



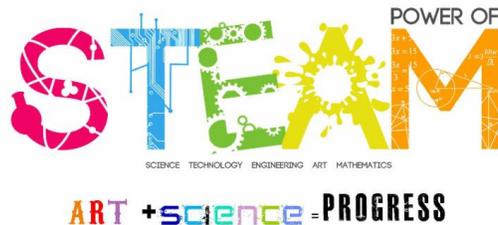
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**Explore the Forest FUN-damentals  
Homeschool Day at the Woodlands Nature Station**

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*Woodlands Nature Station at Land Between the Lakes will feature STEAM inspired programs and activities on Homeschool Day, April 29, 2022.*

The Friends of Land Between the Lakes invite you to explore the wonders of the forest during the eighth annual Homeschool Day at Woodlands Nature Station from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 29.

Discover the ecology, biodiversity, human uses, and importance of our nation's forests through STEAM programs. Hands-on activities, led by naturalists and forestry experts, will not only be fun, but will also enhance your students' knowledge and understanding of the natural world. We recommend planning at least a 3-hour visit to experience all the day has to offer.

Scheduled programs:

**Dentro Detectives**- 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. - Put on your detective hats and join a naturalist for a short, easy hike to discover the dentro-world.

**True KY Wildcat** - 11:30 a.m. - Join Barkley the Bobcat and learn how these elusive creatures rely on the forest for their survival.

**Mighty Tree Puppet Show** - 12:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. - Gather 'round and listen to the story of the Mighty Tree! This puppet show is a perfect activity for young naturalists!

**HOOTenanny** - 2:30 p.m. - Meet the Nature Station owls and discover how they depend on their forested habitat to hunt, hide, and HOOT!

Ongoing activities from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. include:

**Mohs Madness with the Ben. E. Clement Mineral Museum**- Join the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum to learn about the Mohs Hardness Scale and discover how rocks and the forest are connected!

**Forest H2O with the Four Rivers Watershed** - Join the Four Rivers Watershed to

examine live pond critters and discover what may hide under the surface of the pond!

**Water Quality Testing with the Tennessee Valley Authority** - Exercise your chemistry skills as you test the pond water of the backyard with scientists from the Tennessee Valley Authority!

**Tornado Ecology with the National Weather Service** - Have you ever seen a tornado up close? You'll get a chance to (safely) learn about these natural events, as well as how they affect the forest and how to be safe when they strike.

**Lichen Lookout with the Kentucky Division for Air Quality** - Did you know lichens are bioindicators? Join the Kentucky Division for Air Quality and discover how lichens can tell us if a forest is healthy.

**Forestry Measurements** - Practice your math skills as you calculate forestry equations using the trees in our backyard!

**Up Close: Tree Leaves!** - Discover what lies on the surface of leaves using scientific tools. What will YOU see?

**Forest Firefighting** - Learn about forest firefighting by trying on real firefighting gear, heaving their heavy backpacks, and more! During this activity, you'll learn the importance of forest firefighting as well as prescribed burns.

The Woodlands Nature Station is located within Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area at 3146 Silver Trail Road, Cadiz, KY 42211. Admission is \$7 for ages 18 and up; \$5 for ages 5 -17; and free for ages 4 and under.

### *About the Friends of Land Between the Lakes*

The Friends of Land Between the Lakes have partnered with the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area of the USDA Forest Service to provide interpretive and informative services along with support services for those visiting the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area.

More information is available at [www.friendsoflbl.org](http://www.friendsoflbl.org). The Friends are supported through business and personal memberships, gift shop sales, and other contributions.

