



## **DEER PROGRAM (kindergarten to grade five)**

The Swan Lake Deer Program is a one-hour presentation that can be delivered either in your classroom or at Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary.

### **For classroom presentations please provide the following:**

- \* Large easy-to-read student **nametags**
- \* Wall clips / or magnetic blackboard / or place to display charts and hanging cloth display
- \* A table for display objects
- \* A list of student questions, if it is appropriate for your students (optional but useful)

### **Swan Lake nature programs strive to support Teachers in the classroom:**

#### **Big Ideas:**

- Plants and animals have observable features (K)
- Living things have features and behaviours that help them survive in their environment (gr.1)
- All living things have a life cycle (gr.2)
- Living things are diverse, can be grouped, and interact in their ecosystems (gr.3)
- All living things and their environment are interdependent (gr.4)

#### **Content:**

- The ways organisms in ecosystems sense and respond to their environment (gr.4)
- Digestive, excretory, respiratory and circulatory systems (gr.5)

#### **GOALS**

The goals of this program for your student are to:

- a) Identify local species, where they live and the threats they face.
- b) Learn deer anatomy, what they eat and how they behave.
- c) Have hands on time with a variety of deer family artifacts.

#### **PRESENTATION**

This presentation to the whole class covers the following general topics:

- a) The deer body and adaptations:
  1. Antlers - why and how of shedding, their purpose and structure
  2. Ears, nose and eyes- Senses
  3. Gut and teeth - how they eat and digest
  4. Stature and structure
- b) Behavior – camouflage, survival and child rearing techniques
- c) Threats and natural community balance

We will use materials which will include the follow:

- a) Felt deer body building game, true and false game
- b) Deer skulls (with teeth), antlers, and Caribou pelt
- c) Photographs of species and tracks
- d) Deer sounds and stories

### **Payment**

An invoice will accompany the confirmation letter you receive. Payment is due at the time of the program, and cheques should be made out to **Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary** and given to the programmer. **VISA or MC** payments may be phoned in.

**Receipts** will be sent by fax or e-mail as requested.

### **Change of Dates and/or Times:**

If you wish to change the date or time of your program please contact us at **250.479.0211** or at [programs@swanlake.bc.ca](mailto:programs@swanlake.bc.ca). We will do our best to accommodate your request, depending on available times and dates.

If you have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to contact us; we always welcome your feedback.