RIVER SCHOLARS 2024-2025



LEGENDS OF THE WILD: EXPLORING ANIMAL FOLKLORE

Join us for an adventure into the stories and traits of native animals from the St. Lawrence River and nearby areas. Our workshop series dives into animal folklore, where you'll discover their behaviours, adaptations, and roles in nature. Through fun, hands-on activities, gain a deeper appreciation for these creatures and their impact on the environment!

September [27/30] - Session 1: Wisdom from the Shell Dive into the fascinating world of turtles with our workshop on the turtle lifecycle, safety tips, and their role as indicator species.

October [18/21] - Session 2: Nature's Architects
Explore the ingenious world of eco-engineers and stable structures in nature!
Discover how animals shape their environments through intricate designs and build stable structures that withstand the elements.

November [15/18] - Session 3: Pike Pursuit: Predators in Action

Dive into the world of pike predators! Explore the anatomy and adaptations of these fierce fish, learn about predator-prey dynamics in aquatic ecosystems, and discover their ecological impact.

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{December [6/9] - Session 4: Leaping into Adaptations} \\ \textbf{Discover the remarkable adaptations of bullfrogs and their survival strategies} \\ \textbf{through seasonal changes}. \end{array}$

January [24/27] - Session 5: Mussel Mechanics: Masters of Water Purification

Delve into the fascinating world of freshwater mussels and their mastery of water purification. Learn about mussel anatomy and understand their crucial role in maintaining healthy aquatic ecosystems.

March [28/31] - Session 6: Howling Together: Exploring Family Bonds Join us for a journey into the heartwarming world of animal families and their fascinating learning behaviours. Explore how different species form bonds within their families, from communication to nurturing.

April [25/28] - Session 7: Wings of Diversity: Celebrating Biodiversity Discover the diversity of bird species and their unique adaptations for eating through engaging activities. Explore their crucial role in the food chain and gain insights into how these feathered creatures contribute to the balance of ecosystems.

May [23/26] - Session 8: Guardians of the Waterways
Explore the guardianship of our waterways with a focus on sharks versus
sturgeon. Learn about the migration patterns of sturgeon and the challenges
faced by endangered species in aquatic habitats.