

Albany Pine Bush Preserve Preschool Programs

Every Season

Who Lives in the Albany Pine Bush?

The Albany Pine Bush is a home for many different animals including reptiles, amphibians, birds, mammals, insects and more! Join us for an exploration of animal life in the Pine Bush including a puppet show, story, craft and hike.

Neat Feet of the Pine Bush

Who passed this way? Help us look for signs of animals that live in the Pine Bush. We will explore the practice of identifying animals by their tracks, read a book, play a game, and then create our own tracks!

Oh Deer!

Leap on over to the Pine Bush to find out what a white-tailed deer looks like! Where does it live in the Pine Bush? What does a deer eat? And what might it leave behind? Listen...Did you hear that? Does a deer make a noise in the woods? Join us as we explore the lives of deer through a presentation, story and craft.

Fall

Batty for Bats in the Pine Bush

Come join us and discover the world of bats! Bats are an important part of the Albany Pine Bush and are very helpful to have around. In this program we will explore bat habitat, hear a story about a very special bat, and make a bat craft to bring home.

Wild & Wiley Turkeys of the Pine Bush

Discover the life of wild turkeys in the Pine Bush! Join us as we learn about turkeys through sounds, sight and exploration. In this program we will start indoors with a discussion, story (or puppet show) and craft and then go outdoors for a short hike to look for turkey signs.

Take a Look....Fall is Here!

Explore the fall season at the Albany Pine Bush. Come and investigate what plants and animals are up to during this season. Join us for a walk and then make a craft using fall leaves.

Winter

Hoot like an Owl at the Albany Pine Bush Preserve

“Hoo-hoo hoooooo hoo-hoo” Let’s hoot like an owl at the Albany Pine Bush Preserve. We’ll explore the special ways that owls live their lives. Join us to listen to owl calls, read a story and make an owl finger puppet.

Sleeping, Sleeping, all Winter Long

Sleeping all winter long may sound like an easy way to deal with winter, but hibernation comes with its own challenges and risks. We will explore hibernation through story, song and play and learn what hibernation means and which animals of the Pine Bush hibernate.

Winter Birds of the Pine Bush

Fluff up your feathers and join us for a program on winter birds! Many birds stay here, just outside our window, all year long. We’ll explore which birds are year-round residents and learn some of their names and sounds as well as how they survive the winter. We’ll also make a take-home bird feeder and discuss how we can observe our feathered friends.

Evergreens are Always Green

Have you noticed that some trees stay green all year long? In this program we will distinguish between deciduous trees (trees that drop their leaves) and evergreen trees. We'll also talk about how animals use evergreens throughout the year and the many evergreens of the Pine Bush.

Spring

Signs of Spring

The Earth has awoken from its winter slumber and spring is here! Join us as we explore the Pine Bush in search of signs of spring including budding plants, migrating birds, insects on the move and more.

Discover Sand! (spring, summer, and fall)

Come and explore the sandy environment of the Albany Pine Bush and discover what creatures live here in the sand. We will take a short hike and search for creatures living in the sand. We'll also sing, listen to a story and create sand art to bring home.

Summer

A Perfect Match: Karner Blue Butterflies and Wild Blue Lupine

Explore the amazing relationship between the endangered Karner blue butterfly and its host plant, the wild blue lupine. In this program, we will experience a walk to observe this special insect and plant, listen to a story and make a Karner blue butterfly craft.

Exploring the Pine Bush on the Wings of a Dragonfly

Explore the lives of dragonflies and what their life is like in the Pine Bush. Enjoy a walk to look for dragonflies and then construct your very own dragonfly.

Incredible Insects of the Pine Bush

Creepy, crawly, squishy, smally. Insects abound in the Pine Bush. Through hands on exploration, a hike and craft we will learn the ins and outs of these incredible insects.

Pond Treasures

Explore the amazing world of ponds! Kids will be fascinated with the creatures they find through their magnifiers in pond water from the Albany Pine Bush Preserve. (No need for wading boots - our staff will collect the water before the program begins)

Slither like a Snake at the Albany Pine Bush

Explore the native snakes of the Albany Pine Bush. Learn what they eat and how they get around in this environment. Enjoy a walk to observe snake habitat and then construct a coiled snake.

Terrific Turtles

Have you ever seen a turtle in the Pine Bush? They're here! In this program, we will learn what kinds of turtles live in the Pine Bush, where they live, and how they survive. Come and join us for a story, song, craft and live turtles.

Use Your Senses to Explore the Pine Bush

Through hands-on activities and a short hike, we will explore and experience the Albany Pine Bush Preserve using all of our senses.

Please contact the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center at (518) 456-0655 to schedule a program for your pre-school group! Pre-school program fees are \$3.00/child with adults free.