

Spring 2025 Homeschool Programs

February Theme - Feathered Friends: Tennessee's Birds from Your Backyard and Beyond

February 5th

“Winter Warriors: Winter Survival and Getting Ready for Spring”

We will discuss how our flighty friends adapt for winter, then stroll to the Bird Blind to catch a glimpse of local birds. Binoculars will be provided.

Location: Joann's Outdoor Classroom

February 19th

“Fantastic Flight During the Daytime and Night”

Discover how birds navigate and hunt around the clock and enjoy a Meet and Greet with a bird of prey from Montgomery Bell SP Aviary.

Location: Joann's Outdoor Classroom

March Theme - Living Waters: The Seen and Unseen Inhabitants of Tennessee's Waters

March 5th

“Freshwater Lakes Teeming with Life”

Venture out to Upper Lake to explore the aquatic inhabitants, tiny and large, living within.

Location: Lake Van Shelter 1

March 19th

“Creek and River Life”

Get your feet wet as we stomp Stark Springs while learning about watersheds and creek life. Please bring water shoes.

Location: Lake Van Shelter 1

April Theme - Invertebrates and the Tennessee Flowers They Crave

April 2nd

“Flower Anatomy and Identification”

Join us for a Flower Hike as we use our plant anatomy knowledge to identify native species.

Location: Joann's Outdoor Classroom

April 16th

“Pollinators: The Beloved and Misunderstood”

Learn about the importance of protecting a variety of pollinators as we embark on a Woodland Bug Hike.

Location: Joann's Outdoor Classroom

Helpful Checklist

- Advance registration is required.
- Bring a water bottle, bug spray, and sunscreen.
- Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian throughout the program.
- Dress for the weather.
- Pets are not permitted.
- Wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes suitable for trail hiking.



Cancellation Policy

Programs are hosted rain or shine. Please note, if Williamson County is under a severe weather warning issued by the National Weather Service we will cancel the program. Participants will be notified of cancellations by email or phone call. If a program is canceled, we may be unable to reschedule.

If unable to attend, please notify Nature Center staff as soon as possible so that students on the waitlist can be notified in a timely manner.

Mission & Vision

Park Mission Statement – To develop Bowie Nature Park so that it furthers Dr. Evangeline Bowie's wishes through education, preservation, and conservation.

Education Staff Mission Statement – The staff is dedicated to inspiring environmental stewardship in the community. By offering hands-on educational programs for all ages, we hope to encourage current and future generations to explore, respect, and protect the natural world.

Park Vision Statement – To give all visitors the chance to make a connection to the natural world by immersing themselves in our unique ecosystem.

Education Staff Vision Statement – To create environmental stewards by providing one-of-a-kind educational opportunities.

About Bowie Homeschool

We are now proud to offer programs specifically designed for homeschool families, groups, and co-ops to participate in nature classes at Bowie Nature Park. Nature classes are taught by Bowie Park Naturalists and Volunteer Naturalist Karie Falder-Saeed.

Programs begin promptly at 10 am. The class portion ends at 10:45 followed by a group nature hike ending at 11:30. Please feel free to bring your lunch and enjoy a picnic after the program. Stop by the nature center for more hands-on, self-paced learning.

The cost is free. All programs are designed for children ages 5+, however, younger siblings are also welcome to attend. Please register by calling or stopping by Bowie Nature Center.

Limit 30 participants per session (this includes students, teachers, parents, and siblings). A waitlist is available.

Advance registration is required for ALL participants (students, adults, and siblings). All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. This is not a drop-off program.

Bowie Nature Park Map



Joann's Outdoor Classroom is located down a trail behind the nature center. From the rear door, follow the trail (colored pink on the map) for 0.2 miles. Turn right at the bench. Walk 0.15 miles to Joann's Outdoor Classroom.

Lake Van Shelter 1 is accessed by going straight into the park past the Treehouse Playground and turning right just past the Restrooms. Note: This is a one-way route.

Lake Van Shelter 2 is accessed by turning right at the first road within Bowie Nature Park and following the loop down to Shelter



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