

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **All Programs require Pre-Registration**

Please Call: (718) 229-4000  
between 9:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.  
Monday through Friday

### **FEE:**

**1 hour 15 minute workshop: \$7.25 per child**  
**Each Parent/Chaperone: \$4.00 each**  
**Staff: FREE**  
*Minimum program fee: \$50*

**A \$50 non-refundable deposit  
for each class attending is  
required at the time of booking.**

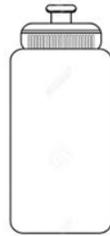
### **Travel Directions**

Alley Pond Environmental Center is  
located at:  
228-06 Northern Blvd  
Douglaston, New York 11362

We are just east of the Cross Island Pkwy.  
Parking is behind the center. Please call  
718 – 229- 4000 for directions  
or go to [alleypond.com](http://alleypond.com)

## What **YOU** can do to help nature!

### **Save Plastic**



Bring a reusable  
water bottle on your trip.

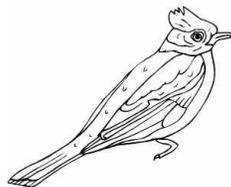
Use plastic alternatives  
instead! It's better for your  
health and the Earth.

### **Save Trees**



Use both sides of the  
paper. Use scrap  
paper when you can!

### **Save Animals**



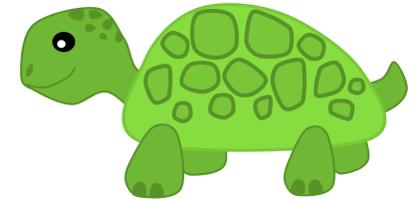
Don't feed the birds  
bread; feed them  
seeds instead!

**ALLEY POND  
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# **Early Childhood**

## **GROUP VISITS**

### **Programs for Pre-K**



## **BOOK TODAY FOR YOUR NATURE ADVENTURE!**



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# APEC's Pre-K Program

## 1 Hour and 15 Minute Program:

Topic of Choice: Introduction to topic.

Meet Live Animals: Pet and observe rabbits, snakes, birds and more.

Guided Interpretive Walk: Hike along APEC's nature trails.

Theme-related Story Time: Further explore our nature theme through literacy.

### Please Note:

- Leave children on bus and have one teacher register and pay for your group at the Front Desk.
- If your bus is running late, please call APEC and we will try to accommodate you. However, we must try to stay within the scheduled time constraints of your trip.
- Please wear socks, sneakers, long light colored pants, and **dress appropriately for an outdoor hike.**
- Discipline is the responsibility of class teacher. We recommend one adult chaperone for every six children.
- **No indoor lunch facilities are available.** Classes may bring lunch and eat at outdoor picnic tables (weather permitting). First come, first serve. APEC does not provide hand wipes or hand sanitizer.

### Seasonal Topics:

#### Let's Talk Turkey (November)

Did you know that wild turkeys and farm turkeys have different colored feathers? Find out some other interesting facts about turkeys through an engaging lesson, colorful photographs, and an examination of feathers. A live bird will be part of the program  
(No live turkeys).

#### Beautiful Butterflies (May)

Celebrate the amazing life cycle of butterflies! Vibrant photographs, insect figurines and live larvae or butterfly specimens will enhance the classroom learning experience. Look for local butterfly species during a springtime nature walk.



### Topics:

#### Furry Friends

Dogs and cats aren't the only ones! Learn about the fascinating characteristics of mammals and what makes these furry creatures so special. Meet live animals and search for local mammal homes along APEC's nature trails.

#### Crawling Critters

Ladybugs, crickets, ants and more! Children will learn about the unique characteristics of these creatures. Then have an up-close look at live specimens using hand-held bug viewers, followed by a nature walk.

#### Whose Clues?

Put your detective skills to work while examining "Mystery Boxes" filled with animal clues including animal footprints, foods, nests and scat. Discover interesting facts about local forest animals, meet live animals, and enjoy an exciting nature walk.

#### What's in a Pond?

Children learn about this fascinating ecosystem and the animals that make it their home. Meet live pond animals and learn how they survive in the wild. Enjoy a serene nature walk to our local pond and look for live critters in their wild habitat.

#### Creature Colors

Creatures come in all of the colors of the rainbow! Animal coloration serves an importance purpose in nature. Puppets, photographs and an engaging discussion will help children understand the importance of camouflage and warning colors. Live animal guests and a nature walk will help enhance understanding.