



Columbus Zoo and Aquarium My House at Habitat Hollow Conservation Education Department

My House at Habitat Hollow, an environmental education exhibit at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, takes a hands-on approach to teaching children about recycling, wildlife and conservation. At My House education begins with tangible examples. The exhibit itself was built using many recycled materials. From the shingles and siding to the support walls, there are many examples of 'green' building materials to be seen, touched and talked about. Within the exhibit three of Ohio's habitats (wetland, forest and prairie) have been recreated. This area allows children to become accustomed to the sights and sounds of the natural world we all share.

Short education programs are featured daily within the exhibit. Each program includes an educational display and interactive component. In addition to the daily programs, a variety of seasonal programs are available to families and school groups.

Investigation Sessions

This new series provides interactive instruction coupled with hands-on activities for children 9-12 years of age. Call 614-724-3656 for more information or to register your child.

2008 Dates: May 4: Prairies
 June 8: Wetlands
 August 10: Wildflowers and Insects

Habitat Hollow Workshop - Green Holidays

Join us for a new series focused on adult education. This hands-on workshop will focus on ways to make your holidays a little 'greener'. Instruction booklets and take home ideas will be included. Call 614-724-3656 for more information or to register.

2008 Date: October 23

Family Night in the Hollow

Bring the whole family and enjoy a wide variety of activities at Family Night in the Hollow. This program is sure to have something for everyone. Each evening features a variety of craft and activity tables, musicians, face painters, animal encounters, storytellers and a science station. This event takes place on Wednesday evenings from 4:00-8:00 p.m. in the summer.

2008 Dates: June 25
 July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 August 6, 13, 20

Story Time in the Hollow – for families

Join us as we bring enchantment and engagement with the natural world to life through the art of storytelling. This program includes the reading of nature-based stories, animal visitors, a craft and a take-home activity packet. The stories are chosen for pre-school and kindergarten aged children. No pre-registration is required, but space is limited. This program will run approximately forty minutes.

2008 Dates: September 21, 28
 October 5, 12, 19, 26
 November 2, 9, 16

Wildlife Detective Challenge

This hands-on program is geared towards school groups with students in second through fifth grade. Students become scientists as they go through a variety of wildlife investigations which reinforce the concepts of habitat and basic needs. This program is available beginning in September, 2008. Call 614-724-3602 for more information or to register your group.

Traveling Story Time

Bring enchantment with the natural world into your classroom with Traveling Story Time. This program is available to preschool and kindergarten classes in December through February on Mondays only. Each program includes the reading of two nature-based storybooks, animal visitors and a simple craft. Registration opens on October 1st. Call 614-724-3602 for more information or to register your group.

Story Time in the Hollow – for schools

The popular Story Time in the Hollow program is also available to visiting school and community groups. Bring your students to My House to enjoy the reading of nature based storybooks, animal visitors and take-home materials. This program is available to preschool through first grade classes in November through February. Call 614-724-3602 for more information or to register your group.