



Deering Explorers: Skins, Scales & Scutes

Description: Participants develop an appreciation of the natural world through this encounter with reptiles and amphibians during a visit to our main grounds.

Duration: 1 hour

Maximum Number of Participants: 30

Summary: Fifteen minute introduction to herpetofauna as living organisms. Thirty minute guided nature walk along our tropical hardwood hammock pathway or elevated mangrove boardwalk. Fifteen minute conclusion.

Objectives: By the end of the program, children will know

- How reptiles and amphibians are alike and different from other organisms
- How reptile and amphibian species are alike and differ from one another
- Some roles of herpetofauna in the natural environment

Benchmarks: SC.F.1.1, SC.G.1.1, SC.G.2.1

Vocabulary: cold-blooded, fang, habitat, organism, scale, scute, skin, venom

Additional Resources:

<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/Animals/ReptilesAmphibians/ForKids/default.cfm>

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/reptiles.html>

<http://edtech.kennesaw.edu/web/reptiles.html>