**Crow Island Woods Proposal 2015**

An *After School Outdoor Adventures* program with one session each season for 1½ or 2 hours (to include ½ hour of free ’Nature Play’ time) to cover the topics listed below. We use the IDNR trunks supplemented with our materials just like in the past. The audience could be any age range (Pre-school, Primary, Elementary, or Middle School) WPD needs.

* Winter: IL Mammals—Observing skins, bones, and plastic replica scat; Looking for animal tracks in the snow; Catching snowflakes
* Spring: IL Aquatics—Collecting water samples to find macroinvertebrates; Hunting for signs of amphibians and reptiles
* Summer: IL Insects—Studying life under a log; Catching butterflies, dragonflies & damselflies
* Fall: IL Wildlife Habitats—Comparing flora and fauna of woodlands, wetlands, savannas, & prairies

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