

With over 2100 acres of Brushy



Mountain forests & streams surrounding pristine Lake Broyhill, we are dedicated to preserving this beautiful landscape through environmental education & sustainability. We take pride in the care of our buildings and grounds, and guarantee a clean and safe environment for your group at all times.



“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing’s going to get better, it’s not.”

-Dr. Seuss from *The Lorax*

Environmental Education Prices

- Planet Herring Ridge \$131/student
3 DAYS, 2 NIGHTS
- Half Day Ecology Center..... \$14/student
2 - 3 HOURS
- Full Day Ecology Center \$19/student
4 - 6 HOURS
- Extra Adult \$56
ONE ADULT FREE FOR EVERY 12 STUDENTS.

Ask us about pricing for a customized program.

Teambuilding & High Ropes Course Prices

- Half Day Teambuilding/
High Ropes\$20/person
- Full Day Teambuilding and/
or High Ropes\$30/person
- Full Day Teambuilding and/
or with Lunch \$40/person

High ropes course includes climbing wall, rappelling, dual zip line, high rope elements, power pole & giant swing.

We are also a conference & retreat center during the spring, fall & winter. Give us a call to learn more!

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at Herring Ridge
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YMCA Mission: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. Financial assistance available.

Our Vision

The ecology center here was developed in 2005 to create awareness and understanding of the natural environment around us through hands on education and research based projects. We also focus on the core values of the YMCA and keeping it fun at all times! With our passionate instructors, variety of programs, and diverse landscape we strive to be the best environmental education program North Carolina has to offer.



Our Programs

Our featured program is a 3 day, 2 night experience where 5th or 6th grade students participate in outdoor ecology classes, team-building/low ropes, a town council meeting, night hikes, and are challenged by our Dr. Seuss based characters to be stewards of the earth. We offer one day custom programs for groups of all ages too. You can hand pick classes to fit your school's curriculum, explore through sensory hikes, research projects, teambuilding, low/high ropes, and more.



Our Classes

The Web of Life: Explore food webs first hand, relationships in nature through our “predator & prey” activity, and how all living things are truly connected to each other.

Water Quality: Contributing to our ongoing research here you will get to collect and analyze macro-invertebrates, and learn how to test the turbidity, PH, rate of flow, and temperature of Big Warrior Creek - a teacher favorite.

Step Back in Time: Along side our early 19th century characters you will live in the time by cooking, working with tools, making cider or rope, and learning first hand about medicinal herbs.

Amazing Animals: Study the different animals that live in the North Carolina forests, their homes, food, tracks and more. Studnets also get to learn about North Carolina's endangered species.



Wonderful Wetlands: What makes up a wetland and why are they so important to us? Find out through self discovery and learn all about the many species that migrate through and live within.

People and the Planet: You will understand the importance of using the world's resources in a sustainable way, the issues surrounding population, and learn from the environment using biomimicry.



Terrific Trees: You will dive into tree identification, measurement, how trees work, and grow in our Brushy Mountain forests.

Grow, Garden, Grow: Get dirty sifting through soil and studying its contents to learn that it's not just dirt. Food production from seed to plate is also a main focus.

Other Activities

Give us a call to find out more about our night hikes, town meetings, the RESPECT dinner, tree plantings, teambuilding, low/high ropes, canoeing and kayaking. We are also happy to help with any customized program just for your school!