



# WINTER

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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### WINTER 2 PROGRAM SESSION:

**February 26-April 14, 2024**

#### **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!

#### **ECO-KIDS (AGES 3-5) (ACY)**

Explore the outdoors and watch the changes throughout the seasons while we learn more about the plants and animals found around our YMCA and on the Purdy Preserve. Short hikes and playtime outside will be supplemented with craft and story time indoors. Have your child dressed for the weather as we will be outdoors every week, weather permitting!

#### **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!

#### **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.

### **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.

<b>Class name</b>	<b>YMCA</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Y Member</b>	<b>General Public</b>
Wonderbug Discoveries	ACY	18 months- 3 years	W	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$37	\$59
Eco-Kids	ACY	3-5 years	TH	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
Live Animal Care- March 9	ACY	6-12 years	SAT	10:00 AM	NOON	\$9	\$12
Live Animal Care- April 13	ACY	6-12 years	SAT	10:00 AM	NOON	\$9	\$12
Snowshoeing for Kids- Feb 24	ACY	5-10 years	SAT	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$7	\$10

### **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](mailto: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 60-90 minute session is \$3.50/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.