

WaveHill

School Programs

Year-round outdoor educational programs for school groups Pre-K through 12th grade and professional learning for teachers. Programs are designed to foster connections to the natural world and align with NGSS, Scope and Sequence and Common Core learning standards.





Programs at Wave Hill

Spring and Fall

For more information on offerings for your grade, click the links in the grade band header in the table below.

PROGRAM	PRE-K	K-2ND	3RD-5TH	6TH-8TH	9TH-12TH
Avian Adventures Bird traits, behaviors, adaptations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Walk for the Senses Mindfulness, sensory exploration, inquiry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Seeds We Need Germination, dispersal, adaptations	✓	✓	✓		
Totally Trees Anatomy, life cycle, ecosystem services	✓	✓	✓		
Pollinator Pals Insect and flower adaptations		✓	✓		
Native Knowledge Local Lenape practices, storytelling			✓	✓	✓
Dig Into Decomposers Nutrient cycles, ecological niches			✓		
Urban Forest Ecology Ecological niches, food webs, biodiversity				✓	
Woodland Stewardship Data collection, ecosystem services					✓
Self-Guided Tour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Programs at Your School

Winter



Elementary Programs: GRADES K – 5

AVIAN ADVENTURES

In this dynamic program, students learn about the birds found in New York City during the wintertime and their characteristics. They investigate feathers and skulls to discover how different adaptations help birds thrive. By designing their own nest, students consider the impact of a birds' environment on their ability to survive. Each class will receive a bird guide to encourage ongoing avian exploration.

SEEDS WE NEED

Students investigate the internal structures of seeds and learn how these parts enable a seed to grow into a plant. A seed dissection activity allows for exploration of these structures. Students discover how seeds in New York City have adapted to use environmental factors for dispersal, playing a matching game to apply their new understanding. Each class will come away with a potted seed to nurture into a fully grown plant.

Middle School Programs: GRADES 6 – 7

AVIAN ADVENTURES

In this dynamic program, students learn about the birds found in New York City during the wintertime and their characteristics. They investigate feathers and skulls to discover how different adaptations help birds thrive. By analyzing local community science data, students will explore how birds contribute to urban biodiversity. Each class will receive a bird guide to encourage ongoing avian exploration.





Professional Learning

Wave Hill provides a variety of hands-on, engaging professional learning opportunities for educators. Participants learn innovative and effective ways to connect the natural world to classroom learning, explore multiple entry points for different learners and develop

an understanding of current research behind pedagogical approaches and learning theories.

Continuing Teacher and Leader Education credits through the New York State Education Department are available for participants.

[See Current Offerings](#)





TIME OF PROGRAMS **10:00AM – 11:00AM or 11:30AM – 12:30PM**
 All programs are one hour unless otherwise noted. Lunch space can be booked by request when available. All lunch spaces are outdoors.

FALL PROGRAMS **September through December** *At Wave Hill Only*

WINTER PROGRAMS **January through March** *In Classroom Only*

SPRING PROGRAMS **March through June** *At Wave Hill Only*

MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE **30 students and up to four adults**
 Maximum class size for Pre-K is 24 students and up to four adults

GUIDED PROGRAM FEE **\$120; 20% discount for Title I and D75 schools**

SELF-GUIDED FEE **\$40 per class; 20% discount for Title I schools**

WINTER PROGRAM FEE **\$120; free for Title I and D75 schools**

Cancellation Policy

All programs are held outdoors. In the event of particularly inclement weather or unsafe conditions, we will cancel the program and make every attempt to reschedule your visit. Please visit our website for our weather policy.

Programs must be cancelled two weeks in advance to receive a full refund. After that time, no refunds will be given.

ON TIME ARRIVALS

Lateness exceeding 15 minutes will result in a shortened program. Groups over 30 minutes late may be cancelled.

[More information](#)

[Make a reservation](#)

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