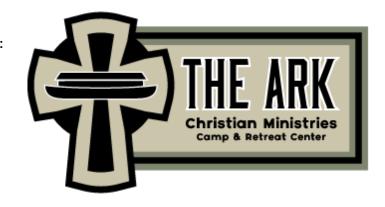
THE ARK Christian Ministries in Converse, Indiana provides creative ways for people to grow and develop into healthy individuals who positively impact the world in which they live. The programming offered to school systems is geared towards supporting students as they grow academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually preparing them to impact the world. The programs offered will provide a framework for your school to build an experience where your students interact with trained ARK staff members and explore the great outdoors and STEM challenges through experiential learning and peer dynamics.

Each program can be catered to fit the needs of your students as we partner to foster this growth. Each program is led by trained ARK staff and will be joined by representatives from your school. Each program has outdoor experience and asks all participants to be dressed appropriately. Each program is designed to include classroom discussion, outdoor experience, and a meaningful time of debrief and reflection.

If you have a program or topic that would fit the needs of your students or curriculum and you don't see it listed here, please contact THE ARK. We would love to partner with you to design a custom program for your school group. Beyond the list below, we could explore topics such as:

- Reptiles and Amphibians of Indiana
- Creepy Crawlies of Indiana
- Mammal Behavior
- Clouds and Weather
- Phenology

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## Outdoor Education Programs at THE ARK Contact THE ARK for Costs

Macroinvertebrate Pond Study:	90 minutes	Grades 4-8
An entire ecosystem exists underwater i	n ponds, swamps, and	creeks. During this experience the students will use
nets and other equipment to capture ting	y invertebrates from d	ifferent bodies of water, analyze the types of critters
captured, use this information to learn a	bit about the quality of	of the water in that habitat.
Standards targeted: 6.LS.4 / 6-8.LST.2.3	3 / SEPS.1,2,3,4,6	
Trees of Indiana:	90 minutes	Grades 4-8
	-	th for both humans and other wildlife. Identify and
-		tomous key for ID, estimate the age of the tree, learn
about photosynthesis and other processe		h in this hands on experience.
Standards targeted: 6.LS.2 / 6-8.LST.2.3	3 / SEPS.2,4,5	
Birds of Indiana:	90 minutes	Grades 4-8
Look to the skies and discover those feat	thered friends that are	often overlooked or unseen. Learn about special
		e designs of different bird species and even uncover a
mystery of an owl's last meal through di	-	
Standards targeted: 5.LS.2 / 6.LS.3 / 8.	-	
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Ecology and Interactions:	90 minutes	Grades 5-8
Living things that share an ecosystem ar	e intertwined more th	an we often see. Learn terms and concepts of these
relationships through an interactive "eso	cape room". Students v	will use clues and solve puzzles to unlock the next
stages as they learn the ins and outs of a	an ecosystem.	
Standards targeted: 6.LS.3 / 8.LS.9 / SE	PS.3,4,8	
Walk-in-Awe:	60 minutes	Grades 3-6
The complexities and details of things th	at surround us every d	lay will create awe and wonder when discovered and
examined. Take a walk around three different habitats and slow down to see what you can see. Students will be led through activities that will enhance their observation skills and attention to detail.		

STEM / Robotics Lessons: 90 minutes Grades 5-8 Uncover the inner engineer in your students. Contact us for information about our Sphero and VEX robotics classes.

## Experiential Learning at THE ARK

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Forces and Motion:90 minutesGrades 5-8Experience the force of gravity while riding down a cable swing and feel the wind blow through your hair. After<br/>researching some factors that impact the speed and other aspects of your ride, hypothesize and design an<br/>experiment to test your hypothesis on a model zipline that you build.Standards targeted:6.PS.1,2,3 / 7.PS.4-7 / 6-8.LST.2.3 / SEPS.1,2,3,4,5,8

 Team Initiatives and Group Games:
 120 minutes
 Grades 4-8

Want your students to work together? So do we! This program has ARK staff leading your group through challenges and games. In order to succeed, the team must work together. The cheers and encouragement of a team after a challenge full of frustration and obstacles is a wonderful thing for all involved. (prerequisite to Team Building Challenge)

Team Building Challenges:120 minutesGrades 7-8After your team experiences Team Initiatives and Group Game Program, put them to the mental and creative test<br/>through a team building challenge course. Your students will enter the woods and walk a trail to our team building<br/>elements and build their leadership, teamwork, and creative thinking skills. Exit the woods a more cohesive group<br/>with confidence that carries over into the classroom and all areas of life.

Wilderness Survival Skills:90 minutesGrades 5-8

Sharpen your outdoor survival skills in the wilderness of Converse, Indiana. After taking this course, you will have the knowledge necessary to build fire, make shelter, find direction, fish for food, all in a safe and fun environment around friends and staff. See if you have what it takes to survive in the wild, or if you need to take this course a second time.

Recreational Programming: Times vary Grades 4-8

Choose to put traditional learning aside for a more adventurous activity during your visit. These fun activities will foster individual growth, peer encouragement, and group strategy. (Age restrictions apply) Choose from:

- High Ropes Course
- 45 foot outdoor climbing tower
- Indoor climbing wall
- Archery / Hatchet / Slingshot range
- Canoeing our pond
- Archery tag