PROGRAM OFFERINGS

The First Songbird Sanctuary in the Nation, founded in 1923.

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The Mission of Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary & Audubon Center is to connect people with nature while promoting a sense of environmental stewardship through natural science educational programs.

The Sanctuary was established in 1923 in memory of the Conservation President, Theodore Roosevelt. Considered to be the oldest songbird sanctuary in the nation, the Sanctuary has 15-acres of upland forest and open meadow habitat maintained for songbird conservation and environmental education.

“There can be no greater issue than that of conservation in this country.”

Theodore Roosevelt, 1912
The goal of the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary & Audubon Center is to provide high-quality effective environmental education programs to all audiences. Using hands-on, experiential, and inquiry-based methods, program participants will develop a deeper understanding and consideration for our natural world, gain a sense of stewardship for their local environment, and become informed decision-makers for the future.

Highly qualified educators conduct nature programs at the Sanctuary or at a site of your choice. We use live non-releasable wildlife, natural areas, artifacts and an exciting assortment of activities to help people discover the natural world. The following are descriptions of our most popular programs. Other programs can be tailored to fulfill your needs.

“It is no use to preach to [children] if you do not act decently yourself.”

Theodore Roosevelt, 1903

**Pre-Kindergarten**

At the Sanctuary = 90 minute program (incl. 30 minute trail walk)
At your location = 45 - 60 minute program

These programs are the perfect introduction to our wildlife and other nature-based programs. Young students will be delighted to explore the world around them and connect with the organisms sharing it.

**Discovering Birds**

Birds come in many colors, shapes and sizes. In this program, students discover that birds all have feathers, beaks, unique feet, and eggs.

At the Sanctuary, they’ll also make their own binoculars to use during a trail walk.

**Discovering Reptiles**

Are lizards scary? Can a turtle come out of its shell? How can a snake move without legs? These questions are answered as students discover the fantastic cold-blooded, scaly animals we call reptiles!

At the Sanctuary, students will also search the Sanctuary for snakes!

**Discovering Insects**

Insects are all around us - just turn over a log and you’ll find another world beneath it. In this program, students learn the differences between insects, spiders, worms, and other animals without backbones.

At the Sanctuary, students will also participate in a bug hunt!
WILDLIFE PROGRAMS

Introduction to Wildlife
(Grades K-2)
Birds have feathers, reptiles have scales, and mammals have fur. These are just some of the characteristics students explore as they discover the similarities and differences between groups of animals.
NYS Standard 4,
Key Idea 1, 3.1a, 5.1a, & 6

Wild Long Island (Grades K-12)
Long Island has a wide variety of habitats, from forests to beaches to grasslands. Students meet some of Long Island’s resident wildlife and discover why it is important to save natural habitats in their own neighborhood.
NYS Standard 4,
Key Idea 1, 3.1a, 3.1c, & 6

World of Birds (Grades K-6)
Birds have fascinating and unique characteristics separating them from other wildlife. Students learn about birds and how to identify common species through hands-on activities and listening to calls of common birds.
NYS Standard 4,
Key Idea 3.1a, 3.1c, & 5.1b

World of Reptiles (Grades K-6)
Snakes, lizards and turtles play a vital role in many terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Participants will meet a variety of reptiles and discover the unique adaptations which help them survive in habitats around the world.
NYS Standard 4,
Key Idea 1, 3.1a, 3.1c, 5.1a

Animal Adaptations
(Grades 3-12)
All animals have unique behaviors and body features that help them survive in their environment. Live animals demonstrate concepts as students discover how different animals are adapted to grow, survive and reproduce.
NYS Standard 4,
Key Idea 3.1a, 3.1c, 5.1b, & 5.2e

Who’s Eating Whom?
(Grades 2-6)
All plants and animals need nutrients and energy for survival. Through hands-on activities, games, and a live animal presentation, students learn how energy flows through ecosystems and the important role each plant and animal plays.
NYS Standard 4,
Key Idea 3.1c, 5.1a, & 6

Raptors: Birds of Prey (Grades 1-6)
Hawks, owls, and falcons deftly swoop through the air, alert for prey. Their unique design and deadly weapons place them on top of the food chain. Learn how to identify these birds while gaining a greater understanding about their adaptations and habitats.
NYS Standard 4,
Key Idea 1, 3.1a, 5.1b, & 5.2e
Special Sanctuary Programs

Native American Life (Grades PK-4)
Native Americans on Long Island prospered with a wealth of edible wildlife, hand-made tools, and medicinal plants. Using hands-on activities, artifacts, and a trail walk, children discover what life was like over five hundred years ago. This program is held completely outdoors.
NYS Core Curriculum for Social Studies: Standards 1, 3, & 4

