



Nature VISION

NEWS

SPRING NEWSLETTER

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MEET OUR NEW STAFF!

We have some new faces this spring at Nature Vision!

As we move into the busy spring season, we've been onboarding new team members to help deliver our programs. We'd like to introduce you to Alle, Rachel, and Nadine, our newest Educators, and Rebecca, our Office Coordinator! We appreciate their work in the classroom and office to help bring even more free programs to students in our community!

Check out our programs and register on our website:

naturevision.org/school-programs.

SPRING FEST RETURNS!

Spring Fest is returning! After the success of last year's event, Nature Vision will be returning to Farrel-McWhirter Farm Park on May 20th with more fun nature-based activities! We look forward to seeing you and your kiddos there. [Click here to register](#) your family for Spring Fest today!

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Clockwise from top left: New staff members Alle, Rachel, Rebecca, and Nadine

Top right: Students examine biofacts in class
Above: Water quality testing at Spring Fest 2022



ANIMAL SPOTLIGHT: STICK INSECTS

Top left: A stick insect using its feet to hold on to a thumb
Top center: A stick insect with its front legs extended
Top right: A stick insect horizontal on a person's thumb
Below: Educator Sara helps campers carve soapstone



We have quite a few animals here at Nature Vision, but there is one group that has long awaited their spot in the limelight – our stick insects! These elongated arthropods are our co-teachers for our Investigating Insects and Amazing Arthropods programs.

You can probably guess how stick insects got their name... When these insects see a predator and need to hide, they will extend their legs out above their head to look even more stick-like. They can remain incredibly still and are hard to spot in nature.

Students can interact with these incredible insects and learn about why it is important that we do our best to protect our often-overlooked friends during our classroom programs.

Even though they may not be everyone's favorite animal, insects are still vital to keeping our ecosystem healthy as pollinators and as a key part of the food web!

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP!

Summer is just around the corner, and we're already gearing up for camp! Summer Camp Registration is already open in Redmond, Shoreline, and Sammamish. Check out our weekly topics and dates by visiting naturevision.org/day-camp-programs-and-summer-programs.

For updates on all our events, summer camps, and community field trips, follow us on social media!



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