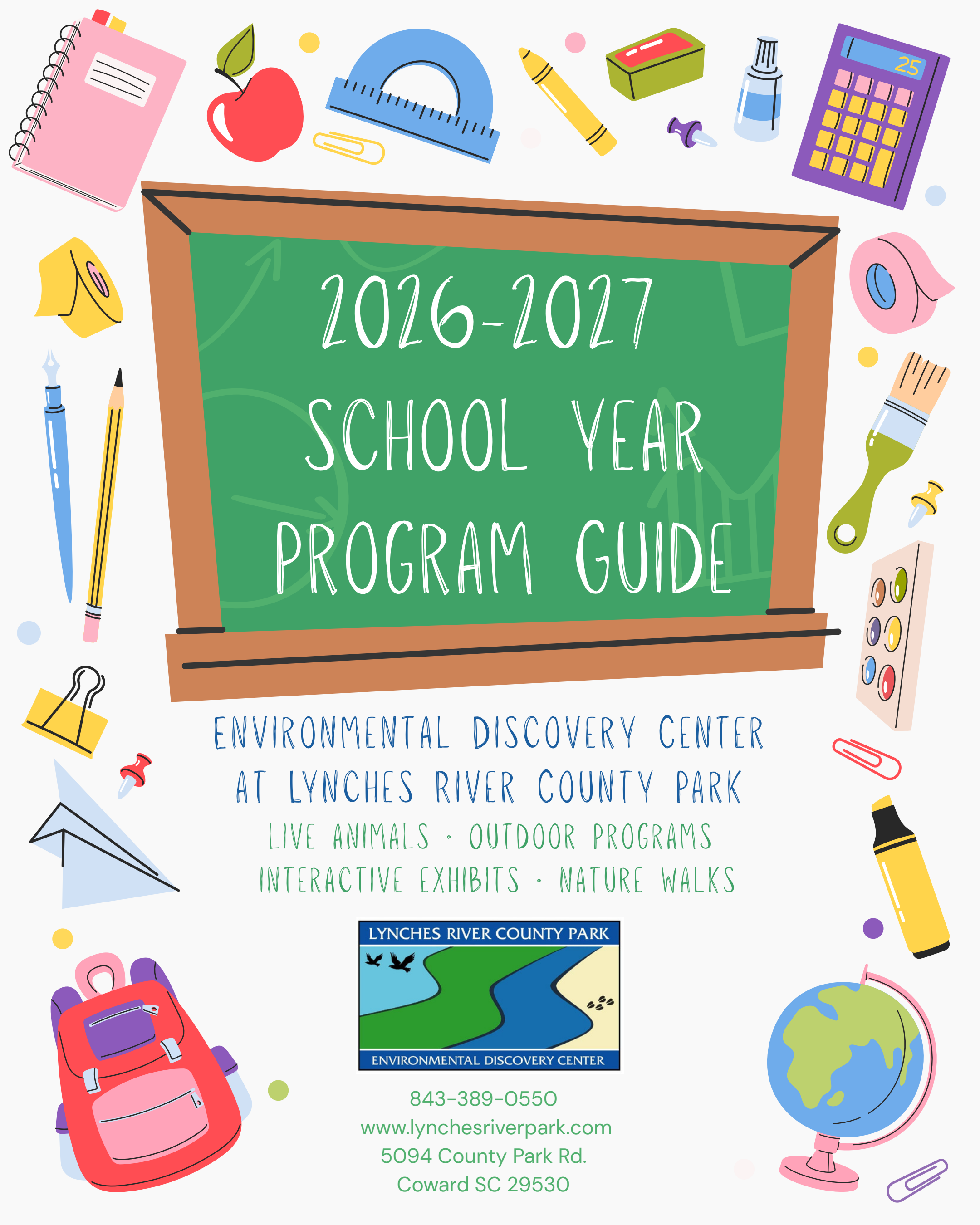




2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM GUIDE

ENVIRONMENTAL DISCOVERY CENTER
AT LYNCHES RIVER COUNTY PARK

LIVE ANIMALS • OUTDOOR PROGRAMS
INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS • NATURE WALKS



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Our field trip programs are designed to connect students with nature through engaging hands on activities that support classroom learning and align with South Carolina science standards. From exploring ecosystems and wildlife to discovering the importance of our rivers, forests, and natural resources, students will have opportunities to learn, investigate, and experience the outdoors. There is no charge for onsite programs; however, specific times and dates must be reserved. Explore our current program offerings below and find the perfect experience for your group!

PROGRAMS OFFERED



Pre-K & Kindergarten

Sensational Seasons

Students will learn about the four seasons and the weather that occurs throughout. We'll also discuss how animals and plants deal with the changing seasons.

[K-ESS2-1, K-ESS3-2](#)

One Tiny Turtle

Students learn about the characteristics of turtles through this interactive story. A make-n-take craft is included.

[K-LS1-1, K-ESS3-1](#)

The Tiny Seed

Students are introduced to the life cycle of a plant through an interactive story. They will plant their own seeds to take back to the classroom for continued study.

