



nature programs



Lightning Bugs

Join instructor Lauren Rybolt as you learn all about lightning bugs! Program includes a story, craft and time to explore the nature center. Parents are welcome to stay; children who are dropped off must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
 Min/Max: 4/10
 Age: 5 - 7 years



ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
225930-A	9/13	Tu	7:00 - 8:00p	\$7/\$6

Nature Night Out - Flashlight Hike

Parents can take the night off when they send their kids to Willowhaven Nature Center for nature based games and activities. This month's theme is a night discovery hike! Participants will have the opportunity to explore the trails around the Willowhaven Nature Center by flashlight. In the event of unfavorable weather the hike will be substituted with an indoor scavenger hunt and games. Participants are welcome to bring their own flashlights. Children must be toilet independent to participate.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
 Min/Max: 6/30
 Age: 3 - 12 years

ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
225505-A	9/9	F	5:00 - 9:00p	\$15/\$12

Ocean Life Workshop

Join nature center staff for this new program to explore some of the creatures that make their home in the ocean. Workshop will include stations for participants to explore including a shark station, deep sea creatures, shell station and salt water invertebrates.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
 Min/Max: 4/10
 Age: 3 - 8 years
 Registration Deadline: Wednesday, September 14

ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
225931-A	9/17	Sa	9:00 - 11:00a	\$15/\$12

Grandparent & Me Nature Hike

Join our nature center staff on a guided nature hike around Willowhaven Park. Program also includes an art project and a snack. A grandparent or guardian must accompany child, program fee covers both child and adult. Please enroll the child in the program and indicate the grandparent/guardian name in the question field during enrollment.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
 Min/Max: 6/20
 All Ages/Children must be accompanied by an adult

ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
205012-A	9/17	Sa	1:00 - 2:00p	\$7/\$6

Wildflower Workshop

Join instructor Lauren Rybolt for this multiple station workshop that will have kids checking out real wildflowers, making a wildflower art project, learning about seeds and playing some wildflower bingo. Parents are welcome to stay; children who are dropped off must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
 Min/Max: 4/10
 Age: 6 - 10 years

ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
245612-A	9/10	Sa	11:00a - 12:00p	\$7/\$6



Owl Babies

Join instructor Lauren Rybolt for this new story and craft program that will have kids learning about owl babies and then making their very own to take home. Parents are welcome to stay; children who are dropped off must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 4/10
Age: 3 - 8 years

ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
212931-A	9/19	M	6:00 - 7:00p	\$7/\$6

Busy Bumblebees

Help celebrate honey month with this busy program that will have kids buzzing about bees. Parents are welcome to stay; children who are dropped off must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 4/10
Age: 3 - 6 years

ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
245915-A	9/24	Sa	10:00 - 11:00a	\$7/\$6

Wildfire Safety

Learn some important lessons from Smokey Bear and find out how you can help keep our forests safe from wildfires. Parents are welcome to stay; children who are dropped off must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 4/10
Age: 5 - 8 years



ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
225932-A	9/26	M	6:00 - 7:00p	\$7/\$6

Full Moon Hike

Wander the nature trail at Willowhaven Park by the light of the full moon. We will listen for the call of owls, and other night animals, and see the creepy crawlies that venture out under the cover of night. Following the hike will be a campfire with s'mores and campfire stories. Please register 48 hours prior to the start time of the program to qualify for the early bird rate. Participants are encouraged to bring flashlights and bug repellent. Children 5 and younger are admitted free!

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 5/20
All Ages/Children must be accompanied by an adult

ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Early Bird Reg. Fee
205604-A	9/16	F	8:00 - 9:00p	\$8/\$6

Pumpkin Painting

Join our Nature center staff for a fun painting day at the Willowhaven Nature Center. All supplies are provided and we will have a variety of pumpkins to choose from, as well as a few gourds. While we are waiting for the paint to dry, join staff on a guided hike. If the weather is uncooperative, an indoor activity will be substituted for the hike. Limit of one pumpkin or gourd per participant, and parents/grandparents are welcome to register and paint too!

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 4/20
All Ages/Children must be accompanied by an adult

ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
215909-A	10/8	Sa	1:00 - 2:30p	\$10/\$8





Dragon Lizards

Join instructor Lauren Rybolt for this story and craft program that will have kids learning about dragons and see some real live bearded dragon lizards. Parents are welcome to stay; children who are dropped off must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 4/10
Age: 3 - 8 years

ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
225901-A	10/1	Sa	11:00a - 12:00p	\$7/\$5

Fall Scavenger Hunt

Join Willowhaven Staff on a scavenger hunt through the Willowhaven Park to find items like leaves, seeds and more. All participants will receive a fun prize to take home. Parents are welcome to stay; children who are dropped off must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian. Children must be toilet independent to participate.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 4/20
Age: 3 - 12 years

ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
215939-A	9/27	Tu	6:00 - 7:00p	\$7/\$6

Fall Leaves

Join our nature center staff for a short hike and craft activity that will show off the vibrant fall leaf colors. Parents are welcome to stay; children who are dropped off must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 4/10
Age: 3 - 7 years



ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
225638-A	10/17	M	6:00 - 7:00p	\$7/\$6

