



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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FALL I SESSION: SEPTEMBER 11 – OCTOBER 29, 2023

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!

ANIMALS IN THE FALL (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (ACY)

Discover how animals get ready for winter through hibernation, migration, and food collection. We will learn about black bears, ducks and geese, squirrels and more through stories, games, and simple crafts. Class will go outside when the weather allows, so please have children dressed 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.

YOUNG EXPLORERS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (ACY)

Use your senses to discover and investigate the wonderful sounds, colors, shapes, smells and textures of the natural world. Outdoor exploration time will be supplemented by stories, songs, games and crafts, with each week focused on a different topic in nature. Much of each class will be held outdoors, weather permitting, so dress accordingly!

ARCHERY 101 (AGES 8-14) (ACY)

Learn the basics of archery in this class including the '11 steps to becoming a successful archer'. Class follows the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) guidelines. All equipment is provided. Class will be held outdoors.

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

Drop your child off on the second Saturday of each month in the Nature Study Classroom 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.

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Wonderbug Discoveries	ACY	18 months-3 years	W	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$32	\$54
Animals in the Fall	ACY	3-5 years	M	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	\$47	\$69
Outrageous Outdoors	ACY	3-5 years	T	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	\$47	\$69
Young Explorers	ACY	3-5 years	W	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	\$47	\$69
Archery 101	ACY	8-14 years	M	4:30 PM	5:15 PM	\$33	\$46
Live Animal Care- Oct 14	ACY	6-12 years	SAT	10:00 AM	NOON	\$9	\$12
Live Animal Care- Nov 11	ACY	6-12 years	SAT	NOON	2:00 PM	\$9	\$12
Live Animal Care- Dec 9	ACY	6-12 years	SAT	NOON	2:00 PM	\$9	\$12

ADULT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

(Children under 14 may attend only with an adult)

NIGHT HIKE (ALL AGES) (ACY)

Come out to the Purdy Preserve and experience the sights and sounds of fall in the dark. Hikes begin at the Apple Creek YMCA with a short program in the Nature Study Classroom. Pre-registration is required- sign up all members of the family who will be attending. Please bring a flashlight.

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Night Hike – October 19	ACY	All Ages	TH	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	FREE	\$5

SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

The Apple Creek YMCA and Bruce B. Purdy Nature Preserve are now accepting field trip registrations for the 2023-24 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 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/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.