[K-LS1-1, K-ESS3-1](#)

First Grade

Growing Up Wild

Students will learn how different animals grow and change throughout their life cycle.

[1-LS1-2, 1-LS3-1](#)

Night Sight

In this activity, students will use their artistic skills to develop a tool that demonstrates that light is necessary to explore the dark.

[1-PS4-2](#)

Animal Engineers

Put on your animal-thinking cap! Kids will investigate beaks, claws, trunks, tails, and other animal superpowers before designing their own creations inspired by the wild.

[1-LS1-1](#)

Second Grade

Where the Wild Things Are

Students will compare different habitats in South Carolina and discuss the differences and similarities of the animals that inhabit them.

[2-LS4-1](#)

We All Need Trees

Students are often surprised to learn how many different products we get from trees. In this activity, students will learn just how much we depend on trees in our daily lives.

[2-PS1-1, 2-PS1-2](#)

Third Grade

Birds and Worms

Students learn about characteristics and adaptations as they pretend to be birds in search of "worms" in this physically involved outdoor activity.

3-LS3-2, 3-LS4-2, 3-LS4-3

Fossil Discovery

Students will learn about and examine different types of fossils as well as gain an understanding of how they are formed. They will also have the opportunity to make their own fossil or fossil rubbing to take home.

3-LS4-1

Fourth Grade

Born This Way

Students will learn how different characteristics help animals survive in their environment. Students will be pushed to think outside of the box during an adaptation activity.

4-LS1-1

Sense-Sational!

Students will learn about different animal senses and how animals are able to use their perceptions and memories to guide their actions. By visiting different sense stations, students will be able to use examples from their own sensory experiences to relate how animals process sensations in similar ways.

4-LS1-2

Fifth Grade

Treemendous Trees

Using "tree cookies", students will examine a cross-section of a tree trunk to learn the parts of a tree and the resources needed to help it grow.

5-LS1-1

What's for Dinner?

Students will learn that all animals, including people, depend on plants as a food source, either directly or indirectly.

5-LS2-1

Middle School

Roots to Resources

Students will explore the importance of trees, plants, and natural resources. Through interactive activities and outdoor discovery, students learn how natural resources support people, wildlife, and healthy ecosystems while discovering ways to help protect them.

7-PS1-3, 7-ESS3-4

Oh Deer

Students portray deer and habitat components in a physical activity that illustrates how limiting factors affect populations in ecosystems.

7-LS2-1, 7-LS2-2, 7-LS2-3, 7-LS2-4, 8-LS1-5, 8-LS4-4, 8-LS4-6

High School

Gilligan's Island

Students will learn about adaptations and evolution while being "stranded" on an island. As a group, students (3-5 per group) will discuss how humans may or may not change based on their unique island scenario and then present the findings to their classmates for comparison.

E-ESS3-1, B-LS4-1, B-LS4-2, B-LS4-4, B-LS4-5

WONDERS OF WILDLIFE

Bring the Environmental Discovery Center (EDC) to your classroom with our Wonders of Wildlife outreach program. This program features live reptile species common to South Carolina and teaches your students about the role and importance of reptiles in the ecosystem. Available for all grades as well as scout groups, youth centers, religious organizations, and more! Larger groups may need to be split into two sessions or multiple days. Outreaches start at \$100 and follow the fee schedule below:

- One to two programs (same location), up to 50 miles from LRCP: \$100; additional programs: \$25 per program
- One to two programs (same location), 51-100 miles from LRCP: \$200; additional programs: \$25 per program
- Programs more than 100 miles from LRCP will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and a mutually agreed upon fee will be established with the program requestor.

Our Wonders of Wildlife program is also available on-site, year-round, and free of charge.

PLAN YOUR VISIT

All onsite programs at Lynches River County Park are free! Most programs are designed for no more than 35 students. The EDC can accommodate groups of up to 70 students a day by dividing students into two sessions. For larger groups, multiple days will need to be booked unless prior arrangements have been made. Visit our website at www.lynchesriverpark.com/program-requests to view available dates and request a program or outreach experience. Groups are encouraged to enjoy lunch at the park and visit our playground after their scheduled trip. Picnic areas are available for lunch on a first-come, first-served basis, or guests may reserve a shelter.

FAQ

Q: How long should I plan for a field trip?

A: Most staff-led programs last 45 minutes per class, depending on group size and program choice. Groups typically spend 2-3 hours at Lynches River County Park in total doing their program of choice, exploring the trails and playground, and eating lunch.

Q: When do you offer field trips?

A: We offer field trips August – May, Tuesday – Friday. View available dates at www.lynchesriverpark.com/program-requests

Q: What time do programs start?

A: Programs begin at 10AM. If this time does not work for your group, alternate arrangements can be made. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early to unload buses and take restroom breaks.

Q: What happens if it's raining the day of our program?

A: Most Programs will be conducted rain or shine, and some programs may be conducted outdoors. Please check with EDC staff to confirm if your program is indoors or outdoors.

View our full list of FAQ at <https://bit.ly/3UqvUUS>