

Nature Camp

Be a part of interactive and engaging experiences in these exciting youth camps designed to get children excited and interested in the natural world. Participants will explore prairie, woodland and aquatic eco-systems as well as participate in activities, games, crafts, field trips and more. Camps will include outdoor hikes so campers are asked to be prepared with hiking shoes and appropriate clothing. Due to messy explorations, a change of clothes is required. Parents are asked to provide a sack lunch for campers. Pre-registration is required. Sign up before May 14 for your Early Bird Discount!

Instructor: BTPD Staff

Age(s): Entering 2nd-6th grades (7-12 years)

Time(s): 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Willowhaven Interpretive Center

Fee: Early Bird - Residents \$81 per week/Non-Residents \$96 per week

After May 14 - Residents \$91 per week /Non-Residents \$106 per week

Min/Max: 6/20 per session

Native American Camp

Check out this camp that takes a look into the cultures of Native American tribes that once inhabited the area. Campers will make Native American inspired crafts and learn about the Indian tribes that once inhabited the land we live on today.

Date(s): Monday-Friday, June 7-11

Prog. Number: 125701-A



Wildlife Camp

This is the perfect camp for kids who love animals! Campers will learn about the different animal kingdoms, get hands on with animals at the interpretive center and learn about the local wildlife found in Illinois.

Date(s): Monday-Friday, June 14-18

Prog. Number: 125701-B



Astronomy Camp

Your child will be fascinated by the out-of-this-world activities this new camp has to offer. Children will learn about constellations, planets, moons, comets, asteroids and more. All campers will receive materials to take home from NASA's JPL laboratories as well as take a field trip to Olivet Nazarene University's planetarium.

Date(s): Monday-Friday, June 21- 25

Prog. Number: 125701-C



Tracking Camp

Campers will become nature detectives as they learn how to track animals during this wee-long adventure at the Whispering Willows Park. Camp activities will highlight animal tracks or footprints, bedding sites, game trails, nests, burrows and more.

Date(s): Monday-Friday, July 5-9
Prog. Number: 125701-D



Archaeology Camp - New

Check out this *new* camp that focuses on what can be found when you dig in the dirt. Campers will learn about the profession, why materials were left behind, where they were left, and why they were left behind. Camp includes a trip to the Spurlock Museum at the University of Illinois to see ancient artifacts.

Date(s): Monday-Friday, July 12-16
Prog. Number: 125701-E



Park Ranger Camp

Campers will enjoy daily hikes, explorations, games, crafts and more as they learn about Illinois endangered species, recycling, and wildlife management.

Date(s): Monday-Friday, July 19-23
Prog. Number: 125701-F



Rock Camp - New

Come learn about how the earth transformed from the ice of the past to the fertile farmlands we live on today. Learn about geology, the earth's crust, rock movement, and how the ice age changed the earth's landscape forever. Camp includes a trip to Mazon Creek to dig up their own fossils.

Date(s): Monday-Friday, July 26-30
Prog. Number: 125701-G



Survival and Outdoor Skills Camp

Camp includes a week of developing your senses, finding your way around outdoors, learning the basics of first aid, fire safety, and learn how to build an emergency shelter.

Date(s): Monday-Friday, August 2-6
Prog. Number: 125701-H

