



Dear Educator,

The Lesser Slave Forest Education Society has partnered with the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation to host a unique science exhibit called **“Wildlife Discovery”!** Together we have designed a high-quality, hands-on, interactive program that focuses on the wildlife of the Boreal Forest and their habitat needs. This special curriculum-based display encourages students to develop a keen interest in science and the environment.

**“Wildlife Discovery”** will be touring the Lesser Slave Lake region during the winter months and your school has the opportunity to book the display and have your kindergarten to grade three classes investigate the exhibits. The program complements the Alberta Learning science curriculum in the following places:

- ✓ Kindergarten: Community and Environmental Awareness
- ✓ Grade 1: Needs of Animals and Plants
- ✓ Grade 2: Small Crawling and Flying Animals
- ✓ Grade 3: Animal Life Cycles

Through participation in the **“Wildlife Discovery”** Program, your students will be able to:

1. Compare and contrast boreal forest wildlife species.
2. Identify and classify boreal forest wildlife based on observable characteristics
3. Recognize basic needs of all animals: food, water, shelter, space, air.
4. Describe the important relationship between boreal forest wildlife and their habitat.
5. Identify some of the adaptations of boreal forest wildlife to their environment.

The display will be set up as a series of 4 – 5 stations that the students will rotate through to discover different types of animals and their habitat needs:

- ✓ Station 1 – Identify different animals by using fur, tracks and even their scat!!
- ✓ Station 2 – Bird Beak Adaptation game
- ✓ Station 3 - Classification activity: grouping animals such as amphibians, mammals, insects, fish, etc.
- ✓ Station 4 - Boreal Forest Habitat Game – discover how animals use their habitat to meet the basic needs of food, water, shelter and space
- ✓ Station 5 - Exploring Winter Adaptations of animals and birds of the Boreal. How do they survive the snow and cold weather?

Our organizations will be responsible for bringing the program to your school, setting up the discovery stations and coordinating groups while going through the stations. Each class will take approximately 75-80 minutes to complete all 5 discovery stations.

If you would like to participate in this exciting and educational program, your school needs to supply:

- ✓ An area to set up the program (i.e. library, classroom, etc.)
- ✓ 5 table with 4-6 chairs at each table
- ✓ At least 4 adult volunteers must be available to assist the student groups at the stations.

Once we have set a date for your school and have set up the display, we will provide teachers with a sneak peak of the display, to acquaint them with the logistics and discovery techniques their students will be incorporating.

Wildlife discovery is available for booking through the Lesser Slave Forest Education Society. Call M.J. Munn-Kristoff at (780) 849-8627 or email [kristoffm@northernlakescollege.ca](mailto:kristoffm@northernlakescollege.ca)

Book now for this exciting environmental education program!!

Yours Sincerely,

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