

Registration

Please register at marionmuseum.org or use the form below:



REGISTER ONLINE

Please register my child(ren) for the following program(s):

PROGRAM COST: \$8 members | \$10 non-members | Unless otherwise noted

- Feb 5 | Trees From the Ground Up
- Mar 19 | Wiggly Wonders
- Apr 9 | Spring Pools of Marion's Forest
- May 14 | Rocket Science!
- May 21 | Heading To The Harbor
- June 4 | Expedition to Ram Island

BUNDLE | All 6 Programs (regardless of attendance) Member: \$40 | Non-Member: \$50

Please note: After school registration forms (with payment!) are to be mailed or dropped off to the Marion Natural History Museum, 8 Spring Street, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 644, Marion, MA 02738. Please do not bring the forms to the school or library, thank you! Registration is not complete without payment. Refund and registration policies are on our website. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Leidhold via e-mail at director@marionmuseum.org.

Your First & Last Name

Your Child(ren)'s First & Last Names

Member Non-member Add Museum Family Membership \$60

Check # Total

Full Address

Telephone E-mail

Release to pick up your child(ren) from Sippican School and walk them to the Museum program location:

I, [Your Full Name] hereby give permission to a representative of the Marion Natural History Museum, which may include the Executive Director or Program Assistant, to pick up my child(ren) listed above from Sippican School and walk them to the after-school program at the Museum or Harbormaster's Office to attend the above programs. I understand that after-program pick-up is at 4:30 pm unless otherwise noted above.

Emergency contact number if different from above

Signature:

Museum photo/media release:

I grant the Marion Natural History Society and after school program teachers the right to use, reproduce, and/or distribute photographs, films, recordings of my child(ren) listed above for use in any materials they may create.

I have read and agree with the museum's terms and conditions, which can be found at marionmuseum.org/terms-conditions.

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Winter-Spring Programs

January 22 | Grades 1-6

Creating a Winter Habitat

The museum will be welcoming Justin Barrett of the Nasketucket Bird Club and Manomet Bird Observatory. We'll be hearing a little about the birds that have migrated in for the season as well as some of our regular backyard birds. Through this exploration, children will gain a deeper appreciation for nature and the unique behaviors of winter birds!

What kids will be learning:

- Understanding Ecosystems:** Kids learn how animals adapt to different environments, especially harsh winter conditions, and the importance of ecosystems in supporting wildlife.
- Hands-on Learning:** Building habitats allows kids to engage in hands-on activities, fostering creativity, problem-solving, and practical skills while learning about the natural world.
- Environmental Awareness:** This activity teaches kids about the broader environmental impact on wildlife, helping them understand the importance of conservation and sustainability.

February 5 | Grades 1-6

Trees From the Ground Up - What Do Trees Do For Us?

Join us while we welcome State Forester James Rassman, who will be speaking about all the benefits a tree provides, from roots and fungi to providing habitat for animals, to releasing oxygen to our atmosphere. Let's learn about the many benefits our trees provide us and the world around us! This will be an indoor and possibly outdoor program weather providing.

What to expect to learn from this program:

- Helps the Planet:** Trees clean the air, provide homes for animals, and conserve water – learning about them helps you protect the Earth!
- Fights Climate Change:** Trees absorb bad stuff from the air, and learning about them can help combat pollution and climate change.
- Learn About Nature:** Trees are part of forests and nature. When you learn about them, you'll understand how all living things work together.

Protecting the future.

Learn about the importance of trees and the innovative methods used to protect them. This program is an exceptional opportunity to understand the challenges of conservation and to meet those leading this vital effort.

March 19 | Grades 1-6

Wiggly Wonders

Did you know that a red wiggler worm will consume half of its body weight in food scraps every day? Getting worms to work for you is a great way to keep food waste out of landfills and create nutritious compost for your plants. Come and dig into the science of worms and worm composting with Maggie Payne, soil scientist, and proud worm farm owner. We will learn basic worm biology and how to set up a worm bin for composting at home. Wriggle on over and get your hands dirty!



What's in store:

- Get Your Hands Dirty:** Who doesn't love digging around in the dirt? With red wiggler worms, you can! These little wrigglers turn food scraps into soil, and you can see them in action right in your own compost bin.
- Worms Are Nature's Superheroes:** Red wigglers have a special job—they recycle! They eat old fruit and veggie scraps and turn them into rich soil that helps plants grow big and strong. Learning about them is like discovering how superheroes keep nature healthy!
- Be Kind to All Creatures:** Taking care of worms teaches you how every living thing is important—even tiny, squiggly ones! It's a great way to practice kindness and respect for the world around you.

Enter the realm of worms!

This program is perfect for young naturalists eager to learn about the world of insects. Be ready to see a whole new world through the lens of insects.

April 9 | Grades 1-6

Spring pools of Marion's Forest

Let's find out the important role the animals that live in our spring ponds play in our ecosystem. We'll be taking a close-up look at the attributes that make a vernal pool habitable for these interesting animals. We'll learn about the forest food chain and why these pools are so important. Let's see why amphibians are the forest's "canary-in-a-coal-mine" in determining the health of the forest communities in Marion. We'll be taking a close look at some of the animal and plant life in these special areas.

What to expect to learn from this program:

- Meet The Wildlife:** Spring ponds are homes to frogs, turtles, fish, and even tiny water bugs that zip around like underwater race cars.
- Discover Hidden Plants:** Some pond plants float on the water like little green rafts, while others grow tall and strong, giving animals a place to hide. These plants help keep the pond clean and healthy, which is pretty amazing!
- Everything Works Together:** Every plant and animal in a spring pond has a job. When you learn about ponds, you'll see how all the parts of nature work as a team.

Discover the wonders of nature!

Get ready to uncover a hidden world and gain a fresh perspective on the incredible creatures that thrive in these unique habitats!



Tuition

Many thanks to the Theodore C. Cederholm Fund which helps make participation accessible & affordable!

Members: \$8/program | Non-Members: \$10/ program.

Special Offer! Register for all 6 programs and receive a discounted rate, regardless of attendance.

Members: \$40 (6-program series) | Non-Members: \$50 (6-program series)



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