

Wild Classroom programs are presented by St. Francis Wildlife education director Sandy Beck. Programs were created with grants from the Florida Advisory Council on Environmental Education and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation.

Ms. Beck has presented at numerous professional conferences, from the Florida Council of Teachers of English to the League of Environmental Educators of Florida.

She received a Leon Association of Science Teachers' Excellence in Science Teaching Award and was twice chosen the Academic Resource Center's Teacher of the Year. In 2009 the TCC Women's History Month Committee honored her with their annual Women's History Month award, and in 2011 the Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle honored Ms. Beck for her contributions to environmental education.

She regularly contributes articles about wildlife to the Tallahassee Democrat, Florida Wildlife Magazine and other publications.

- B.S. Elementary Education, FIU
- M.S. English Education, FSU
- Permitted to possess wildlife by USF&W and the Florida FWC.

## What others say —

Thank you for the wonderful owl presentations; the children, teachers and parents are still "hootin' and hollerin'" about it! We are looking forward to watching your DVD, *Owls Are Tigers of the Sky*, as it will be a nice review for our students — what a GREAT resource. Janet Childers, Teacher, Conley Elementary

Your very informative assembly was an enriching, educational experience for our students . . . and has had a positive impact on their views about wildlife.

Susan Brazier, Principal, Shadeville Elementary



Dear Mrs. Beck,

I loved the banned owl the best. I loved when he hooted. I was surprised. It was so exciting. I will never forget it. I want to be a wildlife teacher.

Sarah,  
Grade 4, Springwood Elem.

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## Program Fees

< 25 students - \$75 per hour

26 - 50 students - \$100 per hour

51 to 100 children or < 50 adults - \$150

> 100 children or > 50 adults - \$250

For workshops, conferences and special events, please contact us to discuss your needs.

## Travel Fees

\$50 per mile will be added for travel between our facility and your site.

## Payment

When you schedule your program, we will email an invoice. Payment is due the day of the program. Purchase orders are accepted from public schools. Program fees are used to help care for the disabled wildlife who enrich our Wild Classroom programs.



St. Francis Wildlife is a local, non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of native wildlife through rehabilitation and education since 1978.

Each year, St. Francis Wildlife rescues and cares for approximately 3,500 injured, orphaned and sick wild birds and animals, many of whom are victims of injuries or health problems directly related to humans, vehicles or pets. The goal is to return wildlife to their natural habitats.

Unfortunately, some animals sustain permanent injuries and can not be released back to the wild. The Wild Classroom uses some of these non-releasable wild birds and animals to help explain the challenges their species face and to nurture a personal connection with the natural world.

If you find injured, orphaned or sick wildlife, please contact St. Francis Wildlife at 850.627.4151 or [www.stfranciswildlife.org](http://www.stfranciswildlife.org).

# The Wild Classroom



Unique environmental education programs feature permanently disabled wildlife from the St. Francis Wildlife rehabilitation center.

[www.wildclassroom.net](http://www.wildclassroom.net)

# Wild Classroom Programs

Unique programs that feature non-releasable wildlife from the St. Francis Wildlife rehabilitation center promote appreciation and understanding of native wildlife and a personal commitment to responsible environmental stewardship.



## What You Can Do to Help Wildlife

Native birds and animals help teach about their species, habitat problems and specific actions we can take to help Florida wildlife. 1 hour

## Radical Raptors

A magnificent owl, hawk, falcon and kite help teach students

about the unique adaptations that enable birds of prey to master the skies and how we can help protect them. Smaller groups can use microscopes to compare owl and hawk flight feathers. 1 hour

## Owls Are the Tigers of the Sky

Meet three native species - the Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl and Screech Owl. Learn about the adaptations that make these birds spectacular nocturnal hunters and what we can do to help them. Includes 10-minute original film about north Florida's owls. 1 hour

## Nocturnal Animals

Discover some of Florida's most secretive creatures and the wide range of adaptations that help them find food and avoid predators in darkness. Includes animals such as owls, opossum, flying squirrel and snake. 1 hour

## Amazing Adaptations

Each species has unique characteristics that enable it to survive in its particular habitat. Careful observation of a live bird, mammal and reptile provides insight into their diet and the challenges they face. Hands-on activities are included. 1 hour

## Whooo Ate Whoom?

Follow *Tigers of the Sky* with this popular workshop. An owl helps teach students about her unique digestive system and the food chain. Then students begin to dissect owl pellets and reconstruct the skeletons of their prey. Rodent models and extension activities included. Quality owl pellets available. 1 hour



## For Goodness Snakes!

Two non-venomous snakes help teach about their natural history, adaptations and how to safely coexist with snakes. Interactive components:

Use a dichotomous key to identify common native snakes; learn how to distinguish native non-venomous from venomous snakes; hands-on live snake encounter. Free snake ID booklets. For Grade 3 and above. 1 hour

## Wild Poetry Writing Workshop

After a wildlife program, participants use perched raptors as inspiration for writing and illustrating original poems. Love of animals awakens hidden talents as they try out new poetic techniques and make the connection between observing nature and writing about it. Grade 3 to Adult. 2 hours

## Reading With Wildlife

Up-close wildlife encounters for your youngest animal lovers - pre-school through second-grade. After a wildlife program, watch your students become ENRAPTURED as a story book comes to life with a special wild guest - the "star" of the story! Choose "Reading With Owls" and/or "Reading With Nocturnal Mammals." 1 hour

## Teacher Workshops and Conferences

Includes live animals, hands-on activities and a wealth of classroom-tested, multidisciplinary lesson plans that will engage your students, develop critical and creative thinking skills and inspire them to read, write and become life-long stewards of our natural world. [wildclassroom.net/workshops.html](http://wildclassroom.net/workshops.html)

## Presentations for Special Events and Meetings

Entertaining program includes live birds of prey program presented by an experienced naturalist and information about St. Francis Wildlife's work in our community. 1 hour

### If I were in a barn owl's ear

I could hear another owl's flight.  
I could hear the fire on the sun.  
I could hear fish swimming in the ocean,  
a waterfall flowing,  
the earth spinning  
and the moon orbiting around the earth.

George, Chaires Elementary

