



## The Education Program

- ✚ Connects students, teachers, and parents with the natural world.
- ✚ Provides fun, hands-on learning experiences for students.
- ✚ Integrates local natural resources into field trip lesson plans that meet state science standards for each grade.
- ✚ Strengthens a sense of community.
- ✚ Promotes physical activity.
- ✚ Supported by a dedicated team of volunteers, donors, and local organizations.

## How Can You Help?

- ✚ Become a volunteer docent
- ✚ Donate to the program
- ✚ Tell people about us
- ✚ Like us on Facebook



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**Contact** our Education Director for more information about how to help bring outdoor learning opportunities to local youth!

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Outdoor Education...  
Take It Outside!

*Dedicated to Enhancing  
Hands-on Learning in the  
Local Natural Environment*

*"This is the best day of my life!"*

*~ Kindergarten Student Participant*



## Our Vision

The Spring Rivers Foundation Outdoor Education Program strives to enhance environmental awareness and grow connections between individuals, the community, and our surroundings.



## Our Mission

The Outdoor Education Team develops integrated educational programs and locations to connect students and adults with the natural world, enhance the fun and relevance of learning, and increase environmental awareness.

## Student Field Trips

### Exploration Stations

Students participate in a variety of standards-based activity stations at one of the local sites our education team has identified as outdoor education learning laboratories. These unique outdoor learning spaces provide exceptional opportunities for students to participate in hands-on outdoor activities and real-world scientific explorations.

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*"I think this is a great component of students' educational experience that I can't provide in the classroom. It made me realize just how much my students need hands-on activities to be engaged."*

*~ Local Teacher*

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### Educational Hikes

Students participate in educational hikes along one of three local trails the education team has identified as exceptional outdoor education areas. Along the hikes, students participate in several standards-based activities with our volunteer docent hike leaders.



## Take Learning Outside!

Spring Rivers Foundation, educators, and a volunteer docent team, work together to provide hands-on learning opportunities in our local ecosystems.

### How Place-Based Learning Works

- 🪓 Local environments provide exciting, integrated contexts for standards-based learning.
- 🪓 Students conduct real-world outdoor scientific investigations and study local environments and organisms.
- 🪓 Students develop increased problem-solving, critical thinking, and decision-making skills.