

Nature on The Go Launches New Hands-On Program for Pre-K through First Grade Students

Naturalist educator, Laurel Zoet, brings winter wildlife into Michigan classrooms

South Lyon, MI – [August 1, 2013] – Nature on The Go!, LLC (NOTG), www.natureonthego.com, today announced its new school program, *Where Animals Winter*. This portable wildlife program uses storytelling, role-playing and other hands-on activities to show how animals cope with long Michigan winters.

“Where Animals Winter helps kids connect with the three main ways animals meet their basic winter needs,” says Laurel Zoet, NOTG founder and naturalist educator. “The hands-on games and activities will help them remember what those needs are.”

Zoet weaves ten years of natural education experience into her latest program. Because of her background, she ensures that *Where Animals Winter* not only engages students but also meets the education benchmark standards set by the state of Michigan.

http://mi.gov/documents/mde/Complete_Science_GLCE_12-12-07_218314_7.pdf explains the Michigan Department of Education’s grade level content expectations for science.

This means *Where Animals Winter* compliments current Pre-K to first grade curriculum. During the one hour course the kids will:

- Identify how physical characteristics help animals adapt to Michigan winter;
- Discover how they prepare for cold-weather survival;
- Put on their nature detective caps to follow deer and rabbit behavior;
- Pretend to hibernate in a snake den;
- Recall which animals stay in Michigan and which ones leave.

“My goal is to make science fun while offering teachers a program that fits into their current science curriculum,” says Zoet. “Because I go to them, I can visit multiple classrooms in a single day.”

Since NOTG brings nature education programs into the classroom, schools can add variety to their science classes without having to work out the budget and transportation logistics involved with a visiting a nature center. This makes nature programs accessible to more schools.

To find out more about Where Animals Winter and Nature on The Go! LLC, please visit <http://www.natureonthego.com/schoolprograms>.

About Nature On The Go! LLC

Founded in August 2013, Nature On The Go! LLC provides portable nature programs to groups of all ages. Its programs are designed to help both kids and adults connect with the nature and wildlife of Michigan and the Great Lakes region, without having to coordinate buses, car pools or chaperones. Nature on the Go’s student programs meet the Michigan Department of Education’s curriculum benchmark standards. For a complete list of programs and more information about Nature on The Go! LLC, please visit <http://www.natureonthego.com> or email natureonthego@gmail.com.

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