

WHIRLIGIGS PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

What will your young naturalist discover today?



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.

Winter Class themes—Winter Lake Study:

Winter in the Northland may be cold and snowy, but it is far from a quiet time of year! We will spend the winter studying life in and around a frozen lake.

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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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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Registration begins December 12. See the exciting schedule of dates and topics on reverse page.

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

January 3/4

Winter Under Water

As ice forms over the top of a lake in the winter, what happens to plants and animals living under water? This is a great start to our winter season and our investigation around a winter lake.

January 10/11

Fish Senses

We explore the world with our senses. Fish employ their senses underwater to help them find their way, avoid danger or look for food. This week we will take a closer look at fish and learn about their special senses, by comparing them to our own.

January 17/18

Animal Engineers

Along the edge of a winter lake you might discover a lodge of logs and mud. Beavers are excellent engineers. This week we will focus on building animal homes from tunnels to nests and beaver dams and lodges.

January 24/25

Stomp, slither and flap: Animal Moves

Tracks in the snow and mud show us that animals have been nearby, they can also give us an idea of how animals move their bodies. We will sort animals into groups based on how they move, and get plenty of exercise today with moves of our own!

Jan 31 / Feb 1

Rocks, Rock!

From the sand and gravel at the bottom of a lake, to the cliffs and pebbles along Lake Superior rocks tell a story of how the land was formed. Young rock hounds will get hands on with local rocks this week and learn how they are made.

February 7/8

Plankton Party

What is tiny, drifts through the water, and comes in thousands of amazing shapes? Plankton! Drift on in and discover the incredible microscopic world under water. Preschoolers will get a chance to dress up like some of our fresh water plankton.

February 14/15

Oh Deer! And other Mammal Fun

There are many mammals active during the winter months. We will take a look at warm mammal fur and find out how deer, and other mammals, brave the cold and find food.

February 21/22

Snow Study

Magnify a snowflake and you will find that each is a unique and beautiful structure. Together we will take a closer look at snowflakes, snow clouds, and snow covered forests.



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