

## Mission

Camp Lee's environmental education programs embrace teachable moments in our outdoor classroom. Each instructor utilizes their own unique teaching style and will select activities for classes that best suit their expertise. Instructors will cover the objectives and principles of each learning station topic. Programs are correlated to state Course of Study and the Environmental Education Association of Alabama Environmental Literacy Plan (Best Practices in EE).

## Program Objectives

- Inspire Passion for the natural world!
- Connect guests with the environment through a "sense of place"
- Enable participants to enjoy, navigate, identify and study organisms, and forge a connection to and appreciation for the natural world.
- Immerse students in a safe environment to experience the joy and wonder of nature.
- Stimulate and foster stewardship and conservation of natural resources through education.
- Develop knowledge and skills to solve problems and resolve issues that hinder ecological, economic and social stability.
- Have fun!!!

**Fees range from \$15-\$30 per student depending on topic choices and group size. (MINIMUM \$150 per program fee)**

## Classroom/Outdoor Education Programs (1 Hour)

Indoors/Power Point & Hands-on Program provided as Classroom Outreach or at camp.

*Amphibians, Birds, Birds of Prey, Bugs, Healing Benefits of Nature, Leave No Trace, Mammals, Native Americans, Reptiles, Star Stories (Constellations), Soothing Salves, Terrific Trees, Tree Teas*

## Field Trips:

**Field Trips (2- 6 hours at Camp Lee):** Topics dependent upon instructor availability.  
\$15.00 per student (students bring their lunch) \$30.00 per student (lunch included)

**Extended Field Trips (3 Days, 2 nights at camp):** Topics dependent upon instructor availability.  
\$145.00 per student (meals and lodging included)

## Partners and Allies:

American Camp Association, Environmental Education Association of Alabama (EEAA), Anniston Museums and Longleaf Botanical Gardens, Mountains to the Marshes, American Adventure Park Systems, Anniston Parks and Recreation Department (PARC), Alabama Scenic River Trails, ACES, The Southern Herbalist, Alabama Wilderness Skills Group, Choccolocco Creek Watershed Alliance, Alabama Forestry Foundation, and many others.



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## Customized Outdoor Programs

Introduce your family, class, troop, club, or group to the natural wonder of Camp Lee. Programs are curriculum-based, hands-on, fun, and educational experiences in the field or classroom. Most of these topics can be adapted for field, indoor classrooms, or outdoor classrooms.

# Camp Lee Programs and Environmental Education



*A place to learn, grow and  
experience the wonder of  
the natural world!*

**Camp Lee EST. 1967**

## **Animal Adaptations (Zoology)**

-3rd - 8th Grades

-Activities: Students will participate in activities that illustrate animal adaptations. They will examine wings, claws, sharp teeth, camouflage, and supersonic hearing to learn how animals thrive in unique environments. Students will meet a live animal and let their imaginations run wild as they bring their own animal creation (craft or drawing) to life!

## **Black Bears and Beyond**

-2nd Grade - Adult

-Activities: Through interpretive teaching techniques such as role play, creative drama, and a black bear “rap” song, students are immersed in the natural history of the American black bear.

## **Bibbity Bobbity Bugs & Bug Hunt**

- Pre-K - 2nd Grades

-Activities: Students are led on an insect identification hike that includes live bugs and fake bugs. Creative drama activities are woven into the science so that the children are taught about the movement and sounds of insects through experiential play.

## **Birds: Birds of a Feather (Ornithology)**

-2nd Grade - Adult

-Activities: Students participate in a hands-on experiential learning hour focused on ornithology and the diversity of avifauna. Students study feathers, skulls, beaks, feet, bones, scat and pellets. Optional: Students participate in a bird identification hike or learn how to attract birds to their own yards/farms.

## **Canoeing**

-2nd Grade – Adult

-Activities: Students will learn paddling safety and technique from our trained lifeguard facilitators as they paddle around the main lake in a canoe or paddle board.

## **Critter Clues (Scat & Tracks)**

-3rd Grade – Adult

-Activities: Students can take a hike (or participate in an interactive classroom) to find evidence of animals in their habitats, examine animal pelts, skulls, tracks, scat and explore the effects of habitat loss.

## **Hiss & Ssslither (Herpetology)**

- Pre-K - Adult

-Activities: Students participate in a hands-on experiential learning hour about herpetology (amphibians and reptiles). Students meet live non-venomous snakes and reptiles.

