

Emerald Necklace Summer Camp Write-ups **Outdoor Experiences 2023**

Online Registration ONLY

Registration is required for all camps. **Register online ONLY at www.clevelandmetroparks.com**. Credit card information is required for registration.

Please have the following information ready when you register:

Camper's name, address, birthday, your name, address, phone number, email address, and your credit card information (number, billing address, expiration date, security code). *It is best to already have an account set-up on the Cleveland Metroparks website.*

Need-based scholarships are available. Please visit Summer Nature Camps at clevelandmetroparks.com/camps or call 216-954-3400 for more information and application. Deadline for application is April 15, scholarships will be awarded by April 30. Campers may only receive one scholarship/summer.

NOTE: Program fees and deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable to another date/program unless Cleveland Metroparks finds it necessary to cancel a program. Participants assume risk of all changes in personal health and affairs. Registrants will be notified if programs are cancelled.

Camp fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. Camp registration is not confirmed until you receive your confirmation email. By registering, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the policy above.

Donations are welcome to support the Outdoor Experiences Scholarship Fund.

Registration begins **March 1st at 9:00 a.m.** for Cuyahoga County and Hinckley Township residents.

9:00 a.m. registration will include:

Nature Preschool

9:30 a.m. registration will include:

Big Creek Reservation
North Chagrin Reservation
South Chagrin Reservation
West Creek Reservation

10:00 a.m. registration will include:

Bedford Reservation
Garfield Park Reservation
Lakefront Reservation
Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

10:30 a.m. registration will include:

Brecksville Reservation
Hinckley Reservation
Mill Stream Run Reservation

11:30 a.m. registration will include:

Rocky River Reservation (4 – 8 years)

Noon registration will include:

Rocky River Reservation (8 – 12 years)

Registration begins **March 8th at 9:30 a.m.** for all other participants.

**You may only register for one session of these camps.*

Nature Preschool

July 10 – 28

Rocky River Summer Session

An extension of our highly popular licensed Nature Preschool Program, our summer sessions are extended 3-week long preschool summer experiences. Our expert Early Childhood educators will connect children with the natural world while building young minds, discovering, and exploring. This session is perfect for families looking for an in-depth summer experience for their preschooler.

preschool@clevelandmetroparks.com

216.313.8057

Fee: \$540

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Age: 3 – 5 years

July 11 – 13, July 18 – 20, or July 25 – 27

Rocky River MINI Summer Sessions

An extension of our highly popular licensed Nature Preschool Program, our mini summer sessions are bite-sized 3-day preschool summer experiences taught by expert early childhood educators. We will connect children with the natural world while building young minds, discovering, and exploring. This session is perfect for families who are curious about preschool or families who want a shorter preschool experience in the summer.

preschool@clevelandmetroparks.com

216.313.8057

Fee: \$110

12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Age: 3 – 5 years

June 5 – 23

North Chagrin Summer Session

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216.313.8057

Fee: \$540

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Age: 3 – 5 years

June 6 – 8, June 13 – 15, or June 20 – 22

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216.313.8057

Fee: \$110

12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Age: 3 – 5 years

Bedford Reservation

June 8

Youth Fly Fishing Day

Discover the art of fly fishing as youth spend the day engaged in all things fly fishing. Learn how to tie a fly, the basics of casting, and all about pond and river life in the morning. Then, spend the afternoon putting all of these skills together as you try your hand at fly fishing. Who knows what kind of fish story you'll leave with!

