



WHIRLIGIGS PRESCHOOL PROGRAM



Curious young minds come here to learn and play!

Our experienced educators provide a safe and inviting space to explore the natural world. Activities are age appropriate and engaging. The Whirligigs program is a drop-off program, open to potty trained children ages 3–5. Pre-registration is required. We cannot accommodate walk-in participants. Sign your child up for a few classes or for the eight class package.



Summer Classes—ANIMAL ADVENTURES

This summer we will embark on an animal adventure! Join us as we explore animals of the north woods. Each week we will investigate a different group of animals. We will find out what makes a good animal home and what animals at the Aquarium eat for dinner.



Each 1.5 hour class includes:

- Hands-on activities and experiments
- Story time
- Visit to Aquarium exhibits and/or hike around Aquarium grounds
- Animal encounters throughout season
- Art project
- A take home newsletter with family activities and at home connections for the weekly theme



Class Times

(Choose one class per week)

TUESDAYS 10-11:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS 1-2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS 10-11:30 a.m.

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THURSDAYS 10-11:30 a.m.

Single Class Fees

Members - \$10.00/child

Non-members—\$12.00/child

Package Rates (all eight classes)

Members—\$70/child

Non-members—\$84/child

No refunds available.

Pre-Registration Required

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Scholarships are available.

Registration begins May 8. See the exciting schedule of dates and topics on reverse page.

Join us this summer for hands-on exploring, animal encounters and plenty of freshwater fun!

- June 13/14/15** **Creepy Crawlies**
What would it be like to live without bones? We will investigate animals with no bones in their bodies that live on land, swim in water and fly through the air. We will head outside to net some insects living near the Aquarium.
- June 20/21/22** **Birds of a Feather**
Feathers and flight! Birds show us an array of brilliant colors and other amazing adaptations that make them unlike any other animals. We will learn about some local birds and do some birding nearby.
- June 27/28/29** **Frog Hop**
Hop, Jump, and SPLASH in to the world of amphibians. Frogs and salamanders may be secretive and hard to find outside, but inside the Aquarium they are active and awake. We will take a closer look at amphibian life and lifecycles.
- July 4/5/6** **NO WHIRLIGIGS! Happy Fourth of July!**
- July 11/12/13** **Fur Fun**
Let's learn about mammals! Fur is important to camouflage and keeps animals warm and dry. Mammals come in all shapes and sizes; we will investigate how they are different and what makes them all mammals.
- July 18/19/20** **Fantastic Fish**
We celebrate water and fish here at the Aquarium every day! Many people in the Northland like to catch them, care for them in tanks, and even draw or paint them. During this class we will dive in deeper to the amazing underwater world of fish.
- July 25/26/27** **Reptiles Rock**
From giant dinosaurs to slithering snakes, reptiles have been an amazing part of life on our planet! This week it's the reptiles' turn to shine. Time to dig up clues from dinosaurs, meet modern day reptiles and learn what makes this such a great group of animals.
- August 1/2/3** **Habitat is a home**
Where does a river otter sleep at night? How many squirrels can live in one tree? We have learned about many different animal groups, and now we will focus on what makes a good home, or habitat, for animals.
- August 8/9/10** **What's for dinner?**
All animals need food and water! What is on an otter's dinner plate? Join us for our final class to learn about animal food and help to feed some of the animals around the Aquarium.



For more information and to register contact Larissa Giebner: lgiebner@glaquarium.org (218) 740-2025