

Wild Classroom programs were created with grants from the Florida Advisory Council on Environmental Education and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation.

Education director Sandy Beck has been recognized in the field of environmental education:

- Leon Association of Science Teachers Excellence in Science Teaching Award.
- Tallahassee Community College Women's History Month honoree as one of the "Women Taking the Lead to Save our Planet."
- Florida Magazine Association Charlie Awards for Writing Excellence, Florida Wildlife Magazine.
- Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle's Woman of Distinction award.
- B.S. Elementary Education, Florida International Univ.
- M.S. English Education, Florida State Univ.
- Florida DOE Professional Educator's Certificate
- Permitted to possess and display wildlife by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission.



Dear Mrs. Beck,

I loved the barred owl the best. I loved when he hooted. I was surprised. It was so exciting. I will never forget it. I want to be a wildlife teacher.

Sarah,
Grade 4, Springwood Elem.



St. Francis Wildlife is a local, non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of native wildlife in North Florida through education and the rescue and rehabilitation of injured, orphaned and sick wildlife since 1978. Each year we care for more than 3,000 wild animals with the goal of returning each to its natural habitat.

Unfortunately, some sustain permanent injuries. The Wild Classroom uses these non-releasable "wildlife ambassadors" to help teach about their species and explain the challenges that wild animals face and how we can help them.

If you find a wild animal that appears to need help, first call St. Francis Wildlife at (850) 627-4151, and they will help you assess the situation and determine the best course of action.

Schedule a Wild Classroom program

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Program Fees

LIVE PROGRAMS	Schools & Scouts	Adults & Events
Fewer than 50	\$100	\$150
50 - 99	\$150	\$200
100 - 149	\$200	\$250
150 or More	\$250	\$300

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS	Schools & Scouts	Adults
Any size group	\$50	\$60

When your program is scheduled, you will receive an invoice payable to The Wild Classroom the day of your program.

- Travel Expense: We add 50 cents per mile roundtrip between our site & yours. For 50 miles roundtrip or more, add \$50 per hour traveled. Time & distance calculated by GPS.
- Live programs are 60 to 75 minutes & include three or more animals, hands-on activities and a Q&A.
Pre-K - first-grade programs are 45 minutes.
- For special events, conferences, festivals, and teacher workshops, please contact us to discuss your special interests and fees.

The Wild Classroom



St. Francis Wildlife Association's innovative education programs feature live wildlife ambassadors and a widely respected environmental educator.

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Wild Classroom Programs

For your school, organization meeting or special event

Unique wildlife programs by an award-winning environmental educator can be adapted to meet the needs and interests of all ages and audiences. Lesson plans available for teachers.

LIVE PROGRAMS

What You Can Do to Help Wildlife

Live, native birds of prey, reptiles and an opossum help teach about their species, the interconnectedness and importance of all living things, and specific actions we can take to help wildlife.



Talon Talk

Meet 4 magnificent, native birds of prey — owls and a hawk. Dive into the characteristics that define all raptors. Learn how each is perfectly adapted to survive in its habitat and what we can do to help them.

Wild Poetry

Learn and experiment with new poetic forms as you make the connection between observing nature and writing about it. A raptor and

reptile awaken hidden talents and provide inspiration for writing and illustrating. Participants begin by contributing to a collaborative poem and then work on their own. Grade 3 to adult.

Owls — Tigers in the Sky

A rare encounter with three beautiful, native owls — the Barred, Barn and Eastern Screech Owls — whooo demonstrate the extraordinary adaptations that make them spectacular nocturnal hunters.

Whooo Ate Whoooo?

A Hands-on, Make & Take Food Chain Workshop

Students learn how owl pellets are formed, dissect

Barn Owl pellets while an owl watches, and then reconstruct skeletons of the owl's prey. Pellets available from us, or purchase at pellet.com. We supply all other materials and extension lessons.

Reading With Owls

Pre-K through first-grade students become ENRAP-TORED when an owl puppet helps read a storybook about owls. Then children meet and learn about our live, native owls. The puppet helps make a smooth transition to the real owls so children can respect and appreciate these predators without fearing them..



Amazing Adaptations

After an interactive program in which students closely observe and learn about birds of prey and reptiles and examine skulls, shells, feathers, eggs, and talons, they will be able to describe the unique physical and behavioral adaptations that enable wildlife to find food, avoid predation, survive extremes of climate and produce young.

Behind-the Scenes at St. Francis Wildlife

This program includes the movie described in the next column (under "Virtual Programs") as well as a live raptor and reptile or mammal and a Q&A.

Appropriate for children, grades 4 and higher and adults.



VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Behind-the Scenes at St. Francis Wildlife

Experience a rare, behind-the-scenes tour of our 36-acre wildlife rehabilitation hospital and sanctuary tucked deep in the Gadsden County woods.

Follow injured and orphaned hawks, woodpeckers, bunnies, foxes, raccoons, fawns, owls a beaver and more from the time they arrive at St. Francis Wildlife to the exhilarating moment they are released back in the wild.

Learn how they are cared for and also how you can help them.

This Zoomed program includes the 30-minute tour followed by a 15-minute Q&A with our education director and a live bird of prey.

Appropriate for children, grades 4 and higher and adults.



Owls — Tigers in the Sky

A rare encounter with all four native owls — the Great Horned, Barred, Barn and Eastern Screech Owls whooo demonstrate the extraordinary adaptations that make them spectacular nocturnal hunters.

This Zoomed program includes a 35-minute, professionally-produced movie recorded with all four owls in their forest home at our sanctuary, followed by a 15-minute Q&A with our education director and a live owl.