDAYS							PROGRAM LENGTH (Hours)
	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6+	Fridays in Sept.	Sept.	Oct.	April	May to Aug.	May 4 to 8	May 11 to 22	
GUIDED HISTORY ADVENTURES																
Apple Hayride	●	●	●	●						●	●					2
Destination: 1800s					●	●	●			●	●					2
Pioneer Exploration			●	●						●	●					2
One-room Schoolhouse				●	●	●	●			●	●	●				Flexible
SELF-GUIDED FIELD TRIPS																
Aurora History				●	●	●	●							●		Flexible
On the Farm	●	●	●	●	●	●	●								●	Flexible
A Day at Blackberry Farm	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●				●			Flexible
IN-CLASSROOM																
History on Wheels			●	●	●				January, February and March							Flexible



Unique Outings for Schools and Groups!

To make a reservation, call 630-264-7408.

Blackberry Farm's Group Hayrides

A perfect fall outing option for groups, Scouts and families. Rental includes a one-hour tractor-driven hayride, picnic site, picnic tables and a campfire. Groups may bring in their own foods and drinks (no alcohol).

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays: End of September to end of October from 5 to 7 p.m.

Groups 70 and under: \$155 residents / \$195 non-residents

Groups of 71 and more: \$300 residents / \$340 non-residents

Private Party: Blackberry Farm Holiday Express

As holiday music plays, twinkling lights will glitter on the "Holiday Express" train. Listen to storytelling of holiday classics, enjoy festive decorations and visit with Santa!

Tuesdays to Fridays: Dates in December from 5 to 7 p.m.

Groups 100 and over:

\$4 per resident / \$5 per non-resident



Additional School Programs

In addition to school programs at Red Oak Nature Center and Blackberry Farm, the Fox Valley Park District also offers unique after-school programs, home school programs and educational theatre performances.

For information about after-school programs and home school programs, call Debbie Smith at 630-966-4555.

For information about educational theatre performances, call Kyle Donahue at 630-966-4548.



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