

# Animals and Plants Prepare for Winter

## *Program Outline*

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### Welcome and Introduction

Behavioral Guidelines for visit:

- We are in the animals' neighborhood
- Stay on trails with your group unless taken off trails with class activity
- Leave flowers and plants for animals (don't pick anything)
- Pick up trail treasures to enjoy on-site, but no collecting (leave everything, including feathers)

Signs of winter and how people prepare for winter

How animals prepare for winter

Insulate

Hibernate

Migrate

Propagate

Generate (heat)

Congregate

### Rotations

#### 1. Survival Hike

Students will take a short walk around the nature center as they investigate and find evidence of how many ONC animals survive winter. The hike includes a quick visit to a kid sized "bear den" to learn about the changes that enable animals to hibernate. An informational walk through our injured and imprinted birds to see evidence of insulation.

## 2. Migration Station

Students will play a game to help them understand the dangers (both natural and human introduced) involved in long migrations.

## 3. Generation

Students will make a pinecone bird feeder to take home for wintering birds.

Topics are covered by varying degrees depending upon the maturity of students and time constraints.