

# EECO

Environmental Education Council of Ohio



## Kids Conference

Activities will include: Spirit Animal Connections, Wetland Hike, Invertebrate Microscopy, Nature Poetry & Art Making.

- **All sessions meet and end at the Registration table** so children can join parents between sessions.
- \$15 fee per child will be charged for the full 4 session Kids Conference. This is payable at the registration table.
- **Lunch is not provided, but you may order one from the lodge. Children spend lunch with their parents.** Kids Menus are available at the registration desk. Pay the lodge when you pick up your child's meal at the dining room.

**Spirit Animal Connections:** Kids will review Ohio wildlife and select an animal they identify with. This will be their spirit animal for the day. Face paint will be provided to those who chose to become their spirit animal.

**Wetland Hike:** We'll take the VanHorn trailhead near the lodge and hike to the pond where we'll observe wildlife and use dipnets to collect specimens for later examination.

**Invertebrate Microscopy:** Using samples collected from the pond, we'll examine specimens using a microscope. Kids are encouraged to make notes and drawings in their notebooks.

**Nature Poetry & Art:** Reflecting on the day's experiences, kids will write poems in their journals and have free time to make art inspired by nature.