

Kreher Preserve & Nature Center



School Programs

The Kreher Preserve and Nature Center is an outreach program of the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences at Auburn University. The KPNC is a beautiful 120 acre site with over 5 miles of hiking trails, a pond with dock and boardwalks, butterfly, vegetable, native plant, bog and native azalea gardens. Wander through the preserve to enjoy informational kiosks, a turtle habitat, a bird watching station, an old homestead site, a honey bee observation site, a wildlife blind and waterfall. Facilities include a covered pavilion, amphitheater, restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, and a nature playground – the first of its kind in the Southeast.

PROGRAM TOPICS INCLUDE:

Zoology Classes:

- Awesome Amphibians
- Birds of a Feather (Beaks, Feet, and Tweet)
- Incredible Insects
- Marvelous Mammals
- Radical Reptiles
- Nuts for Nature (this includes a little of all of these)

Focus Species Classes:

- The Busy Beaver
- Creatures of the Night (bats, owls and other nocturnal animals)
- Snakes Alive!
- Turtle Talk
- What's the Buzz about Bees and Pollination?

Botany Classes:

- The Power of Plants
- Tremendous Trees and Goods from the Woods

Geology Classes:

- Alabama Rocks-Geology
- The Dirt on Alabama
- Soils and Landforms

The World Around Us:

- Environmental Issues/Sustainability
- Food Webs and Habitats
- Wetland Wonders (5th grade and up- this class is 2 hours long and is \$6/student)

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Can be customized for age
- \$5 per child, \$60 minimum
- Teachers and parents free (no siblings permitted)
- Classes are 1.5 – 2 hours
- Programs include guided hikes
- Closed-toed shoes recommended
- Picnic lunches welcomed

Visit the Nature Playground!

The Nature Playground beckons the children to explore, so we suggest you allow some time for that activity. This playground is not like the treeless, conventional swing and slide playgrounds found in most towns. It is a rich, naturalistic play space full of mounds, logs, tunnels, fallen trees, boulders and some creative structures including a beaver lodge, tree house and eagles nest. This play space will allow children unstructured imaginative play in a "safe" environment.

The Kreher Preserve and Nature Center offers excellent opportunities for hands-on interactive learning, with programs suitable for all ages, including the Nuts for Nature, Radical Reptile, Incredible Insect, and Busy Beaver programs, particularly favored by younger children. Large school groups will be divided into classes and lead through 30–40 minute program rotations including a nature hike and playground visit.

For more information, visit auburn.edu/preserve, email preserve@auburn.edu, or call outreach administrator, Jennifer Lolley at 334-707-6512.
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