Starsmore Visitor & Nature Center at North Cheyenne Cañon Park: School Programs

Andy's Animal Senses -Award winning program

(Preschool- ages 3-5)

This program introduces the children to Andy the puppet and the five senses-touch, hear, sight, taste, and smell. Children are introduced to Andy's animal puppet friends and they learn about their special senses. This program features hands-on activities and a walk around Starsmore Visitor and Nature Center.

2016 Colorado Academic Standards: Preschool Science: 1.1, 2.1, and 2.2 Preschool Physical Education: 1.1, 4.1 (Cost \$4.00).1.25 hrs.

Nature Detectives

(Grades K-2)

Children learn about Colorado wildlife and their specialized senses that help them survive. Students will participate in hands on activities using their senses to discover nature in the park. (Science State Standards 3, Benchmark A, B, C)

2016 Colorado Academic Standards: Kindergarten Science: 1, 2; Kindergarten Physical Education: 1.1, 1.2, 3.2; 1st Grade Science: 1, 2; 4st Grade Physical Education: 1, 2, 3; 2nd Grade Science: 1.1, 2.1, 2.2 2nd Grade Physical Education: 1.1, 4.1 (Cost \$4.00) 1.5 hrs.

Tipi Raising and Ute Heritage Program/Hike option

(Grades 3-5)

This program involves pulling travois, setting up a Ute tipi and learning about the way of life of the native Ute people through these interactive, hands-on experiences. The children break up into groups learning about art and painting with yucca fronds, Ute history, passing around artifacts inside the tipi, the Bear Dance, making a glass beaded bracelet and participating in the friendship dance. **2016 Colorado Academic Standards**: 3rd Grade History: 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 3.1, 2; 4th Grade History: 1.1, 1. 2.2, 3.1, 4.1; 5th Grade History 1.1, 1.2, 2.2.

(Cost \$10.00) 3.5-4 hrs.

Ute Children Program

(Grades K-2)

The children will learn about the Ute Indian culture. The students will have hands on experiences learning about Ute cooking, painting with yucca fronds, passing around Indian artifacts, participate in a friendship dance and make a beaded bracelet to take home. **2016 Colorado Academic Standards** PreK History: 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 3.1, 2; K History: 1.1, 1. 2.2, 3.1, 4.1; 1st Grade History 1.1, 1.2. 2.2, (Cost \$5.00) 1.5 hrs.

Discover the Plant Kingdom

(Grades 5-6) Available in September and May only

Students learn the classification of plants and why other organisms are in other kingdoms. They will begin with a power point presentation and then sort leaves, view spores, pollen, pistols and stamen under a microscope, dissect monocot vs dicot seeds, go into the garden looking at parts of a flower and go for a hike to view the flowering vs non flowering plants, and those organisms that are not plants.

(Cost \$6.00) 2.5hrs.

Golden Prospects

(Grades 3-5)

Students learn the technique of panning for gold in North Cheyenne Creek, what gold looks like among the fools and gem hunt in gold pans and take home the treasures. We discuss the history of the Colorado Gold Rush in 1859; discover items from the 1800's prospector's pack. 3rd Grade History: 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 3.1, 2; 4th Grade History: 1.1, 1. 2.2, 3.1, 4.1; 5th Grade History 1.1, 1.2. 2.2, (Cost \$6.00) 2 hrs. Groups under 50.

Golden Prospects

Summer program

(Cost\$4.00) 1.5hrs.

Insects Everywhere

(Grades 1-3)

Children discover insects that lurk in the leaf litter, hang out in the trees, hide in the creek, and fly with amazing wings. They will also view our wonderful insect display in Starsmore Visitor and Nature Center. It's all hands-on and who knows what kind of little creature you will uncover. **2016 Colorado Academic Standards**: 1st Grade Science: 1,2; 1st Grade Physical Education: 1,2,3; 2nd Grade Science: 1,1, 2,1, 2,2, 2nd Grade Physical Education: 1,1, 4, 3nd Grade Science: 1,2,3nd Grade PE:1,2,3. (Cost \$4.00) 1.5 hrs.

Wildlife Habitats

(Grades 1-3)

Find out about the fascinating animals that are wildlife "neighbors" in Colorado Springs. The students learn about the components of a good habitat and discover some animals through our habitat logs. The children will also go on a habitat hike in our park. **2016 Colorado Academic Standards** 1st Grade Science: 1,2; 1st Grade Physical Education: 1,2,3; 2nd Grade Science: 1.1, 2.1, 2.2 2nd

Grade Physical Education: 1.1, 4.1.

(Cost \$4.00).1.5 hrs.

The Wonders of Water

(Grades 3-6)

Discover the wonders of North Cheyenne Creek. Learn about our watershed, discover the living creatures in the creek, test the pH, and play a water cycle game.

(Cost \$6.00). 2.5hrs.