



Naturalist Notes

Winter/Spring 2019



Winter Wildlife is my most popular winter program! Discuss camouflage, migration, adaptations, and hibernation.

Jr. Naturalists 2019

We're continuing this program into 2019! This monthly program geared towards children kindergarten age and under is offered on the second Thursday of the month and includes a mix of hands-on activities ranging from crafts, songs, stories, and games. Each month is on a different nature-themed topic. This program is free of charge and will be held at the CCCB office. Dates and topics for the next three months are listed are below in Events. You can find the schedule for the rest of the year on our [website](#). This program series is also available as a school program, so if you'd like a monthly visit for your students, let me know and we can get something setup!



Winter Recreation Reminder!

We have various sizes of cross country skis available, but they are limited. If you'd like a program using this equipment, I'd be more than happy to bring the equipment to you, but plan on having a rotation of skiing with another program or two since I will most likely not have enough equipment for everyone at the same time. Depending on age, we can usually accommodate 10-15 students at a time. Also, given enough notice, I can provide a snowshoe program. Snowshoes will work for grades 4th and up. Outside of programming, anyone many rent skis for \$5/day.

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Cherokee County Conservation Board programs are:

- Hands-on and engaging
- Available year-round, indoors or outdoors, and at other locations
- For all ages
- Custom (I will make a program to fit your needs!)
- FREE!

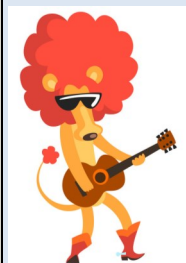


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Students learning to cross country ski



I Want to Hear From You!



As your county naturalist, I'm always trying to evolve and create or improve programs. Of course, I'm inspired by what other naturalists say they're doing, but I would really love to hear from you! Have you not invite me into your classroom because you wish I offered ____? Are there topics that you'd like me to cover? Do you want more hands-on activities? Just shoot me an e-mail (cccblaura@gmail.com) and tell me what you want. I mean, I'm taking a shot in the dark and learning to play guitar so I can incorporate songs into programs, but does anyone actually want that in their classroom?!?!

How to Schedule a Program

Contact me with a topic that you have in mind, your grade level, number of students, and a date. I can always stop by if you have a big event in mind or need to collaborate with other teachers. There's no way I can list every potential program topic when it comes to the outdoors, so contact me with your idea and I'll create something for you! **Laura's contact information: 712-225-6709 or cccblaura@gmail.com**

Upcoming CCCB Events

January 13: Adult Skills Series– Beginner Beekeeping

Learn basic bee biology, take a look at beekeeping equipment, and try local honey as our Naturalist tells you about the two CCCB hives. This program will take place in the CCCB office at 2:00pm.

February 14: Adult Skills Series– Love Yourself: Essential Oil Make & Take

During this program we will focus on the healthful benefits of essential oils and make a sample product that you can take home. Join us in the CCCB office at 5:30pm. There will be a small fee for the take home item.

March 3: Adult Skills Series– Beginner Homebrewing (Beer)

Guest speaker Jordan Messerole will be showing us some of his homebrewing equipment and walking us through the process of making a beer that you can drink and be proud of. Meet us at the CCCB office at 2:00pm.

Jr Naturalist Programs: CCCB Office (629 River Rd) @ 10:00am: January 10– Fun with Fur, February 14– Nocturnal Animals, March 14– Tracks. More information listed in article above.

FLOATING PROGRAMS– Scheduled when there's enough snow & weather allows.

January-February: Winter Games We're partnering with the Cherokee Parks & Rec Dept to offer outdoor snow activities for 5th-8th graders. Camp will go from 1:00-3:30pm on a Sunday afternoon.

January-March: Cross Country Skiing @ Redtail Ridge This program will be scheduled on a Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:30pm when there is enough snow on the ground to ski.

For more information, visit our Events calendar under "About Us". Program dates, locations, and content are subject to change. Check the CCCB website (www.cherokeecountyparks.com) and Facebook page for up-to-date information.