

DICKINSON COUNTY NATURE CENTER

GRADE 1 — NATURE CENTER FIELD TRIP OVERVIEW

What students should

bring:

- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Tennis shoes or hiking boots
- Water bottle for drinking water
- Lunch

What teachers should

bring:

- Sunscreen/bug spray for class
- First aid kit

Activity 1: Life Underground

Led By: Dickinson County Conservation staff

Core Expectations: 1-LS1-1

Duration: 30 minutes

Description: In this activity, students will discover the unique adaptations of earthworms that allow them to live underground. Students will have the opportunity to find, hold, and observe live earthworms!

Activity 2: Okoboji Osprey

Led By: Dickinson County Conservation staff

Core Expectations: 1-LS1-1, 1-LS1-2, 1-LS3-1

Duration: 30 minutes

Description: While on a short birding trek, students will learn about the diversity of birds that live on the Dickinson County Nature Center grounds. The naturalist will introduce students to our flightless trumpeter swans and see our osprey nest.

Activity 3: Camouflage

Led By: Dickinson County Conservation staff

Core Expectations: 1-LS1-1

Duration: 30 minutes

Description: Through an interactive game of prairie hide-and-go-seek, students will learn what it is like to be an animal and use camouflage to hide from predators. Students will also review other animal adaptations and discuss why they are crucial for animal survival.

Activity 4: Nature Center Scavenger Hunt

Led By: District Teacher or Chaperone, if group is 40-100 students

Core Expectations: 21.K-2.ES.1, 21.K-2.ES.3, 21.K-2.ES.4

Duration: 30 minutes

Description: Students will be able to learn about the Dickinson County Nature Center and its exhibits through an interactive scavenger hunt. This scavenger hunt is designed to encourage free exploration by working in teams to find pictures and information from our displays.

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SIDE 2

Suggested Field Trip Itinerary

10 a.m. Arrive at the Dickinson County Nature Center

10-10:15 a.m. Introduction, break into groups

10:20-10:50 a.m. Activity 1

10:55-11:25 a.m. Activity 2

11:30 a.m.-noon Lunch

12:05-12:15 p.m. Clean up from lunch, bathrooms get back into groups

12:20-12:50 p.m. Activity 3

12:55-1:25 p.m. Activity 4

1:25-1:50 p.m. Playscape time

In order to give each student the opportunity to learn in our outdoor classroom, we try to keep our group numbers small. Your field trip may look different depending on your class size.

10-24 students: Students will participate as one group and rotate through the stations with one or more naturalist.

25-40 students : Students will be broken into two groups and rotate through stations with one of our naturalists.

40-100 students: Students will be broken into four groups and rotate through stations. With this option, teachers should be prepared to lead one activity on the property. The materials and lesson plan will be provided by the Dickinson County Nature Center staff.