

CHICO CREEK NATURE CENTER– RAPTORS

Focus: This program explores the special adaptations and needs of these fascinating birds of prey. Students will get a close up view of our live raptors and taxidermy specimens and learn about raptors' habitats, life cycles, physical adaptations, their role in the foodweb, and how they differ from other birds.

Pre-visit Activities:

Post-visit Activities:

NATURE CENTER VISIT: (Time: 60 minutes)

Pre-visit assessment: What birds can class identify

Look at taxidermy, beaks, skulls, feet, feathers, and discuss

End-of-visit assessment: What birds can class identify?

Science Content Standards:

Grade 3	Grade 4
Life Sciences	
3. Adaptations in physical structure and behavior a) different structures serve different functions b) examples of diverse life in different environments c) living things cause changes in their environments	2. All organisms need energy and matter to live and grow. b) Producers and consumers are related in food chains 3. Living organisms depend on one another b) some animals survive well in a particular environment

Grade 5	Grade 6
Investigation and Experimentation	Ecology (Life Sciences)
6. Asking questions and conducting careful investigations a) classification	5. Ecology: Organisms in ecosystems exchange energy b) matter is transferred from one organism to others c) organisms can be categorized by the functions they serve