



2011 Fall Home School Classes

The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education in Philadelphia will be hosting a series of outdoor education programs reserved for homeschool students on Tuesday of each week. These programs are geared for students aged 6-9 years old and programs are held from 1-3pm. The cost for each program is \$8/members and \$10/non-members. The topics and dates for these programs are as follows:

October 4: Insects

What makes an insect an insect? Is a caterpillar an insect? How about a spider? We'll answer these questions and more as we study the largest, most diverse group of animals on our planet, insects. We'll spend the first part of class learning about insects and looking at our large mounted collection, and then we'll head outside to find some of the insects we have living here at The Schuylkill Center.

October 11: Apples: From Flower to Fruit to You!

It's apple picking time! Fall harvests bring the fun of picking apples and drinking apple cider, but did you ever really stop to think about how a fruit is formed. Learn about this important step in the life cycle of plants and join us for a hike to look for fruits and seeds on the Schuylkill Center property.

October 18: Birds

Join us as we delve into the lives of these fabulous flying creatures. Learn about their characteristics, migration and how these creatures get their needs met in the various habitats at the Schuylkill Center.

October 25: Sand, Soil & Mud

What's the difference between sand, soil and mud? Join us as we get down and dirty discovering the similarities, differences and importance of each. We'll be using shovels and trowels to collect samples from outside and we'll bring those samples in and examine them under the microscope for a closer look!

November 1: Biology in the Kitchen

Join us as we examine the living organisms in the foods we eat. We'll be making yogurt, cheese and watching dough rise with living yeast! Prepare to cook, eat and take home some of our experiments.