**Program Description**

Students will learn how animals and plants are adapted to survive winter in Indiana. The morning of this program will give students a chance to learn these concepts through hands-on activities and instruction. After lunch, students will head to the trails to see how these concepts come alive in the forests, meadows and wetlands at Merry Lea.

**Program Objectives**

Students will:

- Be introduced to coping strategies/adaptations that various native Indiana organisms use to survive winter.
- Spend time exploring outdoors for evidence of organisms preparing for winter.

**Program Outline**

1. **Activity Stations**
   
   Students will rotate in groups through several different stations. At each station, students will discover what that specific plant or animal group is doing during the fall to help prepare it for winter. There will also be a hands-on activity at each location. Possible stations include:

   a. Seeds
   b. Spores
   c. Trees
   d. Mammals
   e. Herptiles
   f. Insects

2. **Hike**
   
   Students will head out on our trails to get a close up view of what plants and animals are doing this time of year. They may participate in scavenger hunts, games, and other hands-on activities.