Schoolyard Fall Programming

SCHOOLYARD PROGRAMS FOR JK-8 STUDENTS

Enjoy programs provided by Conservation Sudbury's Outdoor Environmental Education team in your own schoolyard! (Programs available to schools within the City of Greater Sudbury)

JK/SK – Kinder Discover
Meet Gus who dreams he is a tree and get to know some new tree friends in your schoolyard. Explore your schoolyard using your senses on a scavenger hunt and play some animal-themed games.

Grade 1 – A Season of Change
Explore the signs of Fall in your schoolyard – games and a scavenger hunt will help you to notice and learn about how plants and animals change with the seasons.

Grade 2 – Adaptation Exploration
Explore how physical and behavioural adaptations help creatures to survive in their environments. Role play being a predator trying to pick up as many prey as possible, and also a prey trying to avoid being seen by a predator to explore the concept of camouflage.

Grade 3 – Don't Treat Soil Like Dirt!
Discover the composition of soils in different areas of your schoolyard. Role play parts of the food chain in an active game that explores soil's importance.

Grade 4 – At Home in the Habitat
Explore the community that calls your schoolyard home through a habitat study. An active game explores how habitats can affect animal populations.

Grade 5 – Changing Climate
Role play how Greenhouse Gases work to warm the planet and consider where they come from and how they affect us. Explore some ways to help reduce Climate Change.

Grade 6 – Diversity of Living Things
Explore the Biodiversity in your schoolyard, and play an active game that considers how habitat loss and fragmentation can affect animal populations.

Grade 7 – The Web of Life
Explore the web in your schoolyard. What are the biotic and abiotic components of your schoolyard ecosystem? Play an active Predator-Prey game to see how populations interact and affect each other.

Grade 8 – World of Water
Explore different surfaces in your schoolyard to see where run-off may occur and how this can affect our watershed and ultimately all of the creatures who live in it.

Programs Available Tuesday - Friday
September 22 - November 13, 2026

Check out these other exciting program options!

Wild About Team Building (Grades 3+)
We can learn from the many ways that living creatures work together in the natural world. Participate in some "wild" team building activities in the outdoors which will help your class become a better team right in your own school yard!

A Fall Dose of Vitamin N (Grades 1+)
Get a healthy dose of "Vitamin N" (Nature), by spending time outdoors getting to know Nature, your schoolyard and yourself, all at the same time through a variety of nature appreciation activities.

Survival Skills (Grades 4+)
Interested in Outdoor Survival? Learn some practical skills in a safe, fun way, which can include the basic needs for survival with a 5 Needs Scavenger Hunt, fire lighting or (mini) shelter building (time and schoolyard permitting).

Art in Nature (Grade 4-8)
Discover the beautiful colours and patterns in nature in your schoolyard. Use the natural materials you have found to create your own natural masterpiece!

BOOKING PROCEDURES AND FEES

Reservations

Step 1: Speak directly with our Education Program Manager by phone: **(705) 674-8904** or email: Daniela.Stuewer@ConservationSudbury.ca to select a date and discuss program availability.

Step 2: We will send you a Schoolyard Visits booking form to complete and submit to: Daniela.Stuewer@ConservationSudbury.ca

Step 3: Program staff will confirm your visit and discuss any special requirements or objectives.

Program Fees

$190.00 plus tax if one block is booked.

$165.00 plus tax per block if two different time blocks are booked for the same day.

$140.00 plus tax per block if four time blocks are booked for the same day.

**There is an additional mileage cost for schools that are over 25 km distance from Lake Laurentian Conservation Area of $0.66/km after 25 km.*

Program blocks are 1-1.5 hrs depending on school schedules.

Schools will be invoiced following their visit.

Cancellation Policy

There is no charge for cancellation if notice is given two weeks before your scheduled visit. If a cancellation is received with less than two weeks' notice, a cancellation fee of half of the projected program fee will apply.

*Special exemption is given when visits are cancelled due to inclement weather. This exemption applies to cancellations made the afternoon prior to or morning of a visit, due to extreme weather.

Please email or call the Education Program Manager at (705) 674-8904 to reschedule in the event of cancellations due to weather.

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