



Whitfield Ecology Field Program

For schools in the Los Lunas/Belen area, we teach our Ecology Field Program at Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area in Belen (<http://www.whitfieldwildlife.org/>). It covers all the main concepts as the EFP and utilizes a number of hands-on activities. Volunteers from Whitfield arrange a date prior to the field experience to do an activity introducing students to an array of features found in their local ecosystem. Then students take a trip to the site for a ~3.5 hour program (including lunch).

Students are led on a flat hike through the bosque ecosystem, learning about and closely observing cottonwood trees, wetlands, sandhill cranes and other birds, native/non-native plant species, consumer evidence, and ecosystem restoration projects.

Using the outdoors, this program teaches students about the inter-connectedness of the biotic and abiotic parts of an ecosystem with a hands-on scientific approach.

Students are introduced to the local ecosystem, and producers, consumers, and decomposers that reside here, through a day of field exploration, observation, and hands-on learning in the outdoors. All lessons and activities are aligned with the New Mexico State Science Standards, Next Generation Science Standards and the Common Core State Standards for 5th graders.

Contact Whitfield directly to schedule this program at the email address listed above or by calling [\(505\) 864-8914](tel:5058648914).

Details

Ages: Children and Youth

Races: All

Genders: All

Intake Process: Call Email

Payment Options: Donation

Special Needs: Physical or cognitive disabilities

Minimum Age: 5th grade

Maximum Age: 5th grade

Contact: Jasmine Martinez

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Capacity: Up to 3 classes/per day

Services

Education Schools (K-12) Educational Programs Leisure/Recreation/Sports

Locations

Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area

2424 Hwy 47

Belen, NM 87002

Mailing:

Valencia SWCD, PO Box 170, Belen, NM 87002

Belen, NM 87002

Phone: (505) 864-8914

Services Limited By Geography: Los Lunas, Belen, nearby schools

Geographic Area Served: Valencia County

Parent Organization

Sandia Mountain Natural History Center

The mission of the Sandia Mountain Natural History Center is to work within New Mexico communities to develop an ecologically literate citizenry. The Center is a joint partnership between Albuquerque Public Schools and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science.

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