

Important Information! Register in person, by mail, by phone or online at www.indiancreeknaturecenter.org 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.

ADVANCED NATURALIST CAMP – July 30-August 3
9:00am-3:00pm For campers who have completed Junior Naturalist Camp. Choose a day or two or sign up for the full week of these varied & challenging activities. Members: \$30/day, \$125/week Non-members: \$35/day, \$150/week

GPS, Geocaching and More - Monday, July 30 This day will be a step beyond our basic GPS experience. Learn how GPS is used for mapping and habitat restoration monitoring.

Outdoor Shelters and Campfire Cooking - Tuesday, July 31 Learn how to build emergency shelters from natural materials. Outdoor cooking on a fire you've built is a skill and lots of fun. Discover Dutch ovens, solar ovens, stick cookery, foil dinners, and food preparation from main course to desserts.

Insect Safari - Wednesday, August 1 Explore prairie, pond and woods to enter the amazing world of insects! Use microscopes to take a close look at their bodies and unique adaptations. Put on a bee veil and coveralls to join our beekeeper in the apiary. Learn to use the smoker, open the hive and explore inside to find the queen and check on honey production.

Geology - Thursday, August 2 This day is designed for the amateur rock hound! Learn about Iowa's unique geology that has resulted in our prairies, wetlands and woods. Discover fossils, minerals and the forces that created our earth.

Become an Archaeologist - Friday, August 3 Spend your day as an archaeologist and practice your investigative skills to interpret artifacts. Hike to nearby American Indian sites and learn about the cultures that lived along the Cedar River. Play authentic games and try your hand at using an atlatl.

FAMILY FUN FRIDAYS - M Fam/\$10; NM Fam/\$15 **You must register by 4:00pm on the Thursday prior to all Friday Fun activities.** *Please note these evening programs are scheduled at different start times depending on the topic! Details available online.*

Prairie Mammals, Past and Present - June 15 7:00-8:30pm

Fireflies and Other Evening Insects - June 22 8:00-9:30pm



Technology Outdoors! - June 29 7:00-8:30pm

Crafty Fun - July 13 7:00-8:30pm

Bat Watch - July 20 8:00-9:30pm

Mothing - July 27 8:00-9:30pm

Night Sky Tour - August 3 8:00-9:30pm



Indian Creek NATURE CENTER 2012 NATURE CAMPS

Explore Outdoors!



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Indian Creek Nature Center offers a variety of summer experiences for children. For the very young, *Polliwogs and Parents* programs involve hands-on learning, a story, craft and outdoor exploration. *Try It Out!* is a series of one-day camp experiences for various ages on a variety of topics. *Young Explorers* and *Junior Naturalist Camps* are four-day adventures providing diverse outdoor exploration, skills, learning and great fun for youth. *Friday Evening Family Fun* is designed for all ages. Your outdoor adventure begins here! Scholarships are available.

POLLIWOGS & PARENTS *for Little Ones age 3-6 years.*
Fee: Members - \$5/ea (\$25/series); Non-members - \$6/ea (\$30/series) Each session limited to 14 children. Programs begin at 9:00am and last approximately 1 hour.

Pond Pals -Tuesday, June 5 or Saturday, June 9 Learn about animals that live in and around the Nature Center's ponds, from ducks and dragonflies to frogs and fish. Search the ponds for wetland friends. Discover why water is vital to all living things.

Tree Time - Tuesday, June 19 or Saturday, June 23 What do trees do for wildlife and you? Learn about trees and become part of one! Use your senses outdoors on a walk in the woods to discover who uses the trees for homes and food.

A Peek at the Prairie -Tuesday, July 3 or Saturday, July 7
Look closely at the special plants and animals that call the prairie home. Play "fox and rabbit" to learn the importance of camouflage in nature.

Bats, Birds & Butterflies -Tuesday, July 17 or Saturday, July 21 Look up...as we search for your favorite winged friends. Many animals can fly but the different ways they do it are amazing!