No fishing license required for youth. Fly rods and reels will be provided. Cleveland Metroparks is partnering with the Trout Club of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History to bring you this all-day fishing program specifically for youth. Actual activities for the day are based on weather conditions.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. BeR

Astorhurst Park

Age: 10 – 15 years

Fee: \$55

216.341.1704

June 27 – 29

Creek Walkers Camp

We'll explore the creeks of Bedford Reservation from beginning to end! Creek walking brings a whole new perspective to nature. With wet feet and a thirst for adventure, we will descend into deep ravines to scale waterfalls, scramble boulders and search for interesting wildlife like salamanders and aquatic bugs.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. BeR

New location daily

Age: 8 – 10 years

Fee: \$125

216.206.1000

June 29, July 19

Teen Mountain Bike Skills Camp*

Come ride with us and learn new mountain biking skills as we build confidence on the trails. Each teen will be taught fundamental bike movements like balance and control before progressing to harder skills and obstacles later in the day. Understanding the mechanics of gearing and braking will also be a focus. Youth should be competent at riding a bike on a paved path before registering for this program. Actual activities for the day are based on weather conditions.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. BeR

Egbert Picnic Area

Age: 12 – 15 years

Fee: \$55 (bike and helmet included, or bring your own)

216.341.1704

July 25 – 28

Gorge Explorers

Tinker's Creek Gorge is filled with hidden waterfalls, interesting wildlife and the remains of trails lost to time. In this camp, we will hike atop towering cliffs and splash through winding streams in search of all the gorge has to offer.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. BeR

Lost Meadows

Age: 8 – 10 years

Fee: \$170

440.887.1968

Big Creek Reservation

June 28 – 30

Waterside Wanderers Camp

In this camp we will explore the wonders of water by splashing through the creek, fishing at Beyer's Pond, and navigating the incredible wilderness that lines our waterways.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. BCR

Creekside Reservable Shelter

Age: 8 – 10 years

Fee: \$140

440.887.1968

Brecksville Reservation

June 14 – 16

Fun on the Family Farm

What was it like to grow up on a family farm in the late 1800s? This camp will immerse your child into many of the aspects of a historic rural upbringing. They will learn firsthand about daily chores, tools, farm animals, making homemade butter and ice cream, grinding grain, making toys and more... all through fun activities, songs and games.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. BrR

Squire Rich Museum

Age: 6 – 8 years

440.526.1012

Fee: \$85

June 27 – 29 or July 11 – 13

Trailside Explorers*

This camp will take exploration to a new level! Spend two days exploring the creeks and fields of Brecksville Reservation. We will search for a variety of animals in these habitats and play some games. The other day will take us off site to explore the forest through a unique experience of tree climbing and team building. (Transportation provided, camp will be 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on the field trip days) **NOTE: If your child has a fear of heights, this camp is not recommended for them.**

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. BrR

Trailside Program Center

Age: 8 – 10 years

Fee: \$190

440.526.1012

July 5 – 7

Nature Detectives

Come help solve mysteries in nature like a real scientist. We will use our observation skills and clues from nature to solve mysteries about what is happening in our park. All along we will be outside exploring the forest, prairie, and stream learning about all the important organisms that live here and how they interact with each other.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. BrR

Trailside Program Center

Age: 6 – 8 years

Fee: \$85

440.526.1012

July 5 or 7

August 2 or 4

Archery Youth Day JR*

Join Naturalist Jenny McClain, USA Archery certified instructor, to learn the basics of this popular sport. We'll cover proper shooting form, aiming techniques and enjoy some friendly competition playing archery games. All equipment is provided. *This camp is designed for those who have no previous archery experience.*

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. BrR

York Road Archery Range

Age: 9 – 12 years

Fee: \$30

440.526.1012

July 12 – 14

Wilderness Skills Camp - Advanced

This camp will review basic skills and introduce more advanced skills including creating fire with a bow drill, making a coal-burned bowl, creating cordage, crafting a hiking stick, making lunch over the campfire and much more. Led by Naturalist Jenny McClain.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. BrR

Ottawa Point Picnic Area

Age: 11 – 13 years

Fee: \$125

440.526.1012

July 19 – 21

Appalachian Lifestyles Camp

Join Naturalist Foster Brown for hands-on learning about the life and art of the Appalachian culture. Build and learn how to play an Appalachian dulcimer, weave a berry basket, make a drinking gourd, learn how to twine inner bark from a basswood tree, learn the art of spinning a good tale, and taste foods characterized by this mountain lifestyle.

