



## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

### SUMMER PROGRAM SESSION:

**June 10 – July 19, 2024**

**July 22 - August 25, 2024**

**No Class July 1-7, 2024**

#### STAFF CONTACTS

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#### **WONDERBUG DISCOVERIES (AGES 18 MONTHS- 3 YEARS WITH PARENT) (ACY) JUNE 10-JULY 19, JULY 22-AUGUST 25**

This parent-child nature discovery program is highly sensory-based involving themed storybooks, songs, hands-on time, and outdoor time with exploratory walks through the Purdy Nature Preserve. Each week will focus on a different theme or topic in nature. A portion of each class will be held outdoors, weather permitting, so dress accordingly! Class will not be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **OUTRAGEOUS OUTDOORS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (ACY) JUNE 10-JULY 19, JULY 22-AUGUST 25**

This exciting class gives your child a chance to learn all about the beauty and wonder of the natural world through hands-on activities, games, stories and crafts related to the nature theme of the week, as well as time outdoors exploring nature. Please have your child dressed for the weather as a portion of each class will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Class will not be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **POND ADVENTURES (AGES 5-9 YEARS) (ACY) JUNE 10-JULY 19**

Learn about frogs, tadpoles, turtles, aquatic insects and more in this hands-on class. Dress to get your feet wet and muddy! Class includes outdoor activities as well as crafts, games, and stories. No class July 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **LET'S TAKE A HIKE (AGES 5-9 YEARS) (ACY) JULY 22-AUGUST 25**

Join us for short hikes on the Purdy preserve while we learn each week about different animals that call the preserve their home, including deer, chipmunks, and songbirds. There will be time to explore both on and off the trail and for games and other activities as well!

#### **ARCHERY 101 (AGES 8-14) (ACY) JUNE 10-AUGUST 25**

Learn the basics of archery including the "11 steps to becoming a successful archer." Class follows National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) guidelines. All equipment is provided, but experienced students may bring their own equipment if it meets the instructor's standards. Class will be held outdoors. No class July 1<sup>st</sup>.

| Class name                                | YMCA | Age                   | Day | Start    | End      | Y Member | General Public |
|-------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------|-----|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
| Wonderbug Discoveries<br>June 10 -July 19 | ACY  | 18months-<br>3 years  | W   | 9:00 AM  | 10:00 AM | \$29     | \$48           |
| Wonderbug Discoveries<br>June 10 -July 19 | ACY  | 18 months-<br>3 years | W   | 10:30 AM | 11:30 AM | \$29     | \$48           |
| Wonderbug Discoveries<br>July 22-Aug 25   | ACY  | 18 months-<br>3 years | W   | 9:00 AM  | 10:00 AM | \$29     | \$48           |
| Wonderbug Discoveries<br>July 22-Aug 25   | ACY  | 18 months-<br>3 years | W   | 10:30 AM | 11:30 AM | \$29     | \$48           |
| Outrageous Outdoors<br>June 10 -July 19   | ACY  | 3-5 years             | T   | 9:00 AM  | 10:30 AM | \$36     | \$55           |
| Outrageous Outdoors<br>July 22-Aug 25     | ACY  | 3-5 years             | T   | 9:00 AM  | 10:30 AM | \$36     | \$55           |
| Pond Adventures<br>June 10-July 19        | ACY  | 5-9 years             | TH  | 9:30 AM  | 11:00 AM | \$36     | \$55           |
| Let's Take a Hike<br>July 22-Aug 25       | ACY  | 5-9 years             | TH  | 9:30 AM  | 11:00 AM | \$36     | \$55           |
| Archery 101- June 10-Aug 25               | ACY  | 8-14 years            | M   | 4:30 PM  | 5:15 PM  | \$45     | \$65           |

### **SCHOOL PROGRAMMING**

The Apple Creek YMCA and Bruce B. Purdy Nature Preserve is now accepting field trip registrations for the 2024-2025 school year for grades K-12. Local schools may book trips on a variety of different topics including plants, animals, forestry, pond study and much more. Programs will be tailored to each school's curriculum needs and will be led by YMCA naturalists. Call 920.702.2305 or email the Environmental Education Director at [svondracek@ymcafoxcities.org](mailto:svondracek@ymcafoxcities.org) for a complete list of programming options.

### **LEADERS FOR GIRL, BOY AND CUB SCOUTS OR OTHER YOUTH GROUPS**

Scouts of all ages may schedule time with a YMCA Naturalist to fulfill requirements for outdoor related try-its, achievements or badges they are working on. Cost for a 1-2 hour session is \$3 per child with a minimum of 10 participants. Programs can be held at your normal meeting location or at the Y.

### **BECOME A PRESERVE VOLUNTEER**

Volunteers are needed for many outdoor related tasks such as mowing, tree trimming, trail maintenance and more. Call 920.702.2305 for more details on how you can help shape the Bruce B. Purdy Nature Preserve.