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: _____

Parent or Guardian _____

I grant permission to photograph my child participating in activities at Indian Creek Nature Center and agree to allow said photos to be used for promotional purposes in print, broadcast or online media sponsored by the Nature Center.

locate geocaches hidden at the Nature Center. Be prepared to hike! Learn how ancient people oriented.

Exploring the Indian Creek Watershed by Bike -

Tuesday, July 17 Explore the Indian Creek Watershed by bike. Ride to various upstream sites along the Sac and Fox Trail to explore beaver dams, fishing holes, and trail history. Learn how watersheds function and what makes them healthy. *Bring your bike and old shoes for wading.* We'll examine Indian Creek from the inside out to discover what lives underwater, under rocks and under an overhanging bank. Try your hand at fishing.



Listening to the Bones -Thursday, July 19 Skeletons give us clues about how an animal lived and moved, but the condition of the bones may also tell us how it died and about other animals in the area. Become a skeleton detective and study an actual animal death scene.

NATURE CAMPS - Four-Day Camp Experiences

All Four-Day Camps are 9:00am-3:00pm M/\$95 NM/\$115

Young Explorers Camp - June 18 -21 or July 9-12

K (completed)-2nd Grade. On this earth, we are partners with our wild neighbors. Explore every corner of the Nature Center to discover plants, animals, birds and insects in their habitats and your dependence on their activities. Enjoy hands-on experiences and be prepared to hike as you embark on a new adventure each day!

Junior Naturalist Camp - June 25-28 or July 23-26 3rd -5th Grade.

Experience Iowa's natural and human history as you practice the outdoor survival skills early natives and settlers needed. Learn the art of fire making with flint and steel, how to read trail signs, create a map and use a compass. Find out how to use and care for a pocket knife, make fishing tackle and go fishing, forage for wild plants that were food, medicine and resources for early Iowans; and experience firsthand how hard it is to plow a prairie and plant a crop using old-time methods. Explore the Nature Center's farming history and visit a modern farm where food is being produced today.



What's in Your Pocket? -Tuesday, July 31 or Saturday, August 4

You might keep pebbles and pennies in your pocket, but that is where some special animals keep their babies! Learn all about the opossum, our American cousin to the kangaroo. Find out what makes this animal so unique. Play a fun 'possum game.

Hunting for Nature's Treasures -Tuesday, August 14 or Saturday, August 18

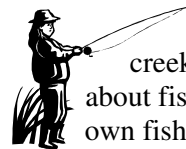
Go on a scavenger hunt to search for nature's hidden treasures. Use your senses to guess what's in our mystery boxes and create your own prize to take home!



TRY IT OUT! - One-Day Camps for Grades K-2nd

All One-Day Camps are 9:00am-3:00pm M/\$25 NM/\$30

Green and Growing - Monday, June 11 Learn about the gifts plants give us, discover how seeds grow, plant take-home mini-gardens and explore Native American Three Sisters gardens as you help plant one at the Nature Center!



Let's Go Fishing -Thursday, June 14 Enjoy pond, creek and wetland habitats at the Nature Center as you learn about fish, crayfish, frogs and insects that live there. Make your own fishin' pole and see how many fish you can catch!

Creek Stompers - Monday, July 2 Explore sandbars, riffles, quicksand and the quiet pools of Indian Creek or Bena Brook while discovering the adaptations aquatic plants, insects, crawdads, and fish have for underwater life.



TRY IT OUT! - One-Day Camps for Grades 3rd-5th

All One-Day Camps are 9:00am-3:00pm M/\$25 NM/\$30



Native American Gardening & Wild Foods and Herbs -

Tuesday, June 12 The prairie, woods and wetlands provide all creatures, including man, a variety of rich foods and resources. Explore our habitats to discover which plants and trees provide a bounty. We'll taste some wild things and help plant a Three Sisters Native American Garden. Learn ancient skills!

Technology Outdoors! - Friday, June 15 Join us for a day of exploration using both old and new technology. Enjoy a scavenger hunt using the trusty old compass, then switch to modern day GPS to