

# Becoming the Animal Program Schedule

## 2023 General Program Details & Schedule:

**Monday, July 31, 2023 - August 2, 2023 from 9:00am-12:00pm**

8:30am-9:00am: Arrival/Free Play

9:00am-10:00am: Classroom Time (held in the outdoor classroom or corn barn)

10:00am-10:30am: Snack/Bathroom Break

10:30am-11am: Learning Activities/Exploration

11am-12pm: Becoming the Animal Learning Activities

12:00pm: Program End/Lunch/Free Play

12:30pm: Final Pick-Up Time

## Day 1: Squirrel

- Who Is Squirrel?
  - Students learn about squirrel's habitat, life cycle, and behaviors.
  - Journaling - students draw squirrel and document squirrel's unique characteristics
- Moving Like Squirrel
  - Students explore how squirrels move on the landscape. This will be an action-packed activity in the woods that will involve natural movement!
- Becoming the Squirrel
  - Students go into the landscape to explore squirrels' habitat and the ecological services they provide. Students will discover that squirrels help to plant trees, so the students will become the squirrel by planting trees on the landscape.



## Day 2: Beaver

- Who Is Beaver?
  - Students learn about beaver's habitat, life cycle, and behaviors.
  - Journaling - students draw beaver and document beaver's unique characteristics
- Moving Like Beaver
  - Students explore how beavers move on the landscape. This will be an action-packed activity in the creek that will involve getting their feet wet!
- Becoming the Beaver
  - Students go into the landscape to explore beaver's habitat and the ecological services they provide. Students will discover that beavers are a keystone species that help to shape waterways, so the students will become the beaver by building a beaver dam!

## Day 1: Mastodon

- Who Is Mastodon?
  - Students learn about mastodon's habitat, life cycle, and behaviors.
  - Journaling - students draw mastodon and document mastodon's unique characteristics
- Moving Like Mastodon
  - Students explore how mastodons move on the landscape. This will be an action-packed activity in the woods that will involve big movements!
- Becoming the Mastodon
  - Students go into the landscape to explore mastodon's habitat and the ecological services they provide. Students will discover that mastodons help to create openings and new growth in the forest so the students will become the mastodon by getting their hands dirty with youth-appropriate restoration work.

## Take Homes

- Becoming the Animal Nature Journal
- At the end of each day students will earn a Becoming the Animal Badge!

