

## **Passaic County Parks**

### **Fall/Spring 2024-2025 In-school Ranger Programs**

#### **Reading with a Ranger – Grades K-5**

You select the nature topic, and our ranger will read aloud an appropriate book and share a fun activity and/or game with your class!

#### **Marvelous Mammals – Grades 2-5**

Students will learn about some of the amazing mammals that live in NJ and their most important adaptation, Fur! They will compare and contrast actual animal pelts, learning how each helps a mammal to survive in the wild. We will end with a fun mammal game.

#### **What Makes a Bird a Bird? - Grades 2-5**

Students will learn about the different body parts of birds and how they use them to survive. During a guided observation experience, students will study the different structures and types of feathers, discovering the benefits of each. Then we will finish with a fun game.

#### **Birding for Kids - Grades 2-5**

Students will learn how easy and fun it is to observe and identify birds. They will learn about some of the commonly seen birds of Passaic County and the features that make them easy to recognize. They then will learn the proper use of binoculars and go outside to practice the observational skills they have learned to identify some local birds.

#### **Whooo Wants to Learn All About Owls? - Grades 3-5**

Students will learn about the different species of owls that live in New Jersey and of their incredible adaptations that allow them to hunt so successfully. They then will dissect an owl pellet to see what they catch and to understand more about food chains.

#### **What's Your Habitat? - Grades K-3**

Students will explore the basic needs of both humans and wildlife, and understand that a habitat is a place where living things find their needs. They will then compare their habitats to those of plants and animals in the wild. We will finish with a fun habitat game.

#### **Habitat Hunt - Grades 3-5**

Students will learn about the different types of habitats found in NJ and how they help wildlife meet their needs. They then will go outside and evaluate the local school habitat to see if it meets the needs of a select animal or plant.

### **Habitat Web - Grades 2-5**

Students will explore the meaning of an ecosystem and identify its components through two fun, interactive activities: ***Habitat Web*** and ***The Pyramid of Life***.

### **Amazing Adaptations - Grades 3-5**

In the classroom and schoolyard, students will learn what an adaptation is and about the many different types of adaptations. They then will investigate the adaptations of local plants and animals. We will finish with a fun adaptation game.

### **Food Chains and Food Webs - Grades 2-5**

Students will understand the difference between a food chain and a food web, and how they are interconnected through 2 fun activities: ***Predator & Prey*** and ***The Web of Food***.

### **Skins and Skulls - Grades 1-5**

Students will learn about the different native animal species that live in Passaic County by exploring our extensive collection of animal skins and skulls. They will get to touch and examine the specimens as they learn how these animals' adaptations help them survive in the wild.

### **Animal Tracks and Traces - Grades 2-5**

Students will learn about the different signs that animals leave behind. Tracks, scat, feathers, and fur! We'll leave no evidence untouched. They will even get to make their own plaster track to take home!

The programs are 45-90 minutes in length. There is no charge for the programs.