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. BrR

Trailside Program Center

Age: 13 years & over

Fee: \$190

440.526.1012

July 26 – 28

Appalachian Lifestyles Advanced Camp

This advanced class with Naturalist Foster Brown will delve deeper into the traditional arts of the Appalachian culture. Students will handcraft their own poplar basket, make a birch bark container, whittle a spoon, and immerse themselves in Appalachian music and storytelling.

9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. BrR

Trailside Program Center

Age: 13 years & over

Fee: \$190

440.526.1012

July 26 or 28

Archery Youth Day SR*

Join Naturalist Jenny McClain, USA Archery certified instructor, to learn the basics of this popular sport. We'll cover proper shooting form, aiming techniques and enjoy some friendly competition playing archery games. All equipment is provided. *This camp is designed for those who have no previous archery experience.*

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. BrR

York Road Archery Range

Age: 13 – 17 years

Fee: \$35

440.526.1012

August 1 – 3 or August 15 – 17*

Young Explorers

Let the kids get a little dirty and a little wet while they explore all that Brecksville Reservation has to offer. Kids will look under logs, walk through the creek and catch insects in the prairie. Exploring nature, crafts, games and fun is the plan for this week!

9 a.m. – noon BrR

Trailside Program Center

Age: 5 – 6 years

Fee: \$65

440.526.1012

August 9 – 11

Nature Nut Camp

Help your child connect to the natural world by experiencing it up close and personal. This camp will delve into the “ologies” of natural history through cool take-home projects, adventurous hikes and deep studies of insects, trees, mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. BrR

Trailside Program Center

Age: 10 – 12 years

Fee: \$125

440.526.1012

Garfield Park Reservation

June 28 – 30

Teen Paddlesports Wind and Waves Camp

Paddlers will challenge their skills on Northeast Ohio's waterways paddling the calm waters of inland lakes, the moving water of rivers, and the wavy waters of Lake Erie. Youth will become confident paddlers as they experience stand up paddleboarding, kayaking, and possibly have a chance to get on a sailboat. On the water fun is guaranteed; however, participants may not experience all activities due to weather and water conditions. Participants will meet at Garfield Park Reservation and be transported to the paddling location each day.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. GPR

Age: 12 – 15 years

Fee: \$165

216.341.1704

Hinckley Reservation

June 7, June 23, or July 14

Paddlesports Youth Day Jr.*

Beat the summer heat while learning two new ways to have fun on the water. Whether you're balancing on a stand up paddleboard or exploring nature from a kayak, you are sure to stay cool. Be prepared to get wet and play on-water paddling games!

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. HiR

Hinckley Lake Boathouse

Age: 8 – 11 years

Fee: \$55

216.341.1704

June 7, June 23, or July 14

Paddlesports Youth Day Sr.*

Beat the summer heat while learning two new ways to have fun on the water. Whether you're balancing on a stand up paddleboard or exploring nature from a kayak, you are sure to stay cool. Be prepared to get wet and play on-water paddling games!

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. HiR

Hinckley Lake Boathouse

Age: 11 – 15 years

Fee: \$55

216.341.1704

June 14 or July 6

Climb the Ledge Youth Day*

Spend a day exploring Hinckley Reservation's natural rocks at Whipp's Ledges! The day is split into two sessions. One session is spent scaling the vertical walls of Whipp's Ledges while learning climbing techniques and climbing safety. Another session is spent wandering Whipp's Ledges rock formations on a mapped, climbing skill-based scavenger hunt. *This program may be cancelled if weather conditions do not permit the above activities to take place.*

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. HiR

Top O' Ledges Picnic Area

Age: 10 – 13 years

Fee: \$55

216.341.1704

June 20 – 22 or July 25 – 27

Camp Hinckley*

Join us for three days of adventure on land, water and air. Campers should be ready to spend two days fishing, hiking, and kayaking in Hinckley Reservation. The other day we will travel off-site for a treetop adventure on a high ropes or zipline course. (Transportation provided) **NOTE: If your child has a fear of heights, this camp is not recommended for them.** Camp will begin at 9:00 a.m. on the day we travel off site. **Participants may only register for one session of Camp Hinckley.*

