

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.

Wisconsin Standards

Carpenter Nature Center address and partake in performance standards to help meet content standards. Additional classroom activities may be needed to complete performance standards.

Code	Performance Standard
A.4.1	When conducting science investigations, ask and answer questions that will help decide the general areas of science being addressed
A.4.5	When studying a science related problem decide what changes over time are occurring or have occurred
C.4.1	Use the vocabulary of the unifying themes to ask questions about objects, organisms, and events being studied

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C.4.7	Support conclusions with logical arguments
C.4.8	Ask additional questions that might help focus or further and investigation
E.4.6	Using science themes, find patters and cycles in the earths daily, yearly, and long term changes
F.4.3	Illustrate the different ways that organisms grow through life stages and survive to produce new members



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