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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDERS

- 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.

WINTER SESSION 1: JANUARY 3 – FEBRUARY 20, 2022

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!

PLAYFUL FRIENDS (AGES 3-5) (ACY)- WINTER SESSION 1 ONLY

Learn about animals that stay 'playful' all winter long such as deer, otters, owls, foxes, rabbits and more through hands-on activities, games, stories, and crafts. We'll spend some time outdoors during every class, so please dress for the weather.

WAKE UP, EVERYONE! (AGES 3-5) (ACY)- WINTER SESSION 2 ONLY

Learn about the animals waking up from various forms of winter resting to welcome the coming spring, including bears, groundhogs, badgers, and chipmunks. Each class will have hands-on learning activities, stories and crafts to help your child explore the unique winter world of these animals. We'll spend some time outdoors during every class, so please dress for the weather.

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. Have your child dressed for the weather as a portion of this class will be held outdoors, weather permitting.

SNOWSHOEING FOR KIDS (AGES 5-10) (ACY)

This outdoor program will give your child the chance to go on a true snowshoe adventure in and around the Purdy Preserve. Come dressed for the weather and ready to explore! Snowshoe rental is included, and hot chocolate will be served when we get back inside.

LIVE ANIMAL CARE (AGES 6-12 YEARS) (ACY)

Drop your child off in the Nature Study Classroom for one-day workshops to learn how we care for our classroom animals, including snakes, lizards, turtles, frogs, and fish. Help feed the animals, clean their tanks, and make sure they are living healthy lives. Each class will have a different theme, so you can attend one or all of them!

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Wonderbug Discoveries	ACY	18 months-3 years	T	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$30	\$51
Playful Friends- Winter 1 Only	ACY	3-5 years	M	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	\$45	\$66
Wake Up, Everyone- Winter 2 Only	ACY	3-5 years	M	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	\$45	\$66
Outrageous Outdoors	ACY	3-5 years	W	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$45	\$66
Live Animal Care- January 8	ACY	6-12 years	S	NOON	2:00 PM	\$8	\$11
Live Animal Care- February 12	ACY	6-12 years	S	NOON	2:00 PM	\$8	\$11
Live Animal Care- March 12	ACY	6-12 years	S	NOON	2:00 PM	\$8	\$11
Live Animal Care- April 9	ACY	6-12 years	S	NOON	2:00 PM	\$8	\$11
Snowshoeing for Kids- January 15	ACY	5-10 years	S	NOON	1:30 PM	\$6	\$9

SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

The Apple Creek YMCA and Bruce B. Purdy Nature Preserve are now accepting field trip registrations for the 2021-22 school year for grades K-12. Local schools may book trips on several different topics related to plants, animals, forestry, pond study, life cycles 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 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 the 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/child with a minimum of 10 youth attending. There is no fee for leaders and adult chaperones to attend. Programs can be held at your normal meeting location or at the Apple Creek YMCA.

BECOME A NATURE 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.