



JASPER COUNTY
CONSERVATION

Homeschool Program Guide

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Jasper County Conservation Homeschool Programs

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Jasper County Conservation is proud to offer field day experiences for Jasper County Homeschool groups!

- Homeschool groups are limited to 3 field days per school calendar year.
- Scheduling can be done by calling or emailing Jade Read at 641-792-9780 or jread@jasperia.org. Field days are not guaranteed and scheduled based on naturalist availability.
- Payment for field days is due at the time of program.
- Space is limited for each field day and varies based on activity.
- Scheduling can be done early fall through April. Field days must be scheduled by the 1st week of April.



Other Public Opportunities:

Public Ski/Snowshoe

Public Paddle

Discovery Days at Mariposa

Conservation Summer Camps

**More events shared through the year!
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Fall: Jacob Krumm Nature Preserve

Jacob Krumm Nature Preserve, located on the eastern edge of Jasper County offers a variety of different habitats to explore. Students will have a chance to discover the diversity of plants and animals with a variety of activities including a naturalist led hike, native animal program, team building and bird watching. Students are encouraged to bring a lunch for a picnic in the park after. This program is for all school aged children. Children must have parent or guardian present.

Cost: \$5/Student Student Limit: 25 Time: 9am-Noon

Note: Young siblings of school aged children are allowed to participate in this field day with a parent or guardian at **no extra cost** with a parent or guardian present. Limitations apply.

Winter: Uncle Jake's Sugar Shack- Jacob Krumm Nature Preserve

Welcome the upcoming spring season with the tradition of maple syruping. Students will witness the wonder of turning sap from maple trees into sweet sticky maple syrup at Uncle Jake's Sugar Shack. Students will also learn about the history of collecting maple sap throughout North America. Syrup samples will be available for each student and parent. The sugar shack experience involves three rotational stations.

Station 1: Students learn how to identify trees using the buds and leaf scars on twigs. Students will also learn how to measure a tree's circumference to determine how many taps can be placed to collect sap.

Station 2: Students will hike to the silver maple stand located on the north side of Jacob Krumm Nature Preserve. After the short hike to the maple stand, students will learn how the sap is collected from the trees using tubing and a vacuum system ran by solar power.

Station 3: Half of the students will tour the sugar shack to see how sap is processed into syrup while the other half learns how to tap a maple tree.

This program is for all school aged children. Children must have parent or guardian present. Students are encouraged to bring a lunch for a picnic in the park.

Cost: \$5/Student Student Limit: 20 Time: 10am-1:30pm

Note: Due to safety, young siblings of school aged children are **NOT** allowed to participate in this field day.

Spring: Mariposa Park

Welcome spring at Mariposa Park with this fun, interactive field day. Students will participate in a naturalist led observation hike, explore our nature playscape and learn about the water quality of aquatic habitats through pond netting. Students are encouraged to bring a lunch for a picnic in the park after.

This program is for all school aged children. Children must have a parent or guardian present.

Cost: \$5/Student Student Limit:25 Time: 9am-Noon

Note: Young siblings of school aged children are allowed to participate in this field day with a parent or guardian at **no extra cost** with a parent or guardian present. Limitations apply.

Special Interest Program

Example: lure making, seed starting, service projects, etc..

Special interest programs are limited and scheduled based on naturalist availability.

Cost: \$10/Student (includes program and material fee)

