



Teacher Preparation

Leaping for LAND



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Get ready to leap into learning!

Students will discover why open spaces are important by learning about one of our bumpy, hopping residents – the toad!

Together, we'll uncover what makes a healthy habitat, listen for a mysterious animal call, explore how toads change throughout their lives and even transform into toads ourselves as we move through each stage of their amazing life cycle.

Students will finish by creating their own transforming toad craft to take home, while discovering how protecting open spaces gives wildlife the places they need to grow, survive and thrive.



GRADES K - 2



~55 MINUTES



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QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT



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DURING THIS PROGRAM, STUDENTS WILL...

- Explore what open spaces are and why they are important
- Discover how parks and preserves serve different purposes
- Draw their own park and consider how different features can affect wildlife
- Explore ways people can make choices that reduce impacts on plants and animals
- Meet two very different open-space residents – toads and bobcats – and investigate what they need from their habitats
- Discover why protecting and connecting open spaces helps wildlife survive and thrive



SPACE NEEDED

Students will participate in a movement activity during this program. If possible, please provide an open area where students can safely crouch, wiggle, move their arms and legs and hop in place.

We will also need a place for students to complete a small craft for them to take home. This craft includes small pieces.

BEFORE WE VISIT

Spark students' curiosity and help them start thinking about our topic generally. Example guiding discussion question: What do you think an animal needs from the place where it lives?

Please don't worry about teaching this topic beforehand. We'll introduce concepts together and encourage students to bring their own ideas, observations and questions.

KEEPING THE MYSTERY

Please help us keep a few surprises! Our programs include opportunities for students to guess, investigate and make discoveries along the way. You don't need to introduce the featured animals or key concepts ahead of time – curiosity is the only preparation students need!