



Amphibmeander

A wetland program

Overview:

To develop an awareness and respect for the natural world.

Purpose:

To introduce students to a wetland ecosystem and the plants and animals that rely on wetland habitats.

General Objective:

1. To learn why wetlands are valuable.
2. To make observations relative to the plants and animals living in wetlands.
3. To become acquainted with the sounds of the wetland.
4. To consider the needs of amphibians and other wetland residents.
5. To be able to describe the life cycle of an amphibian.
6. To identify different habitats within a wetland.
7. To learn that the activities of humans can change a wetland.

Outcome: Students will be able to:

1. Name three main wetland plants
2. Identify three amphibians by sound.
3. Name three birds that use wetlands.
4. Name one common insect seen along the boardwalk.
5. List two things that might destroy a wetland.
6. List two adaptations an animal or plant has that helps it to live successfully in a wetland.
7. Name two values of a wetland.

Procedure:

Amphibmeander takes place at Woodland Dunes field station. Students will have the opportunity to explore woodland swales and ponds along the boardwalk and meet some of the animals that make their homes in wetlands. A focus will be placed on the importance of wetlands for people as well as the plants and animals that depend on them.

***Note:** The entire program takes place outside. Students should be dressed for spring weather, even on mild days jackets, long pants and tennis shoes should be worn.