## **Insect Safari (Entomology)**

-3rd Grade - Adult

-Activities: Through discovery-oriented explorations of habitats, students collect and study insects in their natural setting. Students use sweep nets, collecting jars and magnifying equipment.

## **Native American (Cultural Heritage)**

-3rd Grade - Adult

-Activities: Hands-on activities including games, crafts, tools, edible/medicinal plants, and demonstrations to help students understand the sustainability of prehistoric and historic Native American lifestyles.

## **Nature Journaling & Creative Writing**

-4th Grade - Adult

-Activities: Students learn to express themselves articulately. Sequenced drawing, sensory awareness, and observation activities help students hone their creative writing skills. Surrounded by forest, creeks, rivers and canyons, even the most reluctant writer finds that words can come easily.

## **Night Hike**

-1st Grade – Adult

-Activities: Stroll under a stunning starry canopy, sensory activities, games, observe nocturnal wildlife, learn to navigate constellations, catch fire flies, and develop skills to identify nocturnal animals by sound.

## **Novels in Nature Walk (Nature Connections)**

-3rd – Adult

- Activities: Activities that focus on structure, function and identification of native plants that help the student see every plant as a unique living organism. The students will be guided through the forest, studying the interdependence of the living and non-living components.

## **On Eagle’s Wings (Birds of Prey)**

- Pre-K - Adult

- Activities: Students learn about bird of prey adaptations (talons, wings, beak, excellent eye sight, etc..) as one students is turned into a bald eagle. They will also meet a live bird of prey. (Species will depend on which bird is available.)

## **Rock Wall**

- 2nd Grade - Adult

-Activities: Students will learn climbing safety and technique from our trained high-ropes facilitators as they scramble to the top of a 40-foot climbing wall on the beginner or advanced route.

## **Rockin’ & Rollin’ (Geology/Geography)**

-4th Grade - Adult

-Activities: Students explore rock types, the rock cycle and the structure of local geology as it relates to the Earth. They will use observation skills to understand how the geology of the land affects the present ecosystem and how it gives clues about the past.

## **Splashing in My Puddle (Water Shed/Water Cycle)**

- 1st - 5th Grades

-Activities: Students will review the water cycle and the importance of freshwater environments to plants and animals. Students will participate in activities to help them better understand these aquatic ecosystems and the effects of human impact.

## **Survival Skills (Zombie Apocalypse Twist)**

-3rd Grade - Adult

-Activities: Students will learn skills and strategies for staying safe and calm in a lost wilderness situation. They will build skills in trip planning and preparation, utilization of outdoor equipment and gear, and primitive living skills. Students will use ingenuity and teamwork during the hands-on activities such as shelter building with natural resources, fire building, collecting potable water, and packing a survival kit.

## **Teams Initiative Course (Team Building Maze)**

-2nd Grade - Adult

- Activities: Students will stretch their communication skills as they are paired off into teams. One student will use vocal cues to navigate their blindfolded teammate through the maze.

## **Teddy Bear Hike (Observations and Connections)**

-Pre-K - 2nd Grade

-Activities: Students take an easy guided hike along a trail. Toy (but realistic) stuffed animals have been placed along the trail in natural poses. The students stop at each animal and are asked a series of questions and then told a story about the animal.

## **Tree Talk (Botany)**

-4th Grade - Adult

-Activities: Students explore the recreational, ecological, and economical use of the forest. Through hiking, discussions, measurement activities, and role playing, students analyze their own values.

## **Un-Natural Trail Activity & Challenge**

-2nd Grade – Adult

-Activities: Students participate in a nature observation hike quietly counting the ‘un-natural items’ they see hidden along the trail. This activity can become a measurable challenge for learning successful observation skills.

## **Water Kids! (Water Quality)**

-7th Grade - Adult

Activities: Through biological sampling students gain an understanding of water quality parameters, learn how to assess water quality and become aware of the impact humans can have on waterways.

## **Windows to Nature: Enhancing Observation Skills through Fairy Houses**

- 1st Grade – Adult

-Activities: Students will use imagination, creativity and engineering skills to create micro habitats with a fun fairy tale twist. Through this creative outdoor activity, children gain a better understanding of natural history and the connections between all living things.