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. HiR

Hinckley Lake Boathouse & Store

Age: 10 – 13 years

Fee: \$200

440.526.1012

July 10 – 12 or August 9 – 11

Adventure Seeker Series Camp*

Find adventure by discovering new ways to explore Cleveland Metroparks. Days will be spent exploring Hinckley Lake by stand up paddleboard and kayak, rock climbing at Whipp's Ledges, navigating the trails by map and compass, and then teaming up to complete an adventure challenge that incorporates all of these skills. Adventure is around every bend during this thrilling camp! Actual activities for the day are based on weather and water conditions.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. HiR

Hinckley Lake Boathouse

Age: 10 – 15 years

Fee: \$165

216.341.1704

July 17 – 19

Nature Camp

Come out to Hinckley to learn about creepy crawlers, insects, aquatic organisms, and more. We will be hiking, exploring the water, and playing games. Come out and discover all that lives around you.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. HiR

Hinckley Lake Boathouse

Age: 6 – 8 years

Fee: \$85

440.526.1012

July 27

Teen Rock Climbing Skills Camp

At this camp we'll explore and develop various aspects of climbing as you hone your outdoor rock climbing skills. We will cover topics from top to bottom including climbing movement, knot tying, climbing etiquette, and get hands on as we focus top roping and bouldering during this fun, physically active day. This camp is intended for campers who have a high interest in rock climbing as we will work on skill development. *This program may be cancelled if weather conditions do not permit the above activities to take place.*

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. HiR

Top O' Ledges Picnic Area

Age: 13 – 15 years

Fee: \$55

216.341.1704

Lakefront Reservation

June 12 – 15 or July 10 – 13

Teens Can Sail! Skill Builders Camp*

Spend 4 afternoons learning to sail on the inner harbor of Lake Erie. Learn about sailing both big boats and small boats in a small group setting focusing on gaining some independence in the boat under the guidance of an experienced instructor. Enjoy age-appropriate lessons and lots of adventurous fun! Whether we are on land or water, we will learn about crewing and skippering a boat, teamwork as a group of sailors, and the Corinthian Spirit. Learn about parts of a sailboat, how boats work in the wind, maneuvering the boat to a set location, safety, and how to recover a boat if it tips. Come prepared to get wet!

1 p.m. – 5 p.m. LR

Historic Coast Guard Station

Age: 11 – 15 years

Fee: \$200

216.341.1704

June 22

Teen STEM & Sail Camp

Sailing is an activity that has a lifetime's worth of lessons and can take years to master. Come try-it at this fun, one-day summer camp filled with on-shore activities that will use STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) to teach your kids about the whys behind what makes a sailboat work. Kids will have an opportunity to get out on a sailboat with an instructor for a portion of the day and get a taste of helping make the boat travel around Cleveland's beautiful harbor. Come prepared to get wet. *May be cancelled if weather conditions do not permit the above activities to take place.*

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. LR

Wendy Park

Age: 11 – 15 years

Fee: \$75

216.341.1704

June 26 – 29 or July 31 – Aug 3

Youth Can Sail! Skill Builders Camp*

Spend 4 afternoons learning to sail on the inner harbor of Lake Erie. Learn about sailing both big boats and small boats in a small group setting focusing on gaining some independence in the boat under the guidance of an experienced instructor. Enjoy age-appropriate lessons and lots of adventurous fun! Whether we are on land or water, we will learn about crewing and skippering a boat, teamwork as a group of sailors, and the Corinthian Spirit. Learn about parts of a sailboat, how boats work in the wind, maneuvering the boat to a set location, safety, and how to recover a boat if it tips.

