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*All classes are aligned with MN & WI
Academic Content Standards*

Live Virtual Classroom Programs

Sign up for one of our live virtual classroom programs today! Whether your students are at home, in school, or hybrid, they can participate in one of our 45-minute engaging interpretive programs.

Grades K – 2

MEET A MUSSEL

Essential Understanding

You mean muscle, right? Nope! Freshwater mussels live in lakes and rivers in Minnesota and Wisconsin. What are they? Let's meet a mussel and learn about these mysterious and marvelous creatures together!

Grades 3 – 5

THE GREAT MUSSEL MYSTERY

Essential Understanding

We have muscles (strong, of course) and rivers have mussels; freshwater mussels! These bi-valves remind us of oysters and clams, and North America has more than 300 species of freshwater mussels—more than anywhere else in the world. But what are these two-shelled organisms? Are they animals? Are they alive? Do they even do anything? Mussels are mysterious and students will gather evidence (clues) to learn more about these river and lake bottom dwellers.

WHAT MAKES A BIRD A BIRD?

Essential Understanding

Have you ever wished you could fly? How can large birds like the sandhill crane and wild turkey get off the ground? Let's find out what special adaptations birds have that allow them to fly! We'll learn about the similarities between birds and other vertebrates while also pointing out what makes a bird unique. After learning all about birds, students will get to draw their own birds and present their drawings to the class.

Grades 6 - 12

A WATERSHED IN JEOPARDY

Essential Understanding

Aquatic invasive species have a devastating impact on the watersheds that they invade. From lakes to rivers and creeks to ponds, these fast-spreading species quickly take over our precious watershed. Students will identify how aquatic invasive species affect our economies and ecosystems, and the role we all can play to prevent their further spread through an engaging and interactive game of Jeopardy!

Contact Nicole Biagi at nbiagi@wilddriversconservancy.org to sign up or to inquire about a custom program.