

# Forsyth Nature Center Nature in the Classroom

## Preschool through Fifth Grade

### Summary:

Students are introduced to the different animals groups through a variety of live animal exhibits and a collection of static displays and learning activities

**Objectives:** The students will learn and understand the following concepts:

- Animal groups
- Animal adaptations
- Stewardship and respect for all living things
- Differences between wild and domestic animals

**NYS Learning Standards:** Elementary science curriculum:

Standard 4 – The Living Environment

Key Idea 3- Individual Organisms and Species Change Over Time (3.1 and 3.2)

Key Idea 4 – The continuity of life is sustained through reproduction and development (4.1 and 4.2)

Key Idea 5 – Organisms maintain a dynamic equilibrium that sustains life (5.1 and 5.2)

### Background:

The Forsyth Nature Center has twenty animal exhibits, encompassing a mix of domestic and exotic animals with several animals native to the Hudson Valley. Founded in 1937, the Forsyth Nature Center is Ulster County's only municipal nature center and zoo.

### Activity:

This program is available year-round in a standard classroom setting or an assembly format. The presentation duration is approximately 1–1 ½ hours. Naturalists will present a variety of animals from different animal groups. In addition to the presentation and discussion of the animal groups, the group will be introduced to a number of static displays featuring skulls, skeletons, nests, skins, and insect collections.

**For more information about the program or to schedule a program:**

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