Join Lyonia Environmental Center staff for a series of indoor programs and outdoor adventures that focus on Volusia County’s native plants and wildlife.

INDOOR PROGRAMS
Explore Volusia County’s native plants and wildlife from the comfort of our classroom. Staff and guests will present these programs in the LEC classroom.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
Explore the untamed habitat of Lyonia Preserve during free hikes led by LEC staff. This 360-acre preserve is home to native plants and abundant wildlife, including the Florida scrub jay and gopher tortoise. Wear closed-toe shoes, bring drinking water, and be prepared to hike on sugar sand trails.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED
Call 386-789-7207, ext. #21028 or search for Lyonia Environmental Center at www.eventbrite.com/

Please arrive 10 minutes before the program to sign in. Programs must have a minimum of two people to take place.

All programs sponsored by The Friends of Lyonia Environmental Center.

CREATURE CONNECTION
2:00-2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 4th

INDOOR: It’s "World Animal Day!" Visit the LEC for a meet and greet with one of our resident animal ambassadors. Learn what their life is like at the center and how that animal survives in its natural habitat. This program is for all ages.

TINY TREKKERS
“Bat Jamboree”
10:00-11:00 a.m.
Saturday, October 7th

INDOOR/OUTDOOR: We love books about nature and want to share some of our favorites with you. Come join the fun as we experience the sights and sounds of the outdoors during a nature themed story reading. After the story, an LEC volunteer will guide you on a short hike through Lyonia Preserve. Participants should wear closed toed shoes, bring water, and be prepared to hike on unpaved sugar sand trails. This program is recommended for children ages 2-7.
**CREEPY! CRAWLY! SPIDERS!**

2:30-3:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 7th

**INDOOR:** Eight legs…lots of eyes…FANGS! Right in time for Halloween, join LEC staff as we take a closer look at these often-misunderstood arachnids. We'll learn what they eat, how they make their webs, and why they're good to have around. This program is appropriate for all ages.

**THE SCOOP ON SCAT**

2:30-3:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 14th

**INDOOR:** Calling all excrement explorers! You can tell a lot about an animal by what it leaves behind. Join LEC staff as we get the scoop on scat and become dung detectives! You may be surprised at how many differences there are in the purpose of poop. This story of stool is appropriate for ages 8 and up.

**WONDERFUL WETLANDS HIKE**

10:00-11:30 p.m.  
Sunday, October 8th

**OUTDOOR:** Lyonia Preserve is home to two ephemeral wetlands. Join us on a guided hike to visit both where we’ll compare the plants found there to those in nearby upland habitats. We’ll also discuss the importance of wetlands for wildlife and us. Participants should wear closed toed shoes, bring water, and be prepared to hike on unpaved sugar sand. This hike is appropriate for ages 8 and up.

**EDIBLE SCIENCE**

2:00-2:30 p.m.  
Sunday, October 15th

**INDOOR:** Food can teach us a great deal about science. This week we have put together a menu item we can’t wait for you to try. The best part is you get to eat your creation! This program is appropriate for families and children ages 7 and up.

**LYONIA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB**

10:00-11:00 a.m.  
Saturday, October 14th

**INDOOR/OUTDOOR:** Lyonia Preserve has unlimited opportunities for photographing birds, reptiles, and plants. Volunteers from West Volusia Audubon Society lead this monthly program series, which includes in class instruction as well as in the field opportunities to hone your skills. All skill levels and ages are welcome!

**NATURE AT NIGHT**

Spooky Nature Trail  
5:30-7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, October 19th

**INDOOR/OUTDOOR:** Lyonia Environmental Center and Deltona Library are teaming up to bring you the Spooky Nature Trail. Start your adventure at the library with a spooky themed story. Then make your way over to the LEC, where the spooky trail welcomes visitors every 10 minutes. Along the way you’ll have the chance to learn about snakes, bats, insects, and more! Collect a stamp at each station to earn candy at the end. Candy provided by the Friends of Lyonia Environmental Center. All ages welcome. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. The sugar sand trail is approximately 0.1 miles/600 feet long. Closed toed shoes are highly recommended. All ages are welcome.
L.I.F.E. (Learning Information on Fighting Extinction)
10:00-11:00 a.m.
Saturday, October 21st

**INDOOR:** Join us for our new monthly series L.I.F.E. (Learning Information on Fighting Extinction) where we will be traveling around the globe to learn about threatened and endangered species and the conservation efforts being made to help them survive. Each program will consist of a lesson and a craft or art project. This month will feature the North Atlantic right whale. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

VINTAGE BOOK UPCYCLED FLOWERS
2:00-3:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 21st

**INDOOR:** Learn to turn book pages into beautiful flowers. One lucky participant will win a paper rose bouquet! This program is recommended for ages 12 and up.

SUNDAY FUNDAY: “Clothespin Planter”
2:00-2:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 22nd

**INDOOR:** Spend the afternoon creating a nature-based craft together. Each program will feature a different topic and craft idea. Join us in the classroom this week as we discuss some fun facts about plants while making a take home planter. This program is designed for children 5 and older and their families.

LET’S HIT THE TRAILS HIKE
9:30-10:30 a.m.
Saturday, October 28th

**OUTDOOR:** Fall is in the air! Let’s take this opportunity to enjoy nature and the great outdoors! Lace up your hiking shoes and join LEC staff as we explore the different plant and animal species that call scrub habitat their home. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather, bring water, and be prepared to hike on unpaved, sugar sand trails. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

LET’S GET BATTY!
2:00-3:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 28th

**INDOOR:** Bats have long been associated with Halloween. Join LEC staff to celebrate Bat Week and learn that these amazing creatures of the night are not scary, but beneficial pollinators and the only flying mammals! We’ll tap into our creative side to make a fun, nature inspired bat take-home craft. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

HALLOWEEN AMONG THE TREES
10:00-11:30 a.m.
Sunday, October 29th

**INDOOR/OUTDOOR:** Bring your favorite little goblins to enjoy a non-spooky time that includes crafts, hot apple cider, and close encounters with some of our scaly reptile animal ambassadors. Search for some creepy creature tracks along the Lyonia Preserve Rusty Root trail. Afterwards, enjoy friendly costumed characters handing out treats while you explore the LEC. Recommended for ages 5 and up.
**WILDLIFE WEDNESDAY WALKS**

9:00-10:00 a.m.  
Every Wednesday in October

**OUTDOOR:** LEC volunteers will lead these exploratory hikes through Lyonia Preserve. Participants should wear closed toed shoes, bring water, and be prepared to hike on unpaved sugar sand trails. Recommended for ages 8 and up.