Spineless Wonders (Grades K-6)
Insects aren’t the only animals without backbones. Students explore the forest, meadow, and ponds in search of insects, spiders, worms, and other invertebrates in this diverse group of creatures.
NYS Standard 4, Key Idea 1, 3.1a, 3.1c, & 5.1b

Forest Ecology (Grades 6-12)
Forests are all around us, yet many of us never look at them closely. Using a variety of scientific tools and methods, students explore a forest ecosystem. They discover the characteristics of a forest ecosystem and learn about the plants and animals that live in this habitat.
NYS Standard 4, Key Idea 3.1c, 5.1a, & 6

Coastal Ecology (Grades 3-12)
Conducted at Beekman Beach, Oyster Bay
Estuaries are one of the most productive ecosystems in the world. Fish, crabs, shellfish, other invertebrates, and birds thrive in salt marshes, shallows, and wetlands. Through hands-on activities, students explore estuaries of the Long Island Sound and discover why they are important to wildlife and people.
NYS Standard 4, Key Idea 2.1d, 3.1c, & 5.1a

For the Birds! (Grades 3-12)
Conducted at your school
For the Birds! is conducted at your school for a room-based or after-school program that teaches students about science, nature, and the environment through an in-depth study of birds. Some of the experiences available in this seven session program are field trips to local natural areas, habitat improvement, research projects, and classroom visits from real birds. Educators and volunteers visit classrooms to teach the For The Birds! curriculum. Educators can customize the lessons to better fit each teacher’s needs. Please call to find out how For The Birds! can fit into your school’s curriculum.
NYS Standard 4, Key Idea 3.1a, 3.1c, 5.2f, 6 & 7

Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts—Customized Programs for your Troop!
In addition to our wildlife programs, our education staff would be delighted to work with scout leaders to design a high-quality program to help you complete targeted badge requirements.

Girl Scout Badge Suggestions
Brownies: Eco-Explorer
Juniors, Cadettes & Seniors: Wildlife

Cub Scout Achievement Suggestions
Tiger: Achievement 5
Wolf: Achievement 7 & 10b
Bear: Achievement 5

Please call for information and to discuss specific badge programs.
# Reservation Information

Please call (516) 922-3200 to schedule your trip. Programs are booked on a first come, first served basis. Dates fill quickly, call today!

## AT YOUR LOCATION:

**TIME:** 60 minutes  
**COST:** $175 for up to 25 people  
$250 for 26-49 people  
$325 for 50+ people  
**TRAVEL FEES from OYSTER BAY:**  
0-10 miles = FREE  
10-20 miles = $30  
20+ miles on Long Island = $75  
Manhattan, Bronx, Staten Island = $95  
Westchester, SE Connecticut = $120  
**PARKING FEES:** (if not provided)  
General = $20  
Manhattan = $30

## AT THE SANCTUARY:

**ADDRESS:** 134 Cove Road, Oyster Bay, NY 11771  
**TIME:** 90 minutes, starting daily at 9:30am, 12:00pm & 3:30pm.  
**COST:** $175 for up to 25 students, $7 per student over 25.

## AT TACKAPAUSHA MUSEUM & PRESERVE:

**ADDRESS:** Washington Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783  
**TIME:** 90 minutes, starting daily at 10:00am, 12:30pm & 2:30pm  
**COST:** $175 for up to 25 students, $7 per student over 25.  
Additional $1 per person admission fee payable to Tackapausha.

## AT BEEKMAN BEACH:

**ADDRESS:** West End Avenue, Oyster Bay, NY 11771  
**TIME:** 120 minutes, starting daily at 9:30am & 12:30pm.  
**COST:** $200 for up to 25 students, $8 per student over 25.

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To Schedule Call: 516-922-3200

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**Science**  
**Math**  
**Language Arts**  
**Social Studies**
Directions

By the Long Island Expressway (I-495):
Take exit 41 North, Route 106. Follow Rt. 106 North 4 miles to the village of Oyster Bay. Turn right onto East Main Street. Follow East Main Street for 1 mile (it turns into Cove Road). Park in the gravel parking lot on the right below Youngs Memorial Cemetery.

By Route 25A (Northern Blvd.):
Take 25A to Cove Road. Follow Cove Road north about 2 miles. You will see a green and white Theodore Roosevelt Nature Sanctuary sign on the left. Proceed past the sign to the gravel parking lot on the left.

From the parking lot, follow the brick sidewalk 100 yards to the entrance of the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary & Audubon Center.