

# What is NEST?

The Audubon Center at Riverlands features an educational paradigm colloquially known as N.E.S.T., which stands for **Nature Education Stewards of Tomorrow**. Sculpted to serve as step-wise access points to nature and science throughout K-12+ development, our five-pronged NEST offerings are steeped in NGSS guidance and model our "**Cradle-to-Career**" ethos.

*Eco-Learners*

*Flight Crew*

*Alternative  
Spring Break*

*River Vision  
Leadership  
Project*

*Little Creek  
Summer Camp*

# AUDUBON NEST

*Nature Education for Stewards of Tomorrow*

## **Eco-Learners**

Eco-Learners provides experiential educational opportunities for K - 12 students at the Audubon Center at Riverlands focused on our natural environment, the significance of our region's great rivers, and environmental stewardship.

## **Little Creek Summer Camp**

Little Creek Summer Camp (LCSC) serves 3rd through 5th grade students from the Ferguson-Florissant School District at Little Creek Nature Area. Camp is offered for free with bus transportation and lunch provided by the district. LCSC partners include US Fish and Wildlife, US Army Corps of Engineers, and the National Park Service.

## **RiverVision Leadership Project**

RiverVision serves 10 schools in the St. Louis region for grades 6 - 12. RiverVision is free to participating schools and combines in-school and field-based learning to engage students in STEM-based education that builds leadership skills, challenges students to think critically, and builds a new generation of conservation leaders.

## **Flight Crew**

Flight Crew is a paid summer internship for teens with the goal of providing exposure and professional experience in the field of environmental conservation and education. Teens are recruited from RiverVision as LCSC camp counselors.

## **Alternative Spring Break**

Alternative Spring Break provides 5 high school students from the Ferguson-Florissant School District with paid work experience, networking, and exposure to conservation and sustainability careers. This week-long experience includes partnerships with US Army Corps of Engineers, Treehouse Wildlife Center, and others.



# Eco-Learners *Schedule*

FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
Amazing Eagles (K-12)			
Swans of the Confluence (K-12)			
Birds of Winter (K-12)			
Pond Ecology		Pond Ecology (3-12)	
Plants for Birds		Plants for Birds (3-12)	
Prairie Ecology		Prairie Ecology (6-12)	
Forest Ecology		Forest Ecology (6-12)	
Mammal Investigations (3-12)			
Migration Along the Mississippi (K-12)			
Birding 101 (K-12)			
Bird Survival Tools (K-12)			
Nature Journaling (3-12)			
Geocache Dash (3-12)			
Water Quality (6-12)			
Mississippi Watersheds (3-12)			

# *Schedules for:*

RiverVision Leadership Project

Alternative Spring Break

Flight Crew

Little Creek Summer Camp

FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
			Little Creek Summer Camp (3-5)
		Alternative Spring Break (10-12)	
			Flight Crew (11-recent High School graduate)
RiverVision Leadership Project (6-12)			