



Schoolyard Lessons

We teach agriculture appreciation, outdoor education, cultural connections, and the wise use of natural resources.

Let us bring the learning to you!

While we acknowledge that one of the best parts about Prairie Loft is the Prairie Loft site itself, we understand that not everyone can visit in person due to a myriad of reasons. We aim to make Prairie Loft as accessible as possible, so in some situations, we can come to your schoolyard or a nearby park to give your students the opportunity to focus on a theme of your choice through exploration, active learning, and creative projects. Schoolyard lessons are perfect for students in Pre-K through 8th Grade and for schools within 20 miles of Prairie Loft. Destinations beyond 20 miles of Hastings will be considered with an increased rate to cover travel.

The Details

- 30-40 minutes of active learning outside on your school grounds or at a nearby park
- Choose from five learning themes that we will customize for your students
- Theme-appropriate scientific inquiry and creativity
- Activities and concepts to suit your grade level and needs
- Ideal class size is 10 - 20 (larger groups may incur added costs)
- \$40 per classroom section/learning session

Learning Themes

Birds & Bugs: Insects and birds are important to each other, and both are important to humans! Explore connections, discover habitats, and study animals to learn more! (Supports State Standards SC.K.7.2.A, SC 1.6.2.A, SC.2.7.2.C, SC.3.9.3.A, SC.4.6.3.B&C)

Farm & Food: What's in your lunch? Study favorite foods and learn about soil, systems, farming, and the path that food takes from the field to the table. (Emphasises Standard Structure of Nebraska Connections specified towards the intended grade level's concepts)

Food Webs & Ecosystems: Producers, consumers, decomposers... how do they create energy flow to sustain life? Look into food chains and webs and explore our surroundings to find evidence in nature. (Supports State Standards SC.3.9.3.A, SC.5.8.2.A&C, SC.6.9.3.B)

Plants & Pollinators: Study parts of a plant and their important functions – for plants, for pollinators, and for people. Explore symbiotic relationships and how pollinators are key to growing food. (Supports State Standards SC.1.6.2.B, SC.2.7.2.B, SC.3.9.3.C, SC.4.6.3.B, SC.6.9.3.A)

Our lesson plans support Nebraska state academic standards and can be adapted to different grade levels. We want your experience to provide a unique personal learning opportunity, enhance classroom lessons, and increase connections to agriculture, nature, and each other.

Also find virtual lessons, story times, how-to videos, and other resources on our website, Facebook, and YouTube!

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