



Dear Fellow Educators,

For 44 years the Delaware Nature Society (DNS) has provided students and adults with meaningful outdoor experiences focused on science, natural history, agriculture, and cultural history. At our three primary education centers in Delaware (Abbott's Mill Nature Center, Milford; Ashland Nature Center, Hockessin; Coverdale Farm, Greenville) and natural preserve lands, DNS offers hands-on, experiential education programming to students and teachers that complement classroom curriculum, are connected to state and national standards, and engage all learners. Studies have shown that participating in outdoor education programs can improve student achievement, reduce behavioral problems, and connect students to a tangible, real-world topic of study.

Whether you are looking for DNS staff to visit your school or you are interested in multi-day extended field experiences, the Delaware Nature Society has the opportunity for you! We look forward to seeing you and your students this school year!

Sincerely,
Helen F. Fischel
Associate Director, Education

Registering your program

We strive to make setting up a program easy. Our staff is happy to help you choose the right program to suit your needs, and scholarships are available to help make your program happen!

Select your program from the field study listings on pages 6-19 or choose the location you would like to visit and contact the appropriate staff person, or use the Reservation Form on page 23 and we will contact you.

Multiple Choices for Your Nature Experience

Education programs with the Delaware Nature Society are designed to be hands-on, inquiry based, and age-appropriate. We offer programs for a broad range of topics, times, and costs and can customize programs to suit your needs.

School Day Field Studies at Abbott's Mill Nature Center, Ashland Nature Center, Coverdale Farm or Cooch-Dayett Mills. Field studies are a great way to engage your students in hands-on investigations into the curriculum. Choose a program or ask us about custom-designed programs. Consider scheduling morning and afternoon programs with a picnic lunch to maximize use of the bus. Programs are listed by grade cluster on pages 6-19.

Classroom and School Grounds Outreach Programs At Your School

Choose an Outreach Program and let the Delaware Nature Society come to you! DNS offers presentations and activities in your classroom and outside on your school grounds. See programs listed as "Classroom Outreach" or "School Grounds Outreach" on pages 6-19.

Overnight and Extended-Day Programs with Ashland Nature Center or Abbott's Mill Nature Center. Overnights and Extended Days are a special adventure for everyone! One to three day programs are developed collaboratively with school leaders, assuring that educational standards and objectives are integrated into program design. A great kickoff or culminating activity for your curriculum! A free teacher's planning guide will be sent to you upon reserving a date. Reservations are accepted year round; see details on pages 4-5.

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