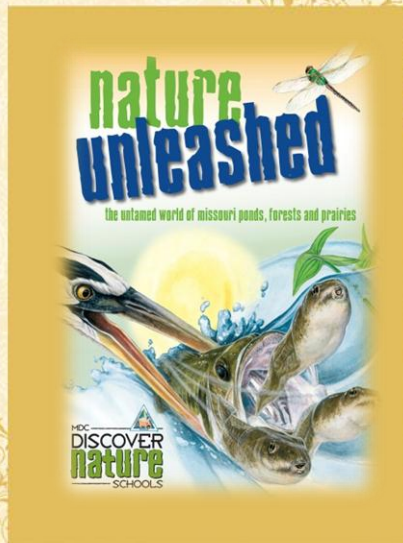


Great Educational Materials

Get your students excited about nature now and they'll become motivated learners. The Discover Nature Teachers program provides teachers the tools and materials to inspire students from Pre-K through eighth grade.

Each exciting, full-color instructional DNS unit meets Missouri Grade-Level Expectations and includes a teacher guide.



Discovering Nature is Fun

Discover Nature Teachers motivates students by getting them outside so they can explore and have fun learning.

Investigate the many field-tested activities and lessons aligned with Missouri Grade-Level Expectations. This program will give you the knowledge and confidence to use them all.

Using these materials makes you a part of the Discover Nature Schools program, which provides additional trainings, funding opportunities and other benefits.



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Providing tomorrow's teachers
with quality resources and
knowledge to inspire their students
to learn more while they
Discover Nature.



Become a Discover Nature Teacher

A new emphasis for future elementary educators!

The Discover Nature Teachers (DNT) emphasis is anchored in the Discover Nature Schools (DNS) curriculum created by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). In Springfield, DNT courses are held at the Wonders of the Ozarks Learning Facility (WOLF School) in partnership with the Wonders of Wildlife Museum (WOW).

This program is designed to give you the skills needed to use nature as a teaching tool while still meeting Grade-Level Expectations set by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

Students that complete this 12-credit hour emphasis program and begin teaching in Missouri will become eligible to receive free student/teacher materials, transportation funds for classroom field trips, classroom education supplies, and classroom consultation by MDC education staff.

Discover Nature Teachers Certification

The Discover Nature Teachers emphasis is a 12-credit hour program consisting of four classes. Each three-hour credit course is designed to train future teachers on how to use nature as a teaching tool to reach their students in all subject areas.

Courses include:

Nature Unleashed (3 hr)
(Grades 3 – 5)

Nature Unhooked (3 hr)
(Grades 6 – 8)

Nature Unfolds (3 hr)
(K – 2)

Project WET, WILD, Learning Tree (3 hr)
(Pre-K – 8)

Students successfully completing this program will receive special recognition on their college transcript as well as completion certificates from Missouri State University and the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Individual courses may be taken and also meet required criteria for students completing a science area of emphasis.

BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR

- Free teacher guides and student manuals
- Transportation grants for student field trips
- Grants for classroom educational supplies and outdoor classrooms
- Consulting from Missouri Department of Conservation education staff
- Future professional development workshops

“We know that children benefit both physically and mentally by reconnecting with nature.”

**Missouri First Lady
Georganne Nixon, 2010**