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CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

OUTDOOR RANGERS

DECEMBER - JUNE, MONDAY or TUESDAY, 9:30-11:30 or 12:30-2:30 PM, VAN VLECK FARM SANCTUARY, TRAIL HOUSE. Specialty theme-centered topics that are geared for the preschool mind. Programs are presented in a manner that is easy for your 3-5 year old to understand and enjoy. Classes explore nature through crafts, projects, games, stories, hikes, nature activities, mini-experiments, and time to snack. Registration required. Fee: \$13/members; 18/non-members, per class.

Jan. 5 & 6	Winter Wonderland
Jan. 12 & 13	Dino-Might
Jan. 19 & 20	Wildlife Watch
Jan. 26 & 27	Frosty Friends
Feb. 2 & 3	For The Birds
Feb. 9 & 10	Calling All Cats
Feb. 16 & 17	Earth Tales
Feb. 23 & 24	Wild Wild World
March 1 & 2	Leaping Lizards
March 8 & 9	Maple Madness
March 15 & 16	Can Do Kids
March 22 & 23	Spring Fling
March 29 & 30	Jungle Journey

"MOTHER NATURE'S CLASSROOM"

DECEMBER - JUNE, THURSDAYS, 9:00-11:30 AM OR 12:30 - 3:00PM, VAN VLECK FARM SANCTUARY, TRAIL HOUSE. As our children's lives become increasingly dominated by technology, Flanders offers a breath of fresh air with a program designed for 5-6 year old children. Monthly seasonal themes will foster your child's love of the natural world. Registration required. Fee: \$45/members; \$60/non-members, per session (each session includes three classes).

Session 1: "Nature Up Close" • Jan. 8, 15, 22

Learn how some of nature's smallest animals spend their days. Follow plants and animals in their life cycles as they hunt for food and face predators to survive.

Session 2: "Native American Earth Tales" • Jan. 29 and Feb. 5, 12

Learn stories that teach children about the earth and its many birds, plants, reptiles and mammals. Discover a Native American view of living in harmony with nature.

Session 3: "Going, Going, Almost Gone" • Feb. 19, 26 and March 4

Learn about threatened and endangered species. Discover animals' basic need for survival and how animals are affected by humans.

Session 4: "Feather Frolic" • March 11, 18, 25

From eagle to hummingbird, discover the world of birds. Learn about flight, migration, behavior, songs, search for food, eggs and nest building!

"EXPLORING FLANDERS"

DECEMBER - JUNE, MONDAYS, 4:00 - 5:30PM, VAN VLECK FARM SANCTUARY, TRAIL HOUSE. Flanders is thrilled to offer "Exploring Flanders", a new program for students age 5-10. This exciting series will explore the flora and fauna of the Van Vleck Farm Sanctuary. Students will be encouraged to open their imagination to nature through hands-on nature activities, crafts and hikes. Registration required. Fee: \$55/members; \$70/non-members, per session (each session includes four classes).

Session 1: "Those Crazy Mammals" • Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15

Come learn about the many mammals that call Flanders home. From wild to domestic, students will learn about habitats, habits and adaptations of animals like opossums and beavers. **Give us a try... we will pro-rate this first session!**

Session 2: "Winter Survival - How Do They Do It?" • Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26

Not all animals migrate or hibernate when winter arrives. Discover how animals adapt to the cold through dormancy and remaining active, as well as through hibernation and migration.

Session 3: "Birds of a Feather" • Feb. 2, 9, 23, March 1

Owls, ducks, and turkeys are only the beginning! Activities will include building nests, creating imaginary bird species and dissecting owl pellets.

Session 4: "Creepy Crawlers and Insects" • March 8, 15, 22, 29

Come learn about the six and eight legged critters known as insects. Using nets, students will catch and identify some of these crazy creatures! (Pond bugs, too!)

"ART ALL YEAR LONG"

DECEMBER - JUNE, WEDNESDAYS, 4:00-5:30 PM, VAN VLECK FARM SANCTUARY, TRAIL HOUSE. Flanders once again offers this popular art program for students age 5-10. Open your imagination and explore numerous art techniques to develop your individual talent and personal expressive style! No art experience necessary, only a willingness to enjoy yourself! Registration required. Fee: \$80/members; \$95/non-members, per session (each session includes five classes).

Session 1: "Winter Wonderland" • Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11

Enjoy painting directly from nature as you create a winter sketchbook journal. Paint the beauty you see in snow and ice as you experiment with watercolor, charcoal, pastels and pen & ink.

Session 2: "Native Views" • Feb. 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24

Discover Native American art as you develop your own creative style. Learn the lessons passed on from bears, eagles, and spiders as you create your own medicine cards. Create sand paintings, feather crafts, masks and shields. 