



Conservation Education  
Activities offered  
November 2011 and April–  
September 2012

The McKenzie River Ranger District of the  
Willamette National Forest invites you to  
participate in natural resource activities  
presented by Susan O'Donohoe,  
visiting Wildlife Biologist from Ireland.  
Activities are free of charge.

Contact us soon to reserve a program date!  
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## 2011/2012 Conservation Education Activities

### All About Birds 1

**Grades: Preschool- 3rd Grade**

**Time: 45-60 minutes depending on grade (Power Point presentation)**

What makes a bird a bird? We will learn all about feathers, beaks, egg laying and birdsong. This will include fun, hands-on activities such as looking at real feathers and skulls and playing bird-song bingo.

### All About Birds 2

**Grades: All grades**

**Time: 45-60 minutes depending on grade (Power Point presentation)**

Come and learn about one of the most fascinating groups of animals, their characteristics, importance and fabulous annual journey: migration! Experience the trip that every spring and fall millions of birds make from North America to central and South America.

### Field trips to the Willamette National Forest

**Grades: All grades welcome**

**Time: 1-3 hours; travel time additional**

Come one; come all for a wild adventure! Students will discover the wonders of an Old Growth Grove at the **Delta Nature Trail**. This field trip can also be tailored to specific concepts if requested in advance. Bird watching activities can be developed as well as games that focus on natural resources.

### An Irish Adventure

**Grades: All grades**

**Time: 45 minutes (Power Point presentation)**

Explore the beauty and wonders of this amazing country. Students will learn about the geography of this unique place and also about the animals that live in it. Specially protected European habitats such as limestone pavement and bogs will be discussed. We will finish with a tune, clap your hands to some traditional Irish music!

### Sally/Sammy the Snag

**Grades: Preschool-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**Time: 30-45 minutes depending on grade**

Sally is a Douglas fir tree that has been hit by lightening and is now "just a snag" or standing dead tree. Students will learn through an interactive puppet show how snags are important to wildlife and how they help maintain a healthy forest. Program includes many wildlife puppets.

**Note:** "Sally/Sammy the Snag" and "Wildlife Trees" can be presented together as a special series about dead wood in the forest.

### **Wildlife Trees\***

**Grades: All grades**

**Time: 30- 45 minutes depending on grade (Power Point presentation)**

Enjoy this talk about the many ways that animals use trees. For many animals, dead trees in the forest are as important as live ones. Students will learn the value of snags and down logs.

### **Skulls, Antlers, Horns and Fur\***

**Grades: All grades**

**Time: 30- 45 minutes depending on grade (Power Point presentation)**

Valuable information can be learned about animals from their skulls and fur. Students will learn natural history facts about several animals through the use of skulls, antlers and horns in this exciting Power Point presentation. Live skulls, antlers and fur will also be shown to students.

### **A Day as a Wildlife Biologist\***

**Grades: All grades**

**Time: 30- 45 minutes depending on grade (Power Point presentation)**

Students will learn what it is like to be a wildlife biologist. They will explore different types of field work like managing habitats and researching wildlife. Students will also compare how this profession has changed over time.

### **Climate Change**

**Grades: All grades**

**Time: 45 minutes depending on grade (Power Point presentation)**

We will investigate what climate change is. How do people's actions affect the earth's temperature? How are plants and animals impacted? What can we do to minimize our impact on the environment? These are all very relevant questions in today's world.

### **Pollinators - New program beginning in April 2012**

**Grades: All grades**

**Time: 45 minutes depending on grade (Power Point presentation and short video)**

What are pollinators and why are they important for our survival? How can you help them? This program may include a short field walk after the indoor presentation to conduct a pollinator survey.

\* These programs are aligned with National Education Science Standards.

Please, if you have any specific requests do not hesitate to contact us to see what we can do to accommodate your lesson plans and discussion topics.