



Overnight Programs

Customize Your Group's Overnight Experience!

Create an exciting indoor/outdoor adventure including just the features you want. Based at the Overnight Lodge at Ashland Nature Center, each overnight program includes a night hike, campfire, morning walk and **your choice** of one Evening Program (see below) and **your choice** of one Field Study (complete listing on Page 6; see page 15 for cost and reservation details).

Try a Themed Overnight!

Themed overnights include special activities and a theme-related craft in addition to the standard night hike, campfire, and morning walk. Call 302-239-2334, ext. 110 for exact dates. Chose from among our themed program listings below:

OVERNIGHT SCHEDULE

DAY 1

6:00 – 6:30 pm	Arrive & unpack
6:30 – 7:00 pm	Orientation
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Choice of Evening Program
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Night Hike
9:00 – 9:30 pm	Campfire

DAY 2

7:30 – 8:15 am	Morning Walk
9:00 – 11:00 am	Choice of Field Study
11:30 am	Depart

OVERNIGHT LODGE AMENITIES INCLUDE:

- Two dormitories with bunkbeds for up to 72 people
- Large, modern kitchen and appliances, with all utensils
- Great Room with fireplace, seating for 80
- Panoramic view
- Restrooms with showers
- Electrical generator to ensure comfort and safety

EVENING PROGRAM CHOICES

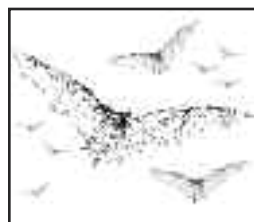
Astronomy

Make your own star finder and learn how to use it. Climb Hawk Watch Hill for a breathtaking view of the heavens as you learn to identify stars, constellations, and planets.



Bats of America

Learn about these often misunderstood mammals while examining mounted specimens and viewing slides. Outside, visit a Bat House and use a bat detector to listen for echolocation calls.



Nocturnal Animals

No telling what creatures you might meet on a dark night. Discover night life in nature through meeting feathered, furry and scaled, live and taxidermied animals.



THEMED OVERNIGHT PROGRAMS

Coverdale Farm (see schedule at right)

Jump into the farm cycles of life! Discover the basics of animal husbandry with daily chores at Coverdale Farm. Milk the dairy cow and bottle-feed the calves; feed and water chickens and chicks; feed the sheep their grain and the pigs their grain and milk. Dig into the garden and crop fields to seed, weed, and harvest the seasonal plants. Make a farm-based lunch and hike from farm to forest. This Overnight begins at Ashland Nature Center Lodge with a night hike and a popcorn snack from corn grown at Coverdale and butter you make yourself. Pack up your vehicles after breakfast the following morning and caravan over to the farm for a day of fun! (Offered in September; maximum 25 participants)



Owl Prowl (January)

Beautiful, spooky, wise, ominous...Since ancient times, humans have associated owls with many different, often contradictory qualities . . . (continued on Page 4)

OVERNIGHT SCHEDULE

DAY 1 – Your Choice of Themed Program

6:00 – 6:30 pm	Arrive & unpack
6:30 – 7:00 pm	Orientation
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Themed Program Activities
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Night Hike
9:00 – 9:30 pm	Campfire

DAY 2

7:30 – 8:30 am	Morning Walk
9:30 – 11:30 am	Hike/ Activities/Craft
12:00 pm	Depart

COVERDALE THEMED OVERNIGHT SCHEDULE

DAY 1

6:00 – 6:30 pm	Arrive & unpack
6:30 – 7:00 pm	Orientation
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Butter and Popcorn-making
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Night Hike
9:00 – 9:30 pm	Campfire

DAY 2

7:00 – 8:45 am	Breakfast, cleanup, pack, drive from Ashland to Coverdale Farm
9:00 – 10:30 am	Farm chores
10:30 – 11:30 am	Gardening
11:30 – 12:30 pm	Cleanup, lunch preparation
12:30 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Farm to Forest hike
2:00 pm	Depart



THEMED OVERNIGHTS (cont'd. from Page 3)

Learn the myths and truths about these creatures. Discover the secret of owl ears and what we have in common with owl eyes. Listen to owl calls and use recordings to attract one close to us during a night hike. Dissect an owl pellet to discover what these silent hunters eat. View live and taxidermied owl prey up close and see how your senses stack up against an owl's. Create a unique craft to take home.



Maple Sugaring (February)

What does a maple tree look like? How did local animals help Native Americans discover its sweet secret? Find out the answers as you "Meet the Tree", learn about the winter habits of some of Ashland's live animal collection, and try your hand at drilling, tapping, and boiling down sap to syrup. Compare the flavors of maple and other syrups during a taste test, hear a story of "backyard sugarin'", and compete in the "Winter Clothes Relay".



Spring Chorus (April)

Meet live amphibians, listen to frog and toad calls, go on a night hunt for amphibians and their eggs; and become a "citizen scientist" during a National Wildlife Federation Frogwatch survey. After an early-morning birding walk, join in on games of "Fill the Bill" and "Bird Behavior Bingo", a Signs of Spring hike, an up-close encounter with a live duck, and make a special take-home craft.



Birds, Bees, & Butterflies (June)

Explore habitats where birds are nesting and raising young, flowers are blooming, and insects are buzzing. Search Ashland's meadows for butterflies, caterpillars, and other insects;



join a "Birding with Binoculars" hike, and visit the Butterfly House. Learn who eats what and help collect food for resident caterpillars. Discover the secrets of attracting birds and beneficial (and beautiful!) insects to your own yard, and get a head start by taking home a plant that these creatures love.

Lenape Lifeways (November)

The native Lenni Lenape depended on the natural world for everything in their lives. Experience life as they did. Hear stories from the people of "Turtle Island" and hike to a replica wigwam while tracking the animals and finding the plants that made their survival possible. Dress in Lenape clothing, examine tools and artifacts, whittle and crack nuts with stone tools, and make a clay pot.

