

4-Hour Classic Visit

This classic, in-depth program is designed to provide a comprehensive, well-organized, curriculum-based experience. The 4-HOUR VISIT includes:

1. A one hour PRE-VISIT PLANNING SESSION between ALL participating teachers and naturalist. To insure a quality experience for all involved, participating teachers must attend the pre-visit planning session. Sessions will be scheduled after school hours and before 5:00 p.m. at Finch Hollow or your program site.
2. The NATURE EXPERIENCE presented by BOTH the naturalist AND teachers, focusing on the following topics:

Bird Study

Mammal Study

Tree Study (Fall Only)

Iroquois Study (Fall Only)

Compass Workshop (2 hours)

Pond Study (Spring Only)

Insect Study (Spring Only)

The 4-Hour Visits are scheduled to begin at approximately 9:30 a.m. and end at approximately 1:30 p.m., except for the two-hour Compass Workshop. Start and end times are flexible for all programs.

Mini Visit

Mini-Visits are designed for teachers who would like a shorter visit or who prefer not to share in the presentation of the 4-Hour Visit. Naturalists will present a one-hour general nature walk and one hour of nature activities, including museum time. No pre-visit planning session will be scheduled. ONE CLASS (30 people maximum) may be scheduled for each two-hour Mini-Visit. Minimum group size for any guided program is 10 students.

In School Presentation

4-H Education Center at Finch Hollow staff can present a wide variety of brief (class period) programs to accommodate a tighter schedule! Videos or slides, props, activities, and discussion can introduce a topic and/or supplement your classroom studies. Possible topics may include bats, birds, mammals, predators, animal adaptations, agriculture, embryology, live chick hatching, forests, oceans, environment, compost, nutrition, and many more. Programs are adaptable to a wide range of grade levels, including elementary, middle school and high school.

Self - Guided Visit

Self-Guided Visits are available for those teachers interested in personally leading a nature study. Materials and information to assist you in planning your visit can be obtained at no charge by calling the 4-H Education Center at Finch Hollow (607-729-4231) or calling Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County (607-772-8953) and asking to speak with Victoria Londner or Tom Tasber. A pre-visit planning session with a 4-H Education Center at Finch Hollow staff member may also be arranged (free of charge).