ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19
- Please do not attend if you are not healthy or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
- Please sanitize your hands as you enter the Y and as you exit.
- Please bring your own water bottle. Bottle fillers available but drinking fountain spouts are not.
- Physical distancing will be practiced at the Y.
- Staff volunteers, participants over the age 5 will wear masks for indoor programs. Any programs that include a mix of ages including 5 year olds will mask when indoors. Outdoor programs will not mask if program is able to physically distance participants.
- Parents will not be allowed to enter program spaces and will drop off and pick up child at the door of the program space.
- Equipment and touchpoints will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day.

WONDERBUG DISCOVERIES (AGES 18 MONTHS- 3 YEARS WITH PARENT) (ACY)
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!

OUTRAGEOUS OUTDOORS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (ACY)
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.

POND ADVENTURES (AGES 5-9 YEARS) (ACY) JUNE 7- JULY 12
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.
LET'S TAKE A HIKE (AGES 5-9 YEARS) (ACY) JULY 19-AUG 16
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)
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.

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SCHOOL PROGRAMMING
The Apple Creek YMCA and Bruce B. Purdy Nature Preserve is now accepting field trip registrations for the 2021-2022 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 733.9622 or email the Environmental Education Director at 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. 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 733.9622 for more details on how you can help shape the Bruce B. Purdy Nature Preserve.