

APPLE CREEK YMCA Outdoor Exploration Camps

Outdoor Exploration Camps teach kids all there is to love about nature! These one-week camps offer a variety of themes for kids ages 3-13. All camps are held at the Apple Creek YMCA and Bruce B. Purdy Nature Preserve. Let your child spend their summer exploring the great outdoors!

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AGES 3-5 CAMPS YMCA Member-\$44 General Public-\$55

Little Earth Scouts June 14-17 • 1:00-3:00 PM

Your little Earth Scout will spend their mornings getting to know the four Earth friends: sun, soil, water and air. Campers will be involved in a variety of activities including puppet shows, crafts, games, experiments, hikes and playtime outdoors daily.

Dirt Made My Lunch July 26-29 • 1:00-3:00 PM

Play, create, eat and tend to our YMCA garden together! We will learn about garden nutrition and our connection to the foods we eat as well as share stories, make crafts and discover what other animals and insects around us enjoy the ga

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Pond Explorers June 7-10 • 1:00-3:00 PM

Explore the various ponds on the Apple Creek YMCA property. Learn about frogs, toads, tadpoles, aquatic turtles and other creatures that live by the pond, as well as play games and make pond related crafts. Be prepared to get muddy!

Creepy Crawly Critters June 28-July 2 • 1:00-3:00 PM

Learn about snakes, toads, insects, spiders, bats and lots of other creepy crawlies that live outside the Apple Creek YMCA, then decide for yourself if they really deserve to be called creepy!

Nature's Superheroes

July 12-15 • 1:00-3:00 PM

Do you ever pretend to have superpowers? There are many animals that have powers like super strength, speed, vision and camouflage. Learn what makes these animals as amazing as any superhero through games, crafts and activities that any aspiring superhero will enjoy.

Incredible Insects

July 19-22 • 1:00-3:00 PM

Be prepared to get down and dirty in our search for bugs of all kinds. Discover just how incredible insects really are while we explore different types of habitats throughout the preserve.

Animal Babies

August 2-5 • 1:00-3:00 PM

Animal babies are everywhere at the Apple Creek YMCA in the summer. We will learn about baby insects, tadpoles, birds and more through daily hikes, exploration, games and crafts.

Ridiculous Reptiles

August 9-12 • 1:00-3:00 PM

Explore and learn everything you never knew about snakes, turtles and lizards that live near you. Find out what makes these animals freaky, fun and fascinating. You'll even have the chance to hold and touch some of the different reptiles in our classroom!

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Fishing Fun June 21-24 • 9:00-11:30 AM OR

June 28-July 2 • 9:00-11:30 AM

Join us for an entire camp devoted to fishing. Learn Fish ID, equipment, baits, knots, how to clean and cook a fish and much more. Then put all your knowledge to the test at two different local fishing holes!

Into the Woods

July 19-22 • 9:00-11:30 AM

Hike deep into the woods of the Purdy Preserve each day to explore what makes our forests unique both for people and the wildlife that lives there. We will incorporate compass use and map skills as we hike and learn about the amazing woods!

Lurking in the Night

August 16-19 • 9:00-11:30 AM MTW; 6:30-9:00 PM TH

Ever wonder what it would be like if you were nocturnal? Come join us as we explore how Wisconsin's nocturnal animals survive in the shadows. Then experience the dark forest with your very own night hike on Thursday night!

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Wilderness Survival

June 21-24 • 1:00-3:30 PM

Do you have what it takes to survive? Learn how to build a shelter, start a fire and find food in the forest. Learn skills such as knot tying, wilderness first aid and more.