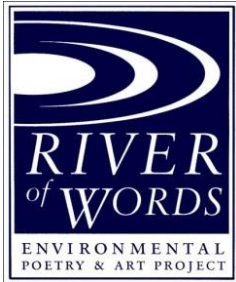


Field Trips to Nature Centers supporting River of Words Activities



Across Georgia, nature centers offer programs that support River of Words. On a field trip, your students might discover their local watershed and create poems or art they can submit to the contest. The content, timeframe and cost of these programs vary by center.

Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve, Lithonia

Environmental Education Program

For all grade levels

Take a hike, explore the outdoors and be inspired! Students are given the opportunity to take a guided interpretive hike with a ranger to one of our many wetland areas in the 2,500-acre Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve. There they will learn about the natural world around them and they are encouraged to express their thoughts or emotions about what they see through artwork or poetry following the hike.

Contact: 770-484-3060, www.arabiaalliance.org; email: arabiaranger@gmail.com

Blue Ridge Outdoor Education Center, Toccoa

Environmental Education Program

For all grade levels

Blue Ridge Outdoor Education Center offers students of all ages the chance to see and touch the processes at work in the world around us and to get a sense of their special place in that system through environmental education. Discover the forests and streams of the Appalachian Mountains and be inspired by the organisms that call them home.

Contact: 706-886-7621, www.blueridgeoec.com; email: blueridgedir@campmikell.com

Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center, Mansfield

Brooke Ager Discovery Area Watershed Field Trip

Grades K-5th

CEWC offers a hands-on and multi-disciplinary approach to wildlife education where students use science, social studies, math and reading comprehension skills while exploring nature in a fun and rewarding way. This three-part field trip aligns to GSE science standards for up to 50 students at a time. Teachers may book up to 3 class options.

Contact: 770-895-3059 or email amber.barrow@dnr.ga.gov

Chattahoochee Nature Center, Roswell

Environmental Education Programs

Grades: PreK-12th

Come and explore the Chattahoochee Nature Center with your class for a fun-filled educational experience your students won't soon forget. Educational programming is offered at the CNC Monday through Friday throughout the year. Programs are conducted rain or shine, with equivalent programming indoors in case of inclement weather. Please dress appropriately to be outdoors.

Contact: 770-992-2055 x 237, www.chattnaturecenter.org/education/

Dauset Trails Nature Center, Jackson

Poetry and Prose in the Outdoors

Grades: 5th and up

Take a hike, explore the outdoors, and be inspired! Students are given the opportunity to learn about the natural world around them, and then encouraged to express their thoughts through writing.

Contact: 770-775-6798, www.dausettrails.com

Dunwoody Nature Center, Dunwoody

Environmental Education Program

Grades: PreK-5th

At the Dunwoody Nature Center, classes move through the meadow and trails of our park led by our highly trained staff of environmental educators for a hands-on learning experience that reinforces and brings to life the STEM concepts that they are taught in the classroom. Our field trips are correlated to the GSE according to grade level and subject area using academically based curriculum materials. We feature four distinct habitats – meadow, stream, wetlands, and forest – that are ideally suited to enhance the fundamentals of environmental science in a controlled setting.

Contact: 770-394-3322, www.dunwoodynature.org

Elachee Nature Science Center, Gainesville

Nature Journaling Activities

Grades 5th - 8th

Investigate a stream and hike through a watershed while learning the important role that water plays in our lives. Then record your impressions in poetry or prose on the banks of a rushing stream.

Contact: 770-535-1976, www.elachee.org

Newman Wetlands Center, Hampton

River of Words & Nature Journaling

Grades 6th - 12th

Students will learn about wetlands and the watershed and will explore the role of human beings as stewards of these ecological systems. They will spend time in the creeks and wetlands of the Clayton County Water Authority property and participate in observation exercises of the wildlife and plant communities in

these environments. They will have the opportunity to create poetry and artwork, either on-site or back at school.
Contact: 770-603-5606, www.ccwa.us

Oatland Island Wildlife Center, Savannah

River of Words

Grades 1st - 8th

Students will learn about watersheds and wetlands and be able to describe the characteristics of wetlands, observe Georgia's dynamic coastal wetlands through direct experiences in our salt marshes and tidal creeks, and unleash their imaginations in a wetlands poetry writing session.

Contact: 912-898-3980, www.outlandisland.org

Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center, Columbus

Environmental Education Program, STEM, Science, and Interdisciplinary Programs
For all ages

Looking for an educational experience unlike anything else in the Chattahoochee Valley? The helpful and knowledgeable staff of Oxbow Meadows will provide your students with a unique, hands-on learning experience to enhance curriculum and state standards. Our field trips are correlated to GSE.

Contact: 706-507-8550, www.oxbow.columbusstate.edu

Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton

Environmental Education Program

Grades K - 12th

Students will learn about watersheds, visit and explore a lake and stream environment, and learn about the animal and plant life unique to their ecological address in the Oconee River basin.

Contact: 706-484-2834, www.rockeagle4h.org

Sandy Creek Nature Center, Athens

River of Words

Grades K-12th

Enjoy a trip to our local wetlands, sample the edge of our pond, learn about our wetland plants and animals, and discover the importance of the surrounding watershed. Wrap up the program by creating your own watershed art or poetry inspired by your visit.

Contact: 706-613-3615, ext. 231, www.sandycreeknaturecenter.com

Smithgall Woods Regional Educational Center, Helen

Environmental Education Program

Grades 3rd and up

Explore a north Georgia watershed while collecting macroinvertebrates and learning how human activities can impact the physical and chemical characteristics of our water supply. Watch how students' natural curiosity is

rekindled as they collect tadpoles and learn about aquatic plants along the edge of a small pond or beaver wetlands. Pre-K through 2nd grade on-site programs are teacher led. Outreach programming also available.

Contact: 706-878-3087

UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium, Savannah

Environmental Education Program

All ages

The UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium is part of UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant. The facility operates year-round and offers a hands-on, feet-in approach to learning marine science and coastal ecology.

Field-based, laboratory, and interactive discussion programs address diverse marine science and coastal ecology topics. All programs align with Georgia Standards of Excellence, National Science and Ocean Literacy Standards.

Contact: 912-598-2335, <https://gacoast.uga.edu> or email mared@uga.edu