

Program Offerings for the Remington Nature Center, 2016

Nature Programs presented by Shelly Cox—Naturalist, Remington Nature Center

Hibernation (pre K-1st grade, 30 minutes, \$15): Where do the animals go in the winter? How do they survive? This program helps younger children learn how some animals must sleep for the winter while other animals do not. We will introduce animals such as bears, frogs, snakes and insects, as well as others.

Bats in Your Belfry (1st - 6th grade, 45 minutes, \$30): With 14 species of bats who call Missouri home, there is no shortage of interesting things to learn about our only flying mammal. Come join us as we separate fact from myth in this educational and fun look at these mysterious creatures of the night.

Missouri Misfits (2nd - 6th grade, 45 minutes, \$30): This program takes a look at the animals many consider unlovable. We will learn about tarantulas, vultures, rattlesnakes, opossums, and many others to discover why these often vilified creatures are vitally important to our ecosystems.

The Wiley Coyote (1st-6th grade, 45 minutes – 1 hour, \$30): Roadrunner isn't the only animal that wages war against the shy, elusive and smart coyote. Humans have been in conflict with them for decades. This program explores the life of Missouri's largest canine, and how they have adapted to survive among humans.

North American Beavers and the Founding of St. Joseph (4th grade – adult, 1 hour, \$40): This program introduces you to North America's largest rodent, and how fashion brought about the founding of St. Joseph. Learn how nature's engineer opened trade routes around the world, almost went extinct, and became a conservation success story.

Snakes Alive! (any age, 30-40 minutes, \$40): Meet live snakes in a safe, hands-on manner. Whether you love them or fear them, most everyone is fascinated by them. This program addresses the fears and myths associated with snakes. Join us as we discover the truth about our slithery friends.

Insects and Spiders: Missouri's Majority (1st-6th grade, 45 minutes – 1 hour, \$40): Everywhere you look there are bugs and spiders; it can feel like you are surrounded. This program teaches the importance of insects and spiders to the ecosystems where they are found. It has been said "Insects can live without humans, but humans cannot live without insects." Come learn why and meet a live tarantula!



Shelly Cox grew up in Northwest Missouri and has spent her whole life exploring and learning about the wild outdoors. Animals always drew her attention and she has a special fondness for all creatures, although her personal favorites are snakes, bats, spiders and insects.

She works extensively with youth of the region through her efforts with 4H, FFA, and her past job as a naturalist with the Missouri Department of Conservation. She enjoys introducing children to all the great local flora and fauna.

Shelly is a founding member and currently serves as secretary to the Pony Express Amphibian & Reptile Society that meets in St. Joseph. She created and manages an online blog entitled "MObugs," designed to educate people of all ages on the importance of the "Smaller Majority."

Shelly became a member of the Remington Nature Center team in February 2016, and is looking forward to working with your group soon!

Standard admission rates (\$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors 60 and over, \$1 for youth ages 4-15) will also apply. For booking and scheduling, please contact the Remington Nature Center at 816-271-5499, or email amccoy@stjoemo.org