

Howell Nature Center

# Alexandria's Nature Bus

## Mobile Classroom



### Program Overview

- Two-hour program includes live birds of prey show, hands-on activities on the mobile classroom, and educational games to reinforce raptor concepts.
- Four birds of prey attend the program, including hawks, owls, and falcons.
- Bald eagle may be available to attend for an additional fee.
- Program is led by two trained naturalists from the Howell Nature Center.

### Recommended Audience Age & Size

Due to the nature of the program and activities, the ideal age group for the Nature Bus is 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Other audiences can be considered. Please speak to our reservationist for further information. The maximum number of people for a two-hour program is 60 individuals, divided into two sessions.

### Fees & Availability

- The cost for a two-hour program that includes the mobile classroom is \$465. A second two-hour program is \$300, and a third two-hour program is \$200. There is a limit of three two-hour programs per day.
- Additional mileage costs (\$.54/mile) are applied if the event is more than 30 miles from the Nature Center.
- Advanced payment is required.
- The Nature Bus is available seven days-a-week.



### Scheduling & Cancellation Policy

A \$50 fee will be charged for programs cancelled less than two weeks before the date of the program.

To schedule the Nature Bus program, contact the Howell Nature Center at (517) 546-0249 and ask to speak to our reservationist Sally, or contact her directly at 517-376-9352.



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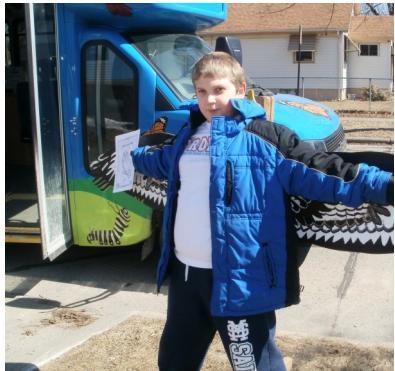
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### What We Need from You

- Space designated to park the Nature Bus.
- The bus is 26 feet long and 10 feet wide.
- Space indoors, and a large table, to hold the birds of prey program that is appropriate for the size of the group (a classroom may be okay for small groups; an auditorium or gym is better suited for large groups).
- Large, open area outside (ideally with grass) to play games and an indoor alternate, other than a classroom, in case of inclement weather.
- Three adults to help facilitate the programs (one with the birds of prey program, one on the bus, and one with the games).
- Approximate number of people who will attend the program.
- Any special needs of your group or specific topics for your curricula.



### About The Spirit of Alexandria Foundation:

The Spirit of Alexandria Foundation was created to carry on the legacy of Alexandria Bennett, a little girl whose passion for nature and generosity was evident to everyone around her.

Through this foundation, it is her family and friends mission to help children experience nature and all its wonderment. The Spirit of Alexandria Foundation will work in cooperation with partners in the places that she loved, both close to home and across the country.



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