Harris Nature Center
Elementary School Programs

All lessons are designed to be 1.5 hours long and are taught by our experienced Naturalist staff. Modifications can be made to the length and content of the lessons as needed. Programs include time inside the nature building, as well as time on the trails and in the various park habitats. The fee is $75/class for the standard 1.5 hour program.

- **Adapted for Survival** *animal classifications, animal & plant adaptations, live animals*
- **Animal Tracks** *identifying animal tracks, looking for tracks along the trail*
- **Autumn Countdown** *animals preparing for winter; includes live animals*
- **Backyard Birds** *bird adaptations, bird sounds and bird identification*
- **Geology** *types of rocks, rock cycle, weathering and erosion*
- **Habitats & Ecosystems** *food web, habitats, basic life needs, survival adaptations*
- **Insects & Invertebrates** *introduction to insects, life cycles and catching insects in the meadow*
- **Michigan Mammals** *mammal furs and skulls, mammal adaptations*
- **Michigan Wildflowers** *parts of a wildflower, plant life cycle, spring wildflowers*
- **Misunderstood Animals** *spiders, snakes, toads, bats; includes live animals*
- **My Five Senses** *using our 5 senses in nature*
- **Reptiles & Amphibians** *adaptations for cold-blooded animals; includes live animals*
- **Seasonal Ecology** *observe seasonal changes and its impact on plants & animals*
- **Traveling Seeds** *fall native plants and their seed dispersal*
- **Tree-mendous Plants** *seed dispersal, parts of a tree, build a tree activity*
- **Water Everywhere** *water cycle, introduction to watersheds & wetlands*

Outreach Programs are available for many of these topics. These lessons are 1 hour long with a $75/class fee, plus a mileage charge to travel outside of Meridian Township.

HNC also offers **Virtual Programs**. **Wildlife Encounters** is a 30 minute lesson that includes a virtual tour of the center along with an up close look at some of the resident animals. The fee is $25/class.

Please call the Harris Nature Center at **517.349.3866** to book your program today!