

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

STAFF CONTACTS

ACY - Shane Vondracek, Environmental Education Director P 733.9622 E svondracek@ymcafoxcities.org

NEW 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 of 3 and spectators will wear masks for programs.
- Spectators may view programs but must physically distance from other spectators. The Y will provide guidance with chair placement or marks on bleachers for indoor venues.
- 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. When children use supplies and equipment, they will be placed in a used bin to be disinfected before return for use.
- Programs have been staggered schedules to limit crowds and crossover of participants and spectators
- Additional safety protocols will be provided with registration in program.

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.

Class name	ҮМСА	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Wonderbug Discoveries June 8-July 13	ACY	18months- 3 years	Т	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$22	\$40
Wonderbug Discoveries July 20-Aug 17	ACY	18 months- 3 years	Т	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$22	\$40
Outrageous Outdoors June 9- July 14	ACY	3-5 years	W	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$33	\$51
Outrageous Outdoors July 21- Aug 18	ACY	3-5 years	W	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$33	\$51
Pond Adventures June 7-July 12	ACY	5-9 years	м	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	\$33	\$51
Let's Take a Hike- July 19-Aug 16	ACY	5-9 years	М	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	\$33	\$51
Archery 101- June 7-Aug 16	ACY	8-14 years	М	4:30 PM	5:15 PM	\$36	\$55

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 <u>svondracek@ymcafoxcities.org</u> 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 tryits, 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.