1 p.m. – 5 p.m. LR

Historic Coast Guard Station

Age: 8 – 11 years

Fee: \$200

216.341.1704

July 26

Youth STEM and Sail Camp

Sailing is an activity that has a lifetime's worth of lessons and can take years to master. Come try-it at this fun, one-day summer camp filled with on-shore activities that will use STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) to teach your kids about the whys behind what makes a sailboat work. Kids will have an opportunity to get out on a sailboat with an instructor for a portion of the day and get a taste of helping make the boat travel around Cleveland's beautiful harbor. Come prepared to get wet. *This program may be cancelled if weather conditions do not permit the above activities to take place.*

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. LR

Wendy Park

Age: 8 – 11 years

Fee: \$75

216.341.1704

August 1 – 3

Lakefront Explorers

We'll spend three days exploring Cleveland's lakefront. Our days will be spent playing in the sand at the beach, looking for insects in the fields, and exploring the forests.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. LR

Upper Edgewater Picnic Shelter & Wendy Park

Ages: 8 – 10 years old

Fee: \$125

216.206.1000

Mill Stream Run Reservation

June 14 – 16 or June 21 – 23

Beginner Wilderness Skills Camp*

Join Naturalist Jenny McClain to learn basic wilderness survival skills. Start a fire with flint and steel, build a debris shelter, find your way with map and compass and much more.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. MSRR

W. J. Green Lodge

Age: 10 – 12 years

Fee: \$125

440-526-1012

June 28 – 30

Pioneer Days Camp

Have you ever wondered what life as a pioneer was like? Come discover how pioneers lived through hands-on experiences and activities. We will immerse ourselves in games, hikes, crafts, and food to help understand how life was like in these early days.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. MSRR

W. J. Green Lodge

Age: 6 – 8 years

Fee: \$85

440-526-1012

North Chagrin Reservation

June 5 – 7, July 10 – 12 or July 31 – August 2

Forest Friends*

First-time campers will become a friend of the forest as they engage in fun, hands-on nature games and activities. Trail walks, animal encounters, songs, stories and art projects are all part of the fun. Please only register for one session of this camp; activities will be repeated.

9 a.m. – noon or 1 – 4 p.m. NCNC

Age: 4 – 5 years

Fee: \$65

440.473.3370

July 5 – 7, July 12 – 14 or July 26 – 28

Critter Camp*

Explore nature in search of critters large and small. We'll search a wetland, woodland and creek in search of awesome insects, frogs, salamanders and more!

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. NCNC

Age: 5 – 6 years

Fee: \$85

440.473.3370

June 12 – 14 or June 21 – 23

Little Fishes*

Come out and explore the marsh, pond, and stream with new friends. The tiniest creatures are waiting to be discovered.

9 a.m. – noon or 1 – 4 p.m. NCNC

Age: 4 – 6 years

Fee: \$65

440.473.3370

June 14 – 16 or June 28 – 30

Nature's Engineers*

Get inspired by nature's engineers during forest hikes and creek walking. Then try your hand at engineering challenges by designing and building your own shelters, rafts, and more!

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. NCNC

Age 6 – 8 years

Fee: \$85

440.473.3370

July 31 – August 4

Creek Crawlers – North

Come explore the streams, discover the waterfalls, and investigate life within the water. We'll hike new trails daily and uncover amazing wildlife. On days two and four we'll travel by bus to destinations along the Lake Erie shoreline.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. NCNC

Age: 7 – 9 years

Fee: \$160

440.473.3370

Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

June 13 – 15

CanalWay Little Explorers Camp

Join us for three afternoons of exploring. We will do crafts, read stories, play games, go on hikes and meet some animals. We'll expand our understanding of the world around us through play and exploration.

1 – 4 p.m. CWC

Age: 5 – 6 years

Fee: \$65

216.206.1000

June 13 – 15

Young Naturalists Camp

School's out! This doesn't mean the learning stops. It just gets way more fun! We will learn the basic skills of being a naturalist. Activities include birding, wildflower identification, nature journaling, pond life exploration and so much more!

