

# Alexandria's Nature Bus

## General Information Sheet

### 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.
- The bald eagle may be available to attend for an additional fee.
- Program is led by two trained naturalists from the 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 call our reservationist for further information.

The maximum number of people for a two-hour program is 60 individuals.

### Fees & Availability

- The cost for a two-hour program that includes the bus 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 (\$.51/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 Conference & Nature Center at (517) 546-0249 and ask to speak to our reservationist.



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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 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.
- How you heard about the Howell Conference & Nature Center Nature Bus.



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