Engaging Students in Science, Fun, Nature and the Outdoors.
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Nebraska Game & Parks Commission Goals

• Learn about our ecosystems, habitats, life cycles, food webs, soil, wildlife, natural resources and conduct science investigations.

• Explore and become proficient in outdoor recreation opportunities.

• Understand the health benefits of spending time outside.
Nebraska Game & Parks Commission has many programs that can work with both afterschool programs and the formal classroom:

- Growing Up WILD
- Project WILD & Aquatic WILD
- Outdoor Skills Afterschool Program
- National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)
- Fishing in the Schools (FinS) Program
- Trout in the Classroom
Formal Education Connection

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  **Science Standards:** 2.1.1, 5.1.1, 8.1.1, 12.1.1, 5.1.2, 8.1.2, 12.1.2, 5.1.3, 8.1.3, 12.1.3, 2.2.1, 2.3.1, 5.3.1, 8.3.1, 2.3.2, 5.3.2, 8.3.2, 5.3.3, 8.3.3, 12.3.3, 2.3.4, 5.3.4, 8.3.4, 12.3.4, 2.4.3, 5.4.3, 8.4.3, 12.4.3, 5.4.4, 8.4.4
  
  **Math Standards:** K-1.1.1, 5.3.2, 6.3.2, K-2.3.3, 1-4.4.1, K-5.4.2, 11.4.2, 12.4.2
  
  **Social Studies Standards:** 2.1.2, 4.1.2, 1.2.2, 2.2.2, 8.2.4, 12.2.6, 4.2.10, 5.2.10, 8.2.10, 12.2.10, 3.3.1, K-12.3.2, K-12.3.3, K-12.3.5, K-12.3.1

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  **Nebraska Physical Education Essential Learnings:** 2.1.1, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.3.1, 2.5.2, 2.6.1, 5.1.2, 5.2.1, 5.3.1, 5.5.1, 5.6.1, 5.6.3, 8.1.1, 8.2.1, 8.2.2, 8.5.1, 8.5.3, 8.6.1, 8.6.2, 8.6.3, 12.1.1, 12.2.1, 12.3.1, 12.5.1, 12.6.1, 12.6.2, 12.6.3

- Understand the health benefits of spending time outside
  
  **National Health Education Standards:** 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Project WILD & Aquatic WILD

- K-12th grade activity guides designed to teach about habitats, ecosystems, adaptations, biodiversity and wildlife management.

- Teach problem-solving and observations skills.
Growing Up WILD

• Early childhood focus in a fun engaging way to explore.

• Develop positive impression about nature and build lifelong social and cognitive skills.
How to get involved
(Project WILD and Growing Up WILD)

• Workshops are FREE and provide afterschool coordinators and educators with curriculum guides and resources.

• Register for a workshop www.nebraskaprojectwild.org
Outdoor Skills Afterschool Program

• Provides elementary and middle school age students with the opportunity to connect with nature through hands-on learning experiences, activities and educational opportunities

• Partnership with University Nebraska Lincoln Extension
Four Levels of Curriculum
Why incorporate this program?

• Innovative hands-on lessons split by grade level
  • Frog Calls
  • Hiking
  • Fishing
  • Fire Building & Camping
  • Hunting
• Consecutive growth
• FREE equipment kits and trainings
• Adaptive for indoor or outdoor settings
• Engage lifetime skills
How to get involved
(Outdoor Skills Afterschool Program)

• Participate in a scheduled training
  • Next training November 3 at the Outdoor Education Center in Lincoln

• Check-out equipment kits

• Example lessons and additional information
  outdoornebraska.org/afterschool
Nebraska Game & Parks FREE Resources

- Wildlife Education Trunks (12 locations)
- Afterschool Skill Club Curriculum & Kits (6 locations)
- Educator Workshops (statewide)
- Downloadable lessons (worldwide web)