



Merry Lea

*Environmental Learning Center
of Goshen College*

Autumn Adventures

PreK - K

Program Description

Discover how animals and plants prepare for winter by observing evidence and using all 5 senses in the forests, meadows and wetlands at Merry Lea. Students think like a woodchuck, scamper like a squirrel and more to experience how Indiana's wildlife is adapted to survive winter.

Program Objectives

Students will:

- Use their senses to explore the world around them
- Learn about life cycles and sequencing
- Discover what plants and animals are doing in the fall

Program Outline

1. Hike

Students head out on our trails to get a close-up view of what plants and animals are doing this time of year. They participate in age-appropriate scavenger hunts, games and other hands-on activities.

Vocabulary

- Senses
- Life Cycle
- Seeds
- Leaves
- Migrate
- Hibernate

Quick Facts

Season	Fall: September - November
Grades	PreK & K
Program Length	1.5 hours
Maximum # of Students	80 Students

Standards Correlation

LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms: All animals need food in order to live and grow. They obtain their food from plants or from other animals. Plants need water and light to live and grow. (K-LS1-1)

ESS3.A: Natural Resources: Living things need water, air, and resources from the land, and they live in places that have the things they need. Humans use natural resources for everything they do. (K-ESS3-1)

PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer: Sunlight warms Earth's surface. (K-PS3-1), (K-PS3-2)