

Winter Fest - 1.5hr

An active celebration of winter in which students in small groups rotate through a series of outdoor activities; a winter plant relay, a rabbit and fox chase, and a game favored by Native Americans long ago. The group re-gathers indoors for a hot chocolate treat and a winter-themed story.

Before you go

Inform students that they will be visiting Carpenter Nature Center to learn what different plants and animals do to not only get ready for winter but also what they do as winter is occurring.

While you are here

Groups of students will rotate between three outdoor activities— a winter plant relay, a rabbit and fox chase game, and a game favored by Native Americans long ago.

- 0:00-0:15 Introduction—identifying and sorting different living and nonliving parts of nature and discussing the season of winter
- 0:15-0:35 Outdoor activity 1
- 0:35-0:55 Outdoor activity 2
- 0:55-1:15 Outdoor activity 3
- 1:15-1:30 Story—a winter themed story told with hot cocoa

After you leave

Review what some of the plants and animals do in the winter time or to get ready for the winter time.

Minnesota Standards

Carpenter Nature Center supplements standards by participating in benchmark activities. Listed below are benchmarks that students will participate in but not necessarily master.

Kindergarten:

Code	Benchmark
0.1.1.2.1	Use observations to develop an accurate description of a natural phenomenon and compare ones observations and descriptions to others
0.1.2.1.1	Sort objects into two groups: nature and man-made
0.4.1.1.1	Observe and compare plants and animals
0.4.1.1.3	Observe a natural system or its model and identify the living and nonliving components in the system

First Grade:

Code	Benchmark
1.1.1.1.2	Recognize that describing things as accurately as possible is important in science because it enables people to compare their observations with those of others
1.4.1.1.1	Describe/sort animals into groups, many ways according to physical and behavioral characteristics



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