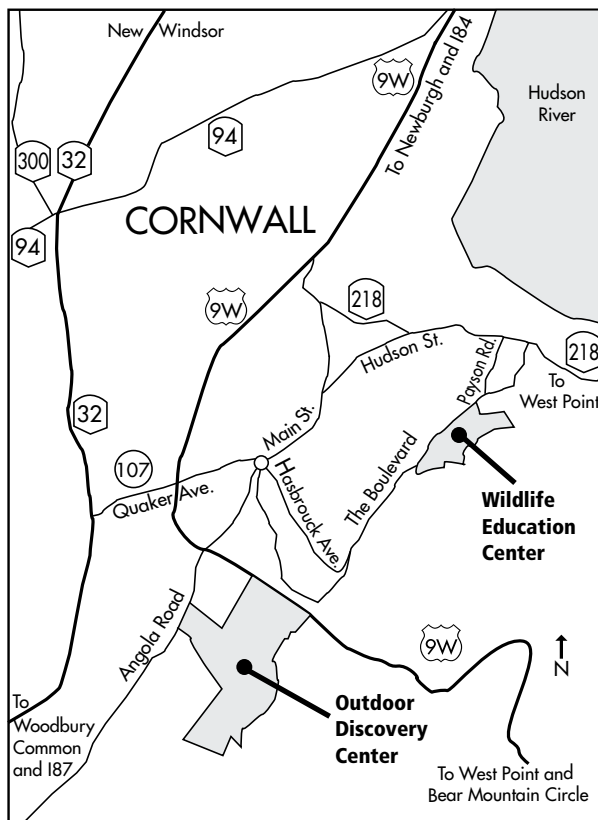


A Young Naturalist...

- Is naturally curious and will enjoy outdoor activities including hiking, gardening, insect collecting and birding
- Likes to play games
- Enjoys art projects
- Needs to develop the academic and social skills necessary for kindergarten
- Wants to conduct scientific experiments
- Is at least three years old by December 1st and not yet in Kindergarten



Young Naturalist Pre-K Program at the Outdoor Discovery Center, Cornwall, NY



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Location:
Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Dr.
Entrance across from 174 Angola Rd.,
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**2010/2011
School Year**



Young Naturalist Pre-K Program

An active hands-on learning environment where students utilize the resources of the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum to develop the social, emotional, physical and cognitive skills necessary for kindergarten.



The day of a Young Naturalist...



- Free Play and Crafts
- Circle Time
- Snack Time
- Science Discovery Circle
- Outdoor Exploration

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Registration Information

The children learn colors, shapes, letters & numbers through direct sensory experiences with the natural world. The themes are all science and nature based and all of the skills necessary for success in kindergarten are integrated into the environmental curriculum.



Activities Include...

Hiking into the forest
Planting seeds
Creating things from recyclables
Drawing from nature
Constructing with blocks
Observing insects
Identifying birds
Collection, counting, charting
Finding animal tracks
Preparing for kindergarten

THE OWLS & DEER

(Must be age 4 by Dec. 1, 2010)
Owls meet Mon. – Fri. – 8:45 – 11:30am
Deer meet Mon – Fri. – 12:00 – 2:45pm
Tuition is \$3750 for the year.

THE DRAGONFLIES

(Must be age 4 by Dec. 1, 2010)
Meet Mon., Wed., & Fri. – 12:15 – 3pm
Tuition: \$2,250/yr.

THE BLUEBIRDS

(Must be age 3 by Sept. 1, 2010 & potty trained!)
Meet Mon., Wed., & Fri. – 9 – 11:45am
Tuition: \$2,250/yr.

THE TURTLES & FROGS

(Must be age 3 by Dec. 1, 2010
& potty trained!)
Turtles meet Tues. & Thurs. – 9 – 11:45am
Frogs meet Tues. & Thurs. – 12:15 – 3pm
Tuition: \$1,600/yr.

Thematic Units Include...

Insects
Trees
Space
Rocks
Dinosaurs
The body
Recycling
Life cycles

Ratio of
students to
teachers is no
greater than
8:1 in each
class.

A signed contract and a \$50 non-refundable fee are due at registration. Student's families must also be Museum Members at registration and maintain membership for the duration of the program.

TUITION can be paid in advance for a 5% discount or divided into ten equal installments. The first installment is due on or before June 1, 2010. The remaining installments are due on the first day of each month starting with Sept. 1, 2010 and continuing to May 1, 2011.

INFORMATION that will be mailed prior to September includes: a student information form, a list of important dates (including a get-acquainted day in early September), a request for your child's immunization record, and a welcome letter from the teachers. During the school year, parents will receive a monthly letter from the teacher describing activities and events of the upcoming month.

DATES: The first day of school is September 13 or 14, 2010. School ends on June 10, 2011. The Young Naturalist class schedule follows the Cornwall Central School District and will be closed on their holidays and snow days

MEMBERSHIP: Young Naturalist families must be Museum members at the Partner Level (\$60/yr) or above. Membership includes: unlimited free admission to both sites, subscription to the Members Bulletin, 10% discount at the Nature Shop, invitations to special events, discounts on birthday parties, summer camp and many programs, early eligibility for the Young Naturalist program.

Visit www.hhnaturemuseum.org
for an application form.