



*Alley Pond
Environmental
Center*



**Early
Childhood
Group
Visits**

HOW TO ARRANGE A VISIT

Visits are by reservation only. To schedule a trip call (718) 229-4000.

You can choose between either a 1 hour program, which includes live animals and a nature walk, or a 1 hour and 15 minute program, which includes live animals, a nature walk and a craft. If you choose the craft option, your students will create a theme-related craft to take back to their classroom.

PROGRAM FEES:

- The 1 hour program is \$6.00 per child. The 1 hour and 15 minute program is \$6.25 per child.
- There is a \$3 fee per parent or chaperone. There is no fee for teachers or paraprofessionals.
- The minimum payment for all programs is \$50.00.
- To confirm your trip, send a \$50/class deposit **IMMEDIATELY**. **IF CANCELLATIONS ARE MADE AT LEAST ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE, A FULL DEPOSIT REFUND OR AN ATTEMPT TO RESCHEDULE WILL BE MADE. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS FOR PROGRAMS CANCELED LESS THAN ONE MONTH PRIOR TO PROGRAM.**
- The balance for the program is due on your trip date.

KEEP IN MIND:

- Be prepared for trail walk (weather permitting) —insect repellent during warmer months
—heavy shoes and warm clothing during colder months
- Picnic tables are located behind the building. There are no indoor lunch facilities.
- Discipline is always the responsibility of the class teacher. Adult supervision is appreciated and mandatory. We recommend one adult chaperone for every six children.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

Alley Pond Environmental Center is located at 228-06 Northern Blvd, just east of the Cross Island Pkwy.
Parking is behind the center.

Please call for directions or go to www.alleypond.com

Seasonal Pre-K

Let's Talk Turkey

November Only

Let's become bird brains! Participants of this program view fascinating photos of turkeys and investigate real turkey feathers. Children use their new knowledge to compare/contrast turkeys with an array of live animals, including a variety of birds, that they observe both close-up and on our trails.



Beautiful Butterflies

May Only

Celebrate a magical time of year when caterpillars turn into butterflies! Meet our friendly, caterpillar puppet who teaches children about his amazing life cycle. Children also meet live animals and discover which ones change as they grow. The trip concludes with a search for live caterpillars and butterflies on our trails.



Pre-K

Whose Clues?

Be detectives for the day! Young naturalists read footprints and other clues to discover what animals live at Alley Pond. After an interactive lesson and hands-on experience with APEC's collection of animals, children take a mini hike to practice their new tracking skills. This program is especially popular during the winter months when we focus on footprints in the snow.



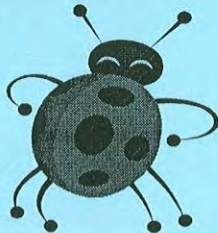
What's in a Pond?



Children discover that a pond is full of life, both large and small, by taking a close-up look at its animal and plant inhabitants. Children also learn what special things all ponds have in common. This program includes a visit to a real pond.

Crawling Critters

They're not so buggy after all! By observing and touching live insects, children learn that these creatures are not only incredible but very important to our Earth. Activities include a bug sorting game that teaches how to identify true insects from a confusing array of critters and an outdoor exploration of insects and their homes.



Pre-K



Fantastic Forests

Explore why forests are so important to our world. Children will learn about forests, their fascinating inhabitants, both plant and animal, and meet some APEC animals that live in forests. We will also take a short hike to APEC's forest.



Furry Friends



Are you a mammal? Find out what you have in common with APEC's warm and fuzzy creatures. This program focuses on mammalian traits by meeting real animals, and includes a mammal identification game. Children will participate in an outdoor search for mammal habitats.

Ages 2-5 & Special Needs

Animals! Animals!

Children explore animal textures, colors, diet and adaptations through hands-on experience with animals and a short guided nature walk in search of animals and their homes. This program can be adapted to any level or customized to support your classroom curriculum. Please let us know of any special requirements before your scheduled date.



FOR YOUR RECORDS:

Date of Trip _____

Time of Trip _____

Topic Selected _____

**Call (718) 229-4000 to schedule.
Make deposit check payable to
APEC (\$50 per class).
Please send check and confirmation
form to:**

**Alley Pond Environmental Center
228-06 Northern Blvd.
Douglaston, NY 11363**

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return with deposit check.**

CONFIRMATION FORM

School _____

Phone _____

Trip Date _____

Topic Selected (refer to listing) _____

of Students _____ # of Adults _____

of Classes _____ Deposit Sent \$ _____

Check All That Apply:

ESL

Wheelchairs (How many?) _____

Other Special Needs (explain) _____