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. CWC

Age: 10 – 12 years

Fee: \$125

216.206.1000

June 20 – 22

CanalWay Camper

We'll spend the next three days discovering the skills of an extreme camper through fun and games. We'll learn how to use a compass, hike, build a fire, play games, and go fishing. Be ready to get dirty exploring as we master the art of camping.

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CWC

Age: 6 – 8 years

Fee: \$105

216.206.1000

June 27 – 29

Bug Camp

This week at camp we'll be celebrating all things called "bug". Whether it has six legs, eight or gets by with just one we're going to find it, learn about it, draw it, play games about it and have a great week.

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. CWC

Age: 4 – 5 years

Fee: \$65

216.206.1000

July 11 – 13

My Adult and Me Camp

Attending summer nature camp is an important part of growing up. But not every child may be ready for camp to be an independent experience. This week invites a child and an adult to hike, explore nature, play games, make crafts, and have fun at camp together! Child to adult ratio can be 1:1, 1:2, or 2:1.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. CWC

Age: 6 – 8 years w/adult

Fee: \$100 (per child)

216.206.1000

July 18 – 20

CanalWay Adventure Camp

We'll spend three days doing different recreational activities in nature. Learn about archery, hiking, fishing, and biking. You must provide your own bike (helmet required) and know how to ride it for bike day.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. CWC

Age: 9 – 11 years

Fee: \$125

216.206.1000

July 25 – 27

Hidden Valley Survival

Join us for three days of early survivor skills, activities, and games. We'll enjoy many American Indian tasks like archery, atlatl, canoeing, stalking prey, making fire, and relating to nature. Thursday will meet at the Hinckley Lake Boathouse.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. CWC

Age: 10 – 12 years

Fee: \$125

216.206.1000

August 8 – 10

CanalWay Nature Explorers

Join us for three days of nature exploration and fun. We will investigate the local animals, plants, waters, and land of the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation. Activities include bug catching, pond life exploration, a campfire with s'mores, and tons of games and crafts.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. CWC

Age: 6 – 8 years old

Fee: \$85

216.206.1000

August 15 – 17

Bug Camp

This week at camp we'll be celebrating all things called "bug". Whether it has six legs, eight or gets by with just one we're going to find it, learn about it, draw it, play games about it and have a great week.

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. CWC

Age: 4 – 5 years old

Fee: \$65

216.206.1000

Rocky River Reservation

June 5 – 7, 12 – 14, 19 – 21 or 26 – 28

July 10 – 12, 17 – 19 or 24 – 26

July 31 – August 2

River Explorers*

Explore in and along the Rocky River. Spend time in the water as well as hiking, playing games and making crafts.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. RRR

South Mastick Picnic Area

Age: 8 – 11 years

Fee: \$125

440.734.6660

June 6 – 8, 13 – 15, 20 – 22 or 27 – 29

July 11 – 13, 18 – 20 or 25 – 27

August 1 – 3

Rocky Adventurers*

Nature investigation, outdoor skills and exploring along the Rocky River will make every day an adventure at this camp.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. RRR

Lagoon Picnic Area

Age: 8 – 11 years

Fee: \$125

440.734.6660

June 7 – 9 or 14 – 16

Home Sweet Habitat*

Learn about animal homes with games, crafts, hikes and other activities! Explore the habitats around Rocky River Nature Center and learn ways to protect our environment.

