

Important Information! Registration may be made in person, by mail, or by phone with a credit card (MasterCard, Visa and Discover accepted). Full payment is required at registration. Registration Form and payment may be mailed to:

Indian Creek Nature Center, 6665 Otis Road SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

Registration must be made at least one week prior to any event.

Each camper will receive a confirmation letter detailing what to bring and how to dress. An administrative fee of 25% will be charged for all cancelled registrations. The remainder of the program fee will be refunded, provided that the cancellation notice is received at least three business days ahead of the event. Full refunds are given for any program Indian Creek Nature Center cancels. Some programs require a minimum enrollment to be conducted. **Scholarships for Nature Camps are available. Call to request an application.**

For children entering 4th grade and up:

Wild Art. Tuesday, June 29. Enjoy making artwork centered on American Indians. Work with a variety of natural materials to create wonderful take-home projects.

Cave Crawlers. Wednesday, June 30 or Wednesday, August 11. Maquoketa Caves provide an amazing adventure into Iowa's geological and American Indian past. Enjoy a spelunking adventure with experienced leadership. Come prepared to get dirty and, of course, have fun! Transportation provided.

**Nature Camps -
Four-Day Camp Experiences**




Fee: Member, \$80; Nonmember, \$100. 9 AM-3 PM.

Early Explorers Camp for campers entering 1st-3rd grades
Choose either Session I: Tuesday, June 15 - Friday, June 18
or Session II: Tuesday, July 13 - Friday, July 16.

This camp is filled with earthy hands-on experiences. Daily themes include: **Zany Zoology.** Fur, scales, or feathers adorn Iowa's living creatures. Discover who lives in our wild areas and how they "make a living." **Going Green.** Become a botanist and explore the world of grasses, flowers and trees. **Water, Fins and Gills.** Dip a net into the wetland to catch a sample of amazing aquatic creatures and learn all about their special adaptations. **Creature Feature.** Discover the world of multi-legged insects, spiders, and arthropods that live in every nook and cranny.

Wild Outdoors Camp for campers entering 3rd-6th grades

 **Choose either Session I: Tuesday, July 6 - Friday, July 9**
or Session II: Tuesday, July 27 - Friday, July 30. Hone your basic outdoor skills, learn about Iowa's unique animal and plant life, and visit the Nature Center's back corners. Explore trails and discover Iowa's wildlife while developing observational skills in woodland, prairie and wetland habitats. Learn to read a map and use a GPS unit to discover the ancient bog, Founders' Grove, and Bena Brook. Learn the art of fire making, pocket knife use and care, and basic outdoor cooking.



2010 SUMMER NATURE CAMPS



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A Special Place for Wildlife, Plants and People

Indian Creek Nature Center offers a variety of summer outdoor experiences for children. For the very young, *Polliwogs and Parents* programs involve hands-on learning, a story, craft, and outdoor exploration. For fun after-hours adventures, *Evening Mini-Camps* are for children and adults. *Young Naturalist* programs are one-day experiences for various ages. *Nature Camps* are four-day adventures providing diverse outdoor exploration, skills, learning and fun for youth.

Polliwogs and Parents for Little Ones age 3-6 years.

Fee: Members, \$4; Nonmembers, \$5. Series: Members, \$20; Nonmembers, \$25. 9-10 AM. Each session limited to 14 children.

ABCs of Summer. Monday, June 14 or Tuesday, June 15.

Summer has just begun. What shall we do for fun? Let us introduce you to the wonders of nature through exciting alphabet activities. Go on a hike to explore the ABCs of the great outdoors.

Going Buggy. Monday, June 28 or Tuesday, June 29.

Bugs are neat; bugs are cool! Learn all about insects and their life cycles. Visit the prairie on a bug-seeking adventure. Make your own bug catcher to use all summer long.



SUMMER NATURE CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Please provide all information as requested. Complete a separate form for each camp or camper and read back of form.

Camp Title: _____ Camp Date: _____ Fee: _____
Camper's Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ Parent's Name(s): _____
Phone # where parent(s) can be reached (Day): _____ (Evening): _____
Mailing Address: _____

Soil Search. Monday, July 12 or Tuesday, July 13.



Time to investigate the earth! Interview worms, snails, and other creatures that live “down under.” Come on a log-rolling adventure as we discover what makes these creepy crawlies so special.

Super Scales. Monday, July 19 or Tuesday, July 20.

Crawl like a turtle and slither like a snake while you learn about the wonderful world of reptiles! Find out how beneficial snakes are in the wild. Make a scaly creature craft and touch a real turtle.

Nocturnal Neighbors. Monday, August 2 or Tuesday, August 3.

Put on your pajamas and join us for fun “nightly” adventures! Find out which creatures are active in the night and what helps them survive while we are asleep. Listen to a story and become part of a nighttime chorus.

Water Wonders. Monday, August 16 or Tuesday, August 17.

Finish off the summer series with a wild and wet adventure as we explore the Lynch Wetland. Learn about water plants and animals. Come prepared to get wet (and a little muddy) as we use nets to find out what makes this habitat their home.

Evening Mini-Camps -

For children entering 1st-4th grades

Parents may—but are not required to—attend with their children. Enjoy hikes, games, stories and outdoor adventures with a naturalist.

Members: \$5/child, \$3/parent. Nonmembers: \$8/child, \$4/parent.



Pond Exploration. Monday, June 28. 6-8 PM.

Learn about the frogs, aquatic insects, turtles, and mammals who live in this watery home. See what you can catch with a net!

Insects and Other Creepy Crawlies. Monday, July 12. 6-8 PM.

Join us for an insect safari in the tallgrass prairie. Learn about the many insects that live at the nature center and the important role they play in healthy habitats. Use a sweep net to catch insects.

Night Life at the Nature Center. Monday, August 2. 7-9 PM.

Explore the woods to discover the mammals, insects and amphibians that sing, howl, chirp, or squeak in the night. Use sound, light and a secret bait to attract night life.



Young Naturalists - One-Day Nature Experiences

Program Fee: Member, \$20; Nonmember, \$25. 9 AM-3 PM.
(Exception: Cave Crawlers. Fee: M/\$35, NM/\$45. 9 AM-4 PM.)

For children entering 1st-2nd grades:

Nature Nuts. Tuesday, June 22 or Wednesday, July 21.

Find adventure in the prairie and woods as you discover the insect, bird, and animal life of the Nature Center. Games, crafts, trail activities and hikes will fill your day with outdoor fun.



Creek Stompers. Thursday, June 24 or Friday, June 25.

Discover what lives in Indian Creek while exploring sandbars, riffles, and quiet pools. Learn of the adaptations aquatic plants, insects, crawdads, and fish have for underwater life.



For children entering 1st-3rd grades:

Wild Art. Thursday, July 1 or Friday, July 2.

Nature provides many inspiring ideas for artistic fun. Enjoy a day of creating with natural materials, just as American Indians did long ago.

For children entering 3rd-6th grades:

NEW: Be an Amateur Archaeologist. Tuesday, August 10.

Spend the day discovering what an archaeologist does! Practice your investigative techniques as you learn American Indian skills and how to recognize artifacts, play authentic games, participate in a dig, and try your hand at crafts and hunting skills using an atlatl. Hike to nearby sites while learning about the cultures that lived along the Cedar River.



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