

Clermont County Park District

Nature Education

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From Sap to Syrup - February— March

Grade Level: Pre-K—6

Take a tour of our sugar bush as you follow the process of maple syrup making. Students will learn how to identify a sugar maple tree and what it takes to turn the clear, sweet sap into delicious maple syrup! Students will also have the opportunity to tap a Sugar Maple tree and sample the sweet treats straight from the sugar bush!



Meet our new Lead Naturalist, Jana Marshall

Local Wildlife & Adaptations - Spring/Fall/Winter

Grade Level: K—5 ***

Take a closer look at animals who call Clermont County home. During our animal talk – students will meet some of our live animals and learn how their adaptations help them survive in our local habitats that will be visited in the program’s exploratory hike.

Jana comes to us with a degree in Environmental Science and previously taught nature education at the Cincinnati Parks and on St. Simons Island, Georgia. She is excited to get started at Chilo Lock and will be offering some great programs! Stay tuned!

Weather Predictions - Spring/Fall/Winter

Grade Level: 3—6 ***

Weather can be unpredictable at times, but learn how meteorologists can make predictions about the weather through our hands-on experiments! Through this hands-on program, students will have a better understanding of weather systems and what causes them.

*** means programs can be tailored to an outreach classroom program or can be offered at various Clermont County Parks. Please visit www.clermontparks.org or call our Lead Naturalist at 513.240.2615 to schedule today.

Habitats (Spring/Fall/Winter)

Grade Level: 2—8

This program will introduce students to our local habitats and the animals that live within them. Throughout the program students will explore three different types of habitats, meet our live animals, participate in fun activities and gain a better understanding of the world around us.

Geology (Spring/Fall/Winter)

Grade Level: 3—6 ***

Through interactive studies on the rock cycle, glaciation, soils and fossilization students will become expert Junior Geologists. An exploratory hike takes students on a journey back in time before dinosaurs roamed. Program concludes with a fossil hunt where students can take home their very own fossils from the Little Miami River!

Bees, please! Pollination Program (Spring/Fall)

Grade Level: 1—6 ***

This program focuses on the pollination life cycle, pollinators and the roles they play in our own lives. Program includes, hands-on activities, and a hike where they will learn how to identify plants and their importance.



**Maple season is right
around the corner!
Schedule your group to-**

**Pancakes in the
Park!
Pattison Park**

Join us for our annual Pancakes in the Park on Saturday, March 12th at 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Discover how we learned the process of maple sugaring from the Native Americans and Pioneers, tap a tree, visit our sugar bush and sugar shack. Don't forget to eat some pancakes!

Water, Water Everywhere?

Grade Level: 4 –6 or 7–12 focus on River Chemistry

Students will become scientists and investigate an important natural resource - water. Through this hands-on program, your scientists will learn how the water cycle works and test their own predictions using different methods water quality testing. The history of Chilo Lock # 34 will be shown through a short presentation and tour through our museum.

Native Americans on the Ohio (Spring/Fall/Winter) Grade Level: Pre-K–4

Learn how Native Americans lived in the 1700's before the Pioneers and Cincinnati was settled. Students will step back in time and learn how Native Americans worked, played and lived in the great forests of Southeast Ohio. Program includes interactive games, hike and activities that focus on the tribes of Southeast Ohio.

Early Pioneer Life on the Ohio (Chilo) (Spring/Fall/Winter) Grade Level - 3–6

This interactive program will have students discover what early life on the Ohio was really like. Students will prepare their flatboats for the journey west to Cincinnati, tough decisions will be made along the way, and they may even run into a fellow pioneer!

Interested in scheduling? Email at jmarshall@clermontcountyohio.gov or call 513.240.2615



Want this gorgeous view everyday? Make a difference, and volunteer!

**Volunteers
Needed!**

Interested volunteers for Visitor's Center & Invasive Species Removal should contact Chilo Lock at 513.876.9013