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. RRNC

Age: 5 – 6 years

Fee: \$65

440.734.6660

June 13 – 15 or July 5 – 7

Mystery in the Park*

Sharpen your investigating skills while exploring the park. Each day we will learn about the animals of Ohio while we solve a mystery.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. RRNC

Age: 6 – 8 years

Fee: \$85

440.734.6660

June 21 – 23

Stream Stomp

Come stomp, splash and discover the amazing Rocky River its nearby wetlands at this wet and watery camp. We will explore the river, wetlands and ponds and discover the life they hold.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. RRNC

Age: 6 – 8 years

Fee: \$85

440.734.6660

June 26 – 28

Secrets of the Woods

The woods have secrets old and new, but if you're savvy you can decode the clues. We'll learn the basics of wayfinding in the woods, search out the park's history, and hike to a true hidden gem of the Metroparks. Price includes a bus trip within Cleveland Metroparks.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. RRNC

Age: 10 – 12 years

Fee: \$140

440.734.6660

June 26 – 28, July 17 – 19 or July 31 – August 2

Friends of the Forest*

Let's explore nature! We will blend together a fun week of camp activities like games, hiking, crafts, and water-related fun.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. RRNC

Age: 6 – 8 years

Fee: \$85

440.734.6660

June 26 – 28

Forest Fanatics

Join a Naturalist for three days of frog-spotting, forest hiking, pond dipping, a campfire and more! We'll learn about Rocky River's wildlife and get some great exercise.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. RRNC

Age: 6 – 8 years

Fee: \$85

440.734.6660

July 5 – 7

Home Sweet Habitat

Learn about animal homes with games, crafts, hikes and other activities! Explore the habitats around Rocky River Nature Center and learn ways to protect our environment.

1 – 4 p.m. RRNC

Age: 5 – 6 years

Fee: \$65

440.734.6660

July 10 – 12**Wild for Wildlife**

Join a naturalist for three days of frog-spotting, snake searching, forest exploration, a campfire and more. We'll learn about Rocky River's wildlife with an emphasis on reptiles and amphibians!

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. RRNC

Age: 5 – 6 years

Fee: \$65

440.734.6660

July 11 – 13**Turtles, Snakes, and More**

We'll explore the outdoors to seek out reptiles and amphibians where they live. Every day campers will also get up-close with some of our animal ambassadors that live inside the nature center.

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. RRNC

Age: 6 – 8 years

Fee: \$85

440.734.6660

July 12 – 14**Junior Naturalists**

Calling all future naturalists! Walk in the shoes of a naturalist in this camp designed for young kids with a passion for the outdoors. We'll hike, learn and explore as we get a behind-the-scenes look at being a naturalist.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. RRNC

Age: 6 – 8 years

Fee: \$85

440.734.6660

July 19 – 21**Creepy Crawly Camp**

Little ones can explore the not so scary world of spiders, bugs, and insects that share our world with us. Campers will have lots of fun exploring and participating in hands-on activities that inspire appreciation of these wonderful little creatures.

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. RRNC

Age: 4 – 5 years

Fee: \$65

440.734.6660

July 24 – 26**Camp Anything Goes**

Anything goes this week! Preschoolers will learn the ins and outs of hiking and playing in the wild as we roam the woods. Expect games, animal encounters, mud, and just a little science sprinkled in here and there.

1 – 4 p.m. RRNC

Age: 4 – 6 years

Fee: \$65

440.734.6660

July 26 – 28**Nothin' but Nature**

Spend your day outdoors with a naturalist playing games, learning and exploring.

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. RRNC

Age: 4 – 5 years

Fee: \$65

440.734.6660

August 1 – 3**Insect Investigators**

Learn all about insects while exploring different ecosystems in the park. We will spend a day in the forest, a field and the wetland as we play games, collect insects and identify them.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. RRNC

Age: 6 – 8 years

Fee: \$85

440.734.6660

August 7 – 9**Nonstop Nature**

Bring your boots! Join a naturalist for three days of crayfish-catching, frog-spotting, forest hiking, pond-dipping, a campfire and more. We'll learn about Rocky River's wildlife and get some great exercise.

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. RRNC

Age: 5 – 6 years

Fee: \$65

440.734.6660

South Chagrin Reservation**June 26 – 28 or July 5 – 7****Leaf Hoppers***

Explore the woods like never before. Peek under leaves, logs, and other forest treasures. We'll also run and hop through nature play.

