

## Hoosier National Forest Field Trips



Field trips on the Hoosier National Forest are available free of charge to 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes. Transportation is NOT provided.

### Field Trip Descriptions:

**1. Visit the Brook's Cabin and Historic Fire Tower-** located in the Charles C. Deam Wilderness Area. Step back in time and learn about the history of the land through a visit to



a historic cabin built in the 1890's and a fire tower standing 110 feet tall. Students will have the opportunity to go inside the cabin, climb to the top of the fire tower (optional), and listen to a story about early pioneer life.

### 2. Hike the Ted T. Turtle Interpretive Trail

- located in the Hardin Ridge Recreation Area. Take a guided hike through the Hoosier National Forest and learn about habitats, native wildlife and outdoor safety on a 1 mile round-trip hike to Lake Monroe.



**Notes:** The Brook's Cabin is ADA accessible but the fire tower and Ted T. Turtle Interpretative Trail are not. Restroom and picnic facilities are available on both field trips.

For more information please contact:

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## Program Request Form

School Name: .....

School County: .....

Grade Level: .....

Teacher Name: .....

Teacher Email\*: .....

(\*You will receive an email confirming your program request.)

Number of Students: .....

(May combine up to two classes per program)

**Program Topic(s):** *Kindergarten:* Smokey Bear & Fire Safety; Incredible Insects; WILDLife

*1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade:* Nocturnal Noise; Outdoor Safety; Animal Clues; Turtles & Toads

*4th, 5th & 6th Grade:* Birds of Prey; Bats & Other Mammals; Skulls & Bones; Alien Invasion

May schedule two programs per class per school year.

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**Program Date(s):** Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays only, November 1st-April 22nd.

Please provide three available dates per program request.

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### Program Time(s):

Programs may be scheduled between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

All programs require a 1 hour block of time including facilitator set-up and tear-down time. Please specify the block of time you and your class are available on the dates you have requested.

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Please mail or fax to:

Hoosier National Forest,  
Att: Stacy Duke  
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Fax Number: 812 279-3423

Or visit our website to fill out an electronic form:

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# School Programs: Topics & Descriptions

## Kindergarten Programs

### Topic: Smokey Bear & Fire Safety

Learn the story of Smokey Bear through an interactive visit by Smokey himself! Students will follow along to a narrated story about Smokey Bear, learn about fire and outdoor safety; followed by a chance to share with Smokey Bear what they have learned, exchange a hand shake or hug and take a class picture!



### Topic: Incredible Insects

Insects make up about 95% of all living animals in the world! Your students will be fascinated by what makes these critters so unique and important. The use of puppets, recorded insect sounds, insect displays, and a PowerPoint presentation on wings, stings, and leggy things will surely excite all!

### Topic: WILDLife

Students will listen to a story about a boy and a salamander to discover the complexities of a wild animal's home. Using the book, *The Salamander Room* by Anne Mazer and other learning props, your students will discover that wild animals need a diverse and natural habitat to survive and live happily.

### Additional Information for all in-school programs

- To schedule a program see additional information on the back of this brochure.
- Programs are **free of charge**.
- Programs may be scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Programs require a 1 hour block of time including facilitator set-up and tear-down.
- Programs are designed to be facilitated in the classroom, but most programs may be held outside on school grounds weather permitting. Please indicate if you prefer to be outside.

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## 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade Programs

### Topic: Nocturnal Noise

Whooooo's out there? As the sun goes down in the evening most of us are preparing for a long night of rest, while other animals are just waking up for their "day". Introduce nocturnal animals through an exciting educational program including recorded nocturnal animal sounds corresponding with a PowerPoint presentation, focusing on nocturnal noise-making animals living around us.



### Topic: Outdoor Safety

Learn how to be safe outside while still having fun! Students will learn about poisonous animals and plants, what to do if they get lost in the woods and how to be safe around water. Using numerous hands-on props and a PowerPoint presentation, your students will be introduced to a variety of outdoor safety topics in an exciting and interactive way.

### Topic: Animal Clues

Become an animal detective and discover the many clues that animals leave behind! Students will examine native animal tracks, scat, nests and more while learning what animal they belong to. Students will also participate in Animal Track Trivia and learn tips to tracking and watching wildlife!

### Topic: Turtles & Toads

Learn about native reptiles and amphibians through a comparison of their characteristics. Students will examine turtle shells, frog and turtle skeletons, listen to frog calls and view an interactive PowerPoint presentation about these critters.

## 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Programs

### Topic: Birds of Prey

Learn about birds of prey through an educational experience your students will never forget! Students will have the opportunity to dissect an owl pellet to learn about an owl's diet, digestion system and the food chain. A short introductory film will be shown to familiarize them to birds of prey and owl pellets.

### Topic: Bats & Other Mammals

Discover the misconceptions about the only flying mammal in the world, the bat. Bats are fascinating animals that often have an unfavorable reputation. Your students will learn what makes a bat unique, and why they are an important component of the natural world around us. Students will enjoy touching animal furs, looking at bat skulls and a skeleton and an exciting PowerPoint presentation on the mammals of Indiana!

### Topic: Skulls & Bones

Learn about animal adaptations through examining skull replicas of native Indiana animals. Students will learn about animal sight, smell, and diet through an interactive activity with learning props and a PowerPoint presentation on identifying animal skulls. Can you guess what animals the skulls belong to?!



### Topic: Alien Invasion

Non-native invasive species are invading local habitats. Students will take part in an interactive court room skit to identify what makes a plant non-native and invasive. Students will enjoy collecting clues and determining if the plants on trial are invasive or not. The use of costumes and hands-on participation make this topic exciting to learn about!