

# 2026 Nature Education Recreation Assistance Partnership Program Offerings



## Nature Table

\$150 value/2 hours

The Nature Table is a walk-up, conversational two-hour nature experience. It is best when used at events or to supplement a program. It's a great addition to farmers markets, festivals, school field days, etc. Nature tables have the option of an additional craft.

Topics include:

### Michigan Wildlife

*Chat with a naturalist about what nature lives in your backyard and in our state. Explore animal tracks, touch pelts and see other biofacts up close.*

### Purely Michigan

*Learn about Michigan's unique set of official symbols that represent our culture and history while highlighting some of our state's distinct characteristics.*

### Nature Needs You!

*From Shakespeare to the pet trade, explore how exotic plants and animals have come to be here and the effect they have on the environment. Learn how you can slow the spread of invasive species and help local habitats.*

## Portable Planetarium

\$225 value/first presentation, \$100 value/additional presentations

Enjoy a portable, inflatable planetarium that projects the wonder of the current night sky indoors on the inside of a dome. Up to two consecutive shows are included in the RAPP Program.

- Accommodates up to 30 people per showing
- Presentations take 45 minutes. A 10-minute change time is needed between programs
- All presentations require adult supervision, including when inside the dome
- Intended for ages 6 and older
- Requires a quiet, clean, dark indoor area with electricity that accommodates the 23' (length) x 23' (width) x 11' (height) of the planetarium unit

## Nature Presentation

\$100 value/presentation

The Nature Presentation is a 45-minute class that includes an interactive talk with taxidermy, pelts and other natural history items. Can be done in-person or virtually. There is a 45-person limit per program.

Topics include:

### Nature Neighbors

*Your backyard and Oakland County Parks are full of different wildlife, large and small. Learn about what you might look for outside and what adaptations those animals have to help them survive.*

### Trailwise Summer Safety

*Summer safety matters! Find out how to beat the heat and stay safe while on the trail. Learn the principles of Leave No Trace and how to apply them to your next outdoor adventure, whether in your backyard, or in the wilds of Michigan.*

### Focus on Fossils

*Dig into the world of past lives on earth. Learn how fossils are made, found and studied. Michigan fossils will be featured—especially Devonian fossils like Petoskey stones and Ice Age fossils like mastodons. Let the world of fossils make an impression on you.*

## Additional Information

- Programs must take place from May-September 2026
- It is the renter's responsibility to designate an appropriate area for nature education offerings at their event location



- Reservations: Applications are first-come, first-served and do not guarantee a reservation. Applications are subject to approval. Submit an application by scanning the code or by visiting <https://bit.ly/4ptWcGJ>. A staff member will reach out within 3 business days with booking information
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