9 a.m. – noon or 1 – 4 p.m. SCR

Look About Lodge

Age: 4 – 6 years

Fee: \$65

440.473.3370

July 17 – 21**Creek Crawlers – South**

Come explore the streams, discover the waterfalls, and investigate life within the water. We'll hike new trails daily and uncover amazing wildlife. On days two and four we'll travel by bus to destinations along the Lake Erie shoreline.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. SCR

Look About Lodge

Age: 7 – 9 years

Fee: \$160

440.473.3370

July 24 – 27**Woodland Explorers**

Climb the hillsides, meet the trees, and discover the wonders of the woods. Search for snakes and salamanders, play games, and hike a new trail in this adventure-filled camp.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. SCR

Look About Lodge

Age: 8 – 10 years

Fee: \$170

440.473.3370

August 2 – 4**Choose Your Own Adventure**

Will we hike through the forest, climb the creek, go pond-dipping or build a campfire? You decide! Campers and counselors will work together to plan the week. No matter what activities we choose, we'll explore all that South Chagrin has to offer.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. SCR

Look About Lodge

Age: 11 – 13 years

Fee: \$125

440.473.3370

August 9 – 11**Choose Your Own ART Adventure**

Gather inspiration and materials on forest hikes and creek walks to draw, paint, and build with! No artistic skills required. Campers and counselors will work together to plan the week. No matter what activities we choose, we'll explore, experiment and create art from nature.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. SCR

Look About Lodge

Age: 8 – 10 years

Fee: \$125

440.473.3370

West Creek Reservation**June 6 – 8, June 27 – 29 or July 18 – 20****Science of Survival***

Is that Plant Edible? How do you start a fire without matches? Can you build a shelter to withstand a storm? Join Naturalist Peter as we learn what it takes to survive the summer.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. WSC

Age: 9 – 12 years

Fee: \$125

440.887.1968

June 7 – 9

Art & Adventure

Learn and create with nature. Travel the trails and the waterways of West Creek's backyard in this exploratory camp while we discover the natural world with art as our compass.

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. WSC

Age: 6 – 8 years

Fee: \$115

440.887.1968

June 14 – 16 or July 5 – 7

Junior Scientists*

Young scientists will have a blast learning about nature through hands-on experiments. Fun S.T.E.A.M. projects, hikes, live animal visits, and games will be rounded out by plenty of free play.

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. WSC

Age: 5 – 6 years

Fee: \$105

440.887.1968

June 20 – 22 or July 25 – 27

Nature Play*

Little explorers can enjoy meeting live animals, stomping in the stream, and catching insects in this introductory camp experience. Songs, crafts, and games will round out this fun nature adventure camp.

9 a.m. – noon or 1 – 4 p.m. WSC

Age: 4 – 5 years

Fee: \$65

440.887.1968

June 21 – 23

River to Lake Jr.

Discover two of Northeast Ohio's greatest natural treasures, the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie. Canoe along the crooked river and then sail on Lake Erie as we discover their natural and cultural history along the way.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. WSC

Age: 9 – 12 years

Fee: \$210

440.887.1968

July 12 – 14

Nature Explorers

Discover the wonders of different habitats as we bound through the reservation on a mission to explore, touch, and understand the world around us. Participants will connect to the tactile environment around them through exploration, playing, and kinesthetic learning.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. WSC

Age: 5 – 6 years

Fee: \$85

440.887.1968

July 17 – 21

Animal Adventures

Explore the different classes of animals as we journey into the park, to the aquarium, and the lakefront. Mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians, and insects, oh my!

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. WSC

Age: 9 – 11 years

Fee: \$255

440.887.1968

Aug 2 – 4

Creek Explorers

Have you ever wondered how our creeks are formed and what might be living in the water? Come splash around and discover what lies hidden beneath the surface of the water as we traverse the creek all week!

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. WSC

Age: 6 – 8 years

Fee: \$105

440.887.1968

Aug 9 – 11

River to Lake Sr.

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10 a.m. – 4 p.m. WSC

Age: 12 – 14 years

Fee: \$210

440.887.1968