

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AT TRINITY RIVER AUDUBON CENTER



We are your gateway to exploring the amazing resources of the 6,000-acre Great Trinity Forest. The habitat we maintain is a diverse community of plant and animal species within a unique mixture of bottomland hardwood forest, wetlands, and grasslands. A part of the City of Dallas-Trinity River Corridor Project, the center's 120 acres sit on a former illegal dumpsite that is now a reclaimed haven for wildlife with miles of trails and a LEED certified Nature Center.

We offer a variety of educational opportunities at the Center (and at your campus!) for your students to enhance their knowledge in environmental science topics, build relationships with nature, and become the next generation of environmental stewards.

[Read more](#) to learn about our programs!

LIL NATURALISTS (PRE K – 1ST GRADE)

In this 1.5 hour program, students enjoy an adventure through nature! The program includes a nature-themed story written by Audubon staff, a live animal presentation, and a mini nature hike where students use their senses to engage with the world around them.



TEKS ALIGNED PROGRAMMING

Kindergarten:

1a, 12ab, 13abd

1st grade:

1ac, 3c, 5fg, 6a, 11a

2nd grade:

1c, 2ac, 2d, 4a, 9ac, 10ab

3rd grade:

1b, 2cdf, 4a, 7cd, 9b, 10a

4th grade:

1b, 2abcd, 3c, 4a, 7c, 10a

5th grade:

1b, 2bcd, 4a, 7b, 9a, 10a

6th grade:

1b, 2bce, 3a, 4a, 12ace

7th grade:

1b, 2bce, 3a, 4a, 5a, 10ab, 11b, 12b

8th grade:

1b, 2bce, 3a, 4a, 11ab



ECO INVESTIGATIONS (2ND-8TH)

This 3 hour program is designed to incorporate hands-on, inquiry based learning strategies to fortify scientific observation and identification skills. It includes a guided nature hike, aquatic investigation to learn about water quality, and a live animal presentation.





TEKS ALIGNED PROGRAMMING

9th-10th grade

Biology:

10abcd, 13ad

11th-12th grade

Environmental Systems:

4ab, 4fgh, 5abd

****For year-round partnerships to maximize educational possibilities, please reach out to jake.poinsett@audubon.org**



ECOSYSTEM STUDY (9-12TH GRADE)

In this 2 hour program, students participate in field studies ranging from bird surveys, vegetation surveys, and aquatic surveys to learn about the biodiversity at the Center and how it relates to the ecosystem services we all depend on.



SERVICE-LEARNING (HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE)

Our 2 hour Service-Learning program combines learning objectives with community service in order to meet societal needs and enhance professional experience. Designed to complement your curriculum, students will learn about various prairie ecology topics followed by habitat management practices ranging from invasive species removal, plant propagation, prairie planting and/or data collection.

SELF-GUIDED FIELD TRIP (ALL AGES)

Explore the Center at your own pace! Our Audubon Educators will provide an introduction about our Center and what to expect while you're exploring. Field guides are available for teachers to borrow in order to help with instruction on the trails.



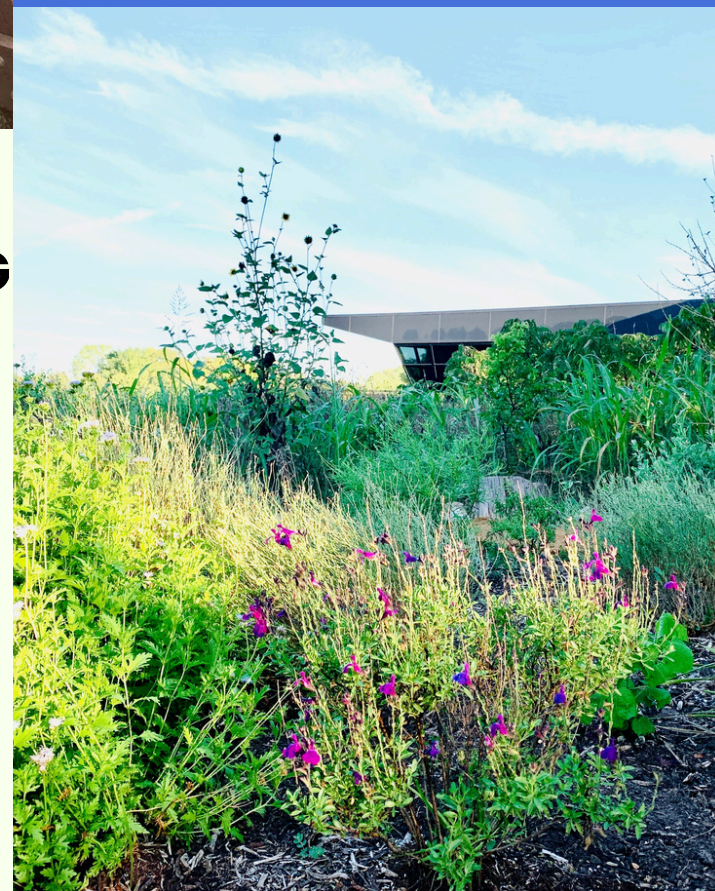
FROM TRASH TO TREASURE (2ND-8TH)

In this 3 hour field trip, students take a deep dive into the history of the Trinity River Audubon Center. They will learn about the landfill, the community that took action, and how it has been transformed into an environmental treasure!



WE HAVE LOTS OF HOMESCHOOL LEARNING OPTIONS AS WELL!

There are a variety of field trip options for homeschool groups including Prairie Prowl, Birding 101, and Pond Ecology. To learn more about our Homeschool Adventures, please follow the Homeschool Learning tab on our website!



BOOK YOUR FIELD TRIP!

To book your field trip, please take a moment to fill out our Academic Program Request Form:

<http://trinityriver.audubon.org/academicprogramrequest>

The link is also located on our Academic Program Document Library.

Our guided field trips are **\$10 per student**, while self-guided field trips are **\$5 per student**. For each field trip there is a required **1 chaperone for every 10 students**. Chaperones within that ratio are **free** with additional chaperones being **\$6 per chaperone**. Our maximum number of students per field trip is **150 students**. Group sizes larger than 150 will need to be divided into multiple days. We do not have food onsite and recommend bringing a bagged lunch. Lunch time is either factored into the timeframe OR you're welcome to stick around for lunch after depending on the program.

After booking your field trip with the Academic Request Form, you will receive an email outlining our protocols and procedures, liability forms, payment information, and any additional information regarding your field trip!

We are able to offer field trip discounts for our Title 1 Partners!

Please reach out to Jake Poinsett at jake.poinsett@audubon.org or 214-309-5850 with any questions. Thank you!



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