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## CLASSROOM SIGN UP FORM

*Please use a separate form for each classroom.*

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School & District

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Teacher

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Teacher Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Phone Number & Best Time to Call

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Grade Level & Number of Students

### **Classroom Visit Days: (30-45 minute session)**

March 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27

April 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30

May 6, 7, 8

### **Field Visit Days: (60-90 minute session)**

May 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29

June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

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1st Choice Classroom & Field Dates & Times

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2nd Choice Classroom & Field Dates & Times

I understand that there is a fee to participate in this program. By participating we are acknowledging our willingness to pay for services rendered.

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Teacher Signature & Date



## PFEIFFER NATURE CENTER

Be Water Wise...

Observe!

Conserve!

Preserve!

**2009 Adopt A Tree K-5**

**Spring Outdoor Education Program**

*Revive your senses.*

*Renew your energy.*

*Refresh your spirit.*

*Redefine your relationship with the planet.*

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## ADOPT A TREE

Adopt a Tree was created in 2002 by Pfeiffer Nature Center volunteers as a venue to provide nature-based environmental education to local school children; building the next generation of earth stewards; and to meet the organization's mission of creating opportunities where science, art and nature come together.

Volunteers marked off two acres of trees on Lillibridge Road in Portville, NY to create an outdoor learning space. The two acres encompass one of the few remaining stands of accessible old growth northern hardwood forest in the eastern United States.

Each tree in the Adopt a Tree forest is jointly sponsored by businesses and individuals paired with local classrooms. These supporters recognize the importance of students participating in meaningful ways to learn about old growth forest habitat and ecosystems through science, art, and language skills.

Classrooms are invited each spring to participate in Adopt a Tree. Classrooms are encouraged to provide a \$50 contribution which provides for two visits with the Pfeiffer Nature Center Naturalist. The first visit is a 30-45 minute school-based lesson followed by a 60-90 minute field based lesson conducted at the Nature Center's Outdoor Learning Laboratory on Lillibridge Road.



Each year, the Nature Center staff and volunteers design a fun, interactive learning adventure for grades K—5 focusing on current environmental issues that affect our community. The lessons dovetail with both New York and Pennsylvania State Learning Standards and provide an experiential enhancement to most curriculum.

To date, thousands of school children have visited this beautiful spot to learn about the old growth forest ecosystem and have developed an appreciation of the value in conserving these precious resources.

### 2009 SPRING PROGRAM Be Water Wise... Observe! Conserve! Preserve!

Water is essential to life on earth. We need water to grow food, keep clean, provide power, control fire, and last but not least, we need it to stay alive!

If water is constantly being cleaned and recycled through the earth's water cycle, why do we need to conserve it? The answer is that people use up our planet's fresh water faster than it can naturally be replenished.

Our spring program will have students **observe** the paths water takes to provide a clean and readily available supply for our use. The classroom lesson describes and demonstrates the process used to gather and prepare water for human use using streams, pumps, and filtration. The field lesson focuses on the forest as an essential filtration system so animals and plants have clean water.



Students will learn simple and easy tips to **conserve** their use of water. Saving water is good for the earth, your family, and your community.

Hands on activities and explorations will help students understand and value the need to **preserve** critical wetland and forest ecosystems to insure a continuing supply of clean water.

## ABOUT PFEIFFER NATURE CENTER

Pfeiffer Nature Center was founded in 1998 at the bequest of Wendy Pfeiffer Lawrence. The Nature Center's original property on Lillibridge Road was the Pfeiffer family's summer getaway for more than 50 years.

The Lillibridge Tract contains 188 acres and 6 miles of hiking trails and is home to a nationally registered historic cabin built between 1939 and 1941 from salvaged chestnut wood.

In 2003 a timber frame pavilion was constructed from locally harvested larch wood. The pavilion doubles as a shelter and classroom.

In 2002, the Eshelman Tract was donated to the Nature Center. It is 430 acres and has 3 miles of trails. Together the two properties offer hills and flatlands, wetlands and meadows, old growth and second growth forests and much more.

Both properties are open free for use, dawn to dusk, year round. Membership, donations, and Adopt a Tree sponsorships help us maintain the trails and provide education programs to the public. For more information call 716.933.0187 or visit [www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org](http://www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org).