

Environmental EDUCATION

Programs at Saluda Shoals Park

- South Carolina & National Standards-Based Education Programs
- Inquiry-Based Learning
- 480-acre classroom



Saluda Shoals
PARK

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Help your students discover their place in nature and nature's place within themselves. At Saluda Shoals Park, our Rangers are enthusiastic teachers guiding young learners as they discover the beauty, wonder, and intricacies of the natural world. So, whether you're looking for a lesson on life science, physical science or earth science, our 400-acre classroom and qualified staff can spark the spirit of discovery in students and teachers alike. Come experience the wonder of nature where we put science in the hands of students!

Our programs are inquiry-based and developed to address and meet the new South Carolina and National Science Standards. Programs may include some or all of the following components: a field study, interactive hike, STEM activities, low ropes/challenge course elements, and themed games.

- Teachers and chaperones attend at no additional cost.
- One teacher must be with each class.
- Additional chaperones are welcome.
- A 1:10 ratio per class is required.
- Each program is designed for up to 25 children.
- Arrangements can be made for schools bringing more than fifty students.

Our Programs

HOMESCHOOL ADVENTURE LEARNING

Join park rangers for this monthly environmental education program designed for homeschool students! New topics are offered each month!

Preregistration is required.

- Ages 5–7 or Ages 8–12
- \$6/per student

PRESCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

This one-hour program for preschool institution/child care centers includes a sensory story, interactive hike, science lab, and a themed game. The program choices are *Terrific Turtles* or *Brilliant Birds*.

- Ages 2–4
- \$4/per student

SPECIAL NEEDS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

This one-hour program, *Sensing Our Wild Habitats*, includes sensory exploration stations, an ADA accessible hike, fish traps, live specimen interactions, and a Leo's Landing Playground picnic shelter for lunch.

- Grades K–12
- \$4/per student

CUSTOM PROGRAMS

Custom programs are available for school or education groups. For more information, call 803-213-2055.

- Grades K–12
- \$40/fee plus per student price



SC Science Standard Based K-12 School Programs

These programs include a field study, interactive hike, STEM activities and themed games. Teachers and chaperones attend at no additional cost. A 1:10 ratio per class is required and one teacher must be with each class.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Programs include a field study, interactive hike, STEM activities and themed games.

- 1.5 hour programs
- \$6/per student
- Nature Investigators Activity Boxes - \$40/flat rate rental for use during program
- Program Extension - \$2/additional per student



Grade	Title	Standards	Field Study
Kindergarten	Wild Ways of the Woodpecker	K-LS1-1, K-ESS2-2, K-ESS3-1, K-ESS3-3	Bug nets and forest bug traps
1 st Grade	Growing Up in the Meadow Habitat	1-LS1-1, 1-LS1-2, 1-LS3-1	Bug nets and meadow/aquatic crate traps
2 nd Grade	Dragons in the Sky and Dragons in the Water	2-LS2-1, 2-LS2-2, 2-LS4-1	Net dipping and aquatic crate traps
3 rd Grade	Traits of Survival	3-LS1-1, 3-LS2-1, 3-LS3-1, 3-LS3-2, 3-LS4-2, 3-LS4-3	Net dipping and fish traps
4 th Grade	Wetland Habitat Exploration	4-LS1-1, 4-LS1-2	Net dipping
5 th Grade	Life and Decomposing in the Riparian Forest	5-PS3-1, 5-LS1-1, 5-LS2-1	Cover boards and pit traps

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Programs include a field study, low ropes/challenge course elements, STEM activities, and themed games.

- 1.5 hour programs
- \$8/per student
- Nature Investigators Activity Boxes - \$40/flat rate rental for use during program
- Program Extension - \$2/additional per student



Grade	Title	Standards	Field Study
6 th Grade	Weather, Water, Watersheds	6-ESS2-2, 6-ESS2-4, 6-ESS3-2	Net dipping and aquatic crate traps
7 th Grade	Bass, Bears, and Ecosystem Balance	7-LS2-1, 7-LS2-2, 7-LS2-3, 7-LS2-4	Net dipping and fish traps
8 th Grade	Day in the Life of the Riparian Hawk	8-LS1-4, 8-LS1-5, 8-LS4-4	Net dipping and cover boards

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- 1.5 hour programs
- Students will become a forest ecologist or river ecologist for a day in these green job introduction classes.

Title	Standards	Includes	Price
Forest Ecologist	B-LS2-1, B-LS2-2, B-LS2-6, B-LS2-7, B-LS4-2	Land-based forest health ecology studies	\$6/per student
River Ecologist	B-LS2-1, B-LS2-2, B-LS2-6, B-LS2-7, B-LS4-2	River-based river health ecology studies	\$10/per student

TROUT RELEASE DAY PROGRAM

This program is coordinated with SCDNR's Trout in the Classroom program and covers the importance of riparian habitats on the survival of Trout.

- 1.5 hour program
- Grades K-12
- \$6/per student

OUTREACH - SCHOOL YARD INVESTIGATORS: A NATURE MYSTERY

This 45-minute program includes school yard field study, STEM activities, and a science-based mystery game.

- Grades K-5
- Up to 25 students per class
- \$100/per class plus travel fee (Travel fee = round-trip mileage : 0-15 miles at \$15, 16-30 miles at \$30, 31- 45 miles at \$45)
- Schedule of multiple classes will be coordinated with park ranger and teacher to be as efficient as possible

VIRTUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM - ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A PARK RANGER?

This 30–45-minute program includes a meet and greet with a park ranger and biofact quiz game. For up to 25 students.

- Ages K–12
- \$30/30 min.; \$45/45 min.

GUIDED NATURE WALKS

Take a walk through Saluda Shoals Park's many habitats and trails guided by a park ranger. Learn about the unique plants and animals that call the park home. Educational content can be adjusted to any age level.

- Maximum 20
- \$35/per group

Scheduling Environmental Education Programs

- Advanced reservations are required! Reservations are accepted in the order calls are received.
- To schedule a program, or for more information, call the Environmental Education Center M–F, between 8:30 A.M.–5:00 P.M. at **803-213-2055**.
- April and May are peak months so call early!



Scan this QR code for registration forms and details.