Nature Night Out-All About Bones

Parents can take the night off when they send their kids to Willowhaven Nature Center for nature based games and activities. This month's theme is all about bones! Participants will have the opportunity to explore the nature center, check out replica animal skeletons, read stories, have a snack, and build a life size dinosaur skeleton puzzle. Weather permitting, outdoor activities may be included so please have children dress appropriately. Children must be toilet independent to participate.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 6/30
Age: 3 - 12 years

ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
225505-B	10/7	F	5:00 - 9:00p	\$15/\$12

Whispering Willows Open Fishing

The ponds at Willowhaven Park are open for catch and release fishing year round. Fishing is allowed from dawn to dusk and you must have a valid IL fishing license if you are over the age of 16. Bank and pier fishing only; no boating allowed and please remember to keep the pond and park areas clean and safe.





Illinois's Redbird

Join the Willowhaven Nature Center for an arts and craft program featuring our State Bird, the Cardinal! All supplies are provided! Parents are welcome to stay; children who are dropped off must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 4/10
Age: 3 - 6 years

ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
205013-A	12/3	Sa	1:00 - 2:00p	\$7/\$6

Nature Night Out - Radical Reptiles

Parents can take the night off when they send their kids to Willowhaven Nature Center for nature based games and activities. This month's theme is all about reptiles! Participants will have the opportunity to explore the nature center, check out real live turtles, lizards and a snake, read stories, have a snack, and paint a wooden snake replica. Children must be toilet independent to participate.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 6/30
Age: 3 - 12 years

ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
225505-C	11/18	F	5:00 - 9:00p	\$15/\$12

Bear Tracks

Join instructor Lauren Rybolt for this fun program where participants learn about animal footprints. Program includes making plaster tracks to take home! All supplies are provided! Parents are welcome to stay; children who are dropped off must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 4/10
Age: 3 - 6 years

ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
225602-A	12/3	Sa	10:00 - 12:00p	\$17/\$15

Star Party

Galactic Party Time!

Ever wonder what is in the night sky? Check it out through a telescope! Learn about the sky and stars out in the prime viewing conditions at Willowhaven Park. At the end of the evening, enjoy a campfire and s'mores! Parents are welcome to stay; children who are dropped off must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 4/20
Age: 6 years & older



ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
205605-A	11/4	F	7:00 - 8:30p	\$10/\$8

Lessons of the Lorax

Join instructor Lauren Rybolt for this new story and craft program that will have kids learning about Dr. Seuss's character, The Lorax, and what important messages he shared. Parents are welcome to stay; children who are dropped off must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 4/10
Age: 3 - 6 years



ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
225227-A	11/5	Sa	11:00a - 12:00p	\$7/\$6



Ice Fishies

Learn all about what happens to fish when a pond freezes over with ice. Program includes an ice fishing game, fish story, craft and a snack. Parents are welcome to stay; children who are dropped off must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 4/10
Age: 3 - 8 years

ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
215907-A	12/6	Tu	6:00 - 7:30p	\$7/\$6

Animals of North America

Join the Willowhaven Nature Center staff as we take a look at animals of North America. Parents are welcome to stay; children who are dropped off must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 4/10
Age: 3 - 8 years

ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
205904-A	10/15	Sa	11:00a - 12:00p	\$7/\$6

Winter Break- Nature Day!

Parents can take the day off when they send their kids to Willowhaven Nature Center for nature based games and activities. The Nature day's theme is all about snow! Participants will have the opportunity to explore the nature center, make animal tracks, meet and greet with the live animals, read stories, have a snack, and participate in arts & crafts. Children must be toilet independent to participate and parents must provide a sack lunch. Registration

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 5/20
Age: 3 - 12 years
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, December 27 by 1:00p

ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
225937-A	12/28	W	8:00a - 4:00p	\$25/\$22

Gemstones

Join our nature center instructor Lauren Rybolt for this new program all about gemstones. Learn where gemstones are found and why they are valuable. Program includes a ring craft that can be used as a gift for someone special this holiday season! Parents are welcome to stay; children who are dropped off must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 4/12
Age: 6 - 14 years



ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
225936-A	11/29	Tu	6:00 - 7:00p	\$7/\$6
225936-B	12/10	Sa	10:00 - 11:00a	\$7/\$6

Microscope Lab Workshop

Join nature center staff for this new program that explores the microscopic world. Workshop will include stations for participants to explore including a microscopic creature station, discovering cells, unraveling the mysteries of DNA and what makes up our blood.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 4/10
Age: 6 - 8 years
Registration Deadline: Wednesday, November 9



ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
225933-A	11/12	Sa	9:00 - 11:00a	\$17/\$15

Water Workshop

Where does our drinking water come from? What happens to snow after it melts? These questions and more will be answered during a hands on workshop that includes games and activities at the Willowhaven Nature Center. Parents are welcome to stay; children who are dropped off must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Location: Willowhaven Nature Center
Min/Max: 4/20
Age: 4 - 8 years



ID #	DATE	DAY	TIME	Program Fee/ Resident Fee
225935-A	12/10	Sa	1:00 - 4:00p	\$17/\$15