



KC Nature HOPS Outreach Programs

A division of Ken-Caryl Metropolitan District's Environmental Educational
Programming through KC Nature



What is KC Nature HOPS?



- ▶ KC Nature’s mission is to instill and inspire stewardship, mutual responsibility and respect of the environment and its many resources through education, outreach and partnerships throughout the community. KC Nature HOPS falls under the outreach piece of our mission.
- ▶ KC Nature HOPS is also part of Ken-Caryl Metropolitan District’s environmental education outreach program through KC Nature which operates year-round through the Dakota Lodge facility located in Littleton, Colorado delivering immersive, fun learning experiences for preschool aged students through adult learners.
- ▶ Our knowledgeable environmental education staff will come to you and your facility or you have the option of requesting a program at the Dakota Lodge.
- ▶ Our program offerings range from geology to Leave No Trace for students K-12th. We also offer preschool-aged programs for young learners.

What programs are available through KC Nature HOPS?

<u>Program</u>	<u>Recommended Age Range</u>	<u>Seasons Available</u>	<u>Description</u>
Scavenger Hunt	K-2 nd	All	Participants will explore the surrounding area for specific items on a checklist. This can be tailored to your group based on what you're learning in your programs (invasive species, types of flowers, animals, etc.)
Aquatic Invertebrates	K-6 th	Late Spring through Early Fall	Participants will use nets and identification tools to explore the Dakota Lodge Pond and the aquatic macro invertebrates that live there! This can also be at your site if you have available water systems, both lentic and lotic.
Going Batty	3 rd -6 th	All	Participants will learn the unique adaptations of bats, observe real, ethically sourced taxidermy of brown bats from Colorado and play echolocation games.
Upcycled Crafts	K-12 th	All	Participants will create an upcycled craft based on their age range and learn about recycling and proper waste disposal. Participants will then be able to take home their creations.
Interpretive Hikes	All	All (weather permitting, participants must dress for the weather)	Participants will go on an interpretive hike in Ken-Caryl open space or other nearby areas with tools for observation and identification of the various flora and fauna in the area.
Wild Waters	K-12 th	Spring through Fall	Explore the water cycle and different water systems as well as learn how to filter and test water for pollution and potability.
Team-Building	K-12 th	All	Practice communication, cooperation and trust with small and large group activities using portable team-building elements.
Leave No Trace	All	All	Learn about the 7 Principles as they apply to your group and how you can practice them in your day-to-day experiences.
Custom Programs*	Can be tailored to your group*	Can be tailored to your group*	Custom programs are developed in cooperation with the Nature Programs Director to fit the theme of your program or needs/wants of your group. <i>*A custom program may incur higher costs based on materials needed and curriculum/activities developed.</i>

What can I expect from my KC Nature HOPS program?

- ▶ **Payment is due at the time of scheduling.** An invoice will be sent to the organizer's email and checks or money orders can be made out to Ken-Caryl Metro District with "KC Nature" in the memo line. Credit card payments are not available at this time.
- ▶ KC Nature HOPS programs cancelled with less than a week's notice (5 business days) will be charged 50% of the total cost of the program. Programs run rain or shine. In the event of a facility closure, the organizer and presenter will coordinate an alternative time for the program(s) to run.
- ▶ A knowledgeable staff member will work with your group to deliver an immersive, engaging program either off-site or on-site depending on what you choose for your group.
 - ▶ **Off-site** programs run for one hour (60 minutes) and cost **\$120/hour for up to 30 participants.**
 - ▶ This includes programs where you may meet at the Dakota Lodge and then leave for the duration of your program.
 - ▶ **On-site** programs run for one hour (60 minutes) and cost **\$80/hour for up to 30 participants.**
 - ▶ This includes programs which take place at the Dakota Lodge exclusively with no off-site exploration.
 - ▶ **Each participant over the 30-participant allocation will cost \$4 per person.**
 - ▶ For example, if you have 32 participants for an off-site program, it will cost \$128.

What can I expect from my KC Nature HOPS program (cont.)

- ▶ KC Nature HOPS presenters will need the following considerations:
 - ▶ Presenters will arrive 15-30 minutes prior to the beginning of program to set up.
 - ▶ A parking area within a reasonable walking distance to the presentation location.
 - ▶ Programs will take place at a pre-determined location set by the organizer and presenter(s).
 - ▶ If the pre-determined location is outdoors, an alternative location should be made available (in the event of inclement weather).
 - ▶ At least one adult representative from your facility **must be present and responsible for participants at all times** during the program.
 - ▶ Maximum of 30 participants per program (*unless otherwise coordinated with the KC Nature Programs Director- please see costs on previous page*).
 - ▶ If there are multiple programs scheduled, please organize participants into age-appropriate groups.
 - ▶ One large table (6-8 feet preferred) for the organization of materials, bio-facts, handouts and the like if program is stationary.
 - ▶ Bio-facts (like pelts, taxidermy animals, skulls, etc.) have all been humanely sourced.