MAJESTIC VIEW
NATURE CENTER

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School Programs

CITY OF ARVADA

About the Center

Majestic View Nature Center is the City of Arvada's environmental education facility. Located at 7030 Garrison Street, the 3,000 sq. ft. nature center houses hands-on exhibits, wildlife displays, a kids nook, and classrooms. Outside of the Center is a 25,000 sq. ft. water-conserving demonstration garden and 20 solar panels to power the building. The Center is nestled in beautiful 80 acre Majestic View Community Park. The park features wetland and upland ecosystems, interpretive nature trails and panoramic views of the mountains and valleys. The recreational picnic area is equipped with a playground, tennis courts, basketball court and horseshoe pits.

Outreach & Community Programs

School Outreach Programs

Are you enticed by our offering but cannot get your students here? Consider asking us to be guests in your classroom. Most of our field trip programs are adaptable to your classroom. Please call us at 720-898-7405 for information and pricing.

Water Wise! Program and Contest

Hey, Arvada 5th grade teachers…Do you want to enhance the water concepts covered in your science units? Then sign up for WaterWise! Water Conservation Program and Contest, **free** to all Arvada elementary schools. Topics include the importance of water, the water cycle, the amount of water available for human use, Arvada's water source and use, the importance of conserving water, and more! Students also participate in a home water conservation contest. This program is sponsored by the Nature Center and the City of Arvada Utilities Division.

Community Group Programs

The Center offers a variety of environmental programs that are popular for scouts and community groups of any age. These programs can be presented at your site or ours and adapted to fit your group's specific needs. Webelos, complete your Naturalist and Forester badges with us! Topics are vast and are not limited to the school field trip topics. Please call 720-898-7405 for further information and pricing.

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Elementary Exploration Field Trips

Bring your students to enjoy a unique environmental education experience that meets state science standards. Students will rotate through several stations and participate in hands-on learning!
Field trips will be offered on weekdays, times will vary depending on the age of the group. Up to 75 students can be accommodated for each field trip. $3.75 for students, no fee for teachers and chaperones.
Please call to schedule a field trip!

Wild Wonders - PreK and K

Stations may include:

Butterflies

Explore the magical transformation from egg to butterfly. Read butterfly books, flit about our garden like newly emerged butterflies, and make a fun butterfly life cycle craft.

My Five Senses

Nature is the perfect place to use your senses to make discoveries! Hone your senses while overlooking Oberon Lake. Hear splashing fish and ducks, smell the pine trees, and feel the prairie grasses. What else can you detect?

How Do Plants Grow?

From seed to fruit, investigate the life cycle of a plant. Learn what plants need in their habitats, and even plant your own seed!

Feathered Friends

How do birds fly? If we had wings, could we fly? Discover the diverse world of birds, explore their bones, eggs, feathers, and beaks, and be ready to be amazed by these fantastic fliers.

Amazing Animals - 1st and 2nd Grades

Stations may include:

Fascinating Fish Facts

Assemble a puzzle as you learn about the adaptations of fish, then "go fishing" and spot specific fish characteristics.

Meet a Mammal

Explore the characteristics of mammals, identify them by name, and participate in a fun activity to experience various forms of mammal movement.

Amphibians and Reptiles

Become a nature detective and use deductive reasoning to discover the similarities and differences between amphibians and reptiles.

What Makes a Bird a Bird?

How do birds fly? Do all birds migrate? What can birds eat? Explore bird bones, feathers, eggs, beaks, and feet to learn about these amazing animals.

Incredible Insects - 3rd Grade

Stations may include:

Insect Play

Enjoy a short, silly play exploring the importance of insects.

What Makes an Insect an Insect?

Dress up a classmate as an insect for a lesson on insect characteristics that will get you laughing.

Life Cycles

Did you know that metamorphosis is not unique to butterflies? What does a grasshopper look like when immature? Examine metamorphosis in all of its forms as you delve into life cycles.

Insects Up Close and Personal

Get out your magnifying glasses to check out insect specimens and investigate mimicry, camouflage, and other cool adaptations.

Insect Safari

Try your hand at sweep netting in the prairie grasses as you search for insects to identify. There is no telling what you might find!

Critter Trail

Engage your curiosity along the natural trail. Flip stones, roll logs, search the surface of the water, and use a beat sheet to uncover insects in hiding.

Ecosystem Experience - 4th - 6th Grades

Stations may include:

Exhibit Round Robin

Participate in interactive exhibits while learning about birds, food chains, wetland and prairie ecosystems, and conservation.

Mammals Study

Touch pelts and skulls of many Colorado mammals. Which ones are herbivores, carnivores, or omnivores? Who are the predators? Try to identify mystery mammals.

Wetland Walk

Pelicans, turtles, and frogs, oh my! Spot wetland wildlife at Oberon Lake, determine what defines a wetland, and explore wetland animal & plant adaptations.

Prairies

Discover the short-grass prairie and its animals. Learn about how species survive in the prairies, and then get to know the bison and prairie dogs.

Enviroscape

Who is responsible for all this pollution? Explore the causes and effects of runoff pollution with the messy model and brainstorm some creative solutions.

SCFD
Citizens of the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District
Making It Possible.

Majestic View Nature Center receives Tier III funding for the Elementary Exploration program through the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD). SCFD has distributed funds from a 1/10 of 1% sales and use tax to cultural facilities throughout the seven-county Denver metro area.

The Jefferson County Open Space Foundation also partners with Majestic View Nature Center to provide the Elementary Exploration program. The foundation recognizes the importance of preserving and interpreting land with scenic, wildlife, natural, historical, educational and recreational value.

What did you think of our programs?

"The Enviroscape was really informative. I didn't know that a simple oil spill could cause so much damage. I told my Dad that he should take the car to a professional to get the oil changed so there is no risk of spilling."
- Charlie C., student

"My students learned so much and talked all afternoon about what they learned and what they enjoyed the most." - Yvonne M., 6th grade teacher

The Nature Center sounds like a cool place to be when you are so stressed out. - Airylle, student

"Instructors did a fabulous job of covering material. The displays and interactive walls were terrific. So touchable! Thanks to you their study of ecosystems is extended beyond the curriculum!" – Cheri S., 4th grade teacher

"Again thank you so much for letting me visit the Majestic View Nature Center. I've only been at the Majestic View Nature Center once to take a little run on your trail. I had so much fun learning about animals that I will definitely invite my family to come and see the Center."
- Maren B., student

"I could really understand everything better because you showed us the models."
- Nikki M., 6th grader.