



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SUMMER PROGRAM SESSION:

June 9 – July 20, 2025

July 21 - August 24, 2025

No Class June 30 – July 6, 2025

STAFF CONTACTS

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WONDERBUG DISCOVERIES (AGES 18 MONTHS- 3 YEARS WITH PARENT) (ACY) JUNE 10-JULY 20, JULY 21-AUGUST 24

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! Class will not be held on July 2nd.

OUTRAGEOUS OUTDOORS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (ACY) JUNE 9-JULY 20, JULY 21-AUGUST 24

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. Class will not be held on July 1st.

POND ADVENTURES (AGES 5-9 YEARS) (ACY) JUNE 9-JULY 20

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. No class July 3rd.

LET'S TAKE A HIKE (AGES 5-9 YEARS) (ACY) JULY 21-AUGUST 24

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) JUNE 9-AUGUST 24

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. No class June 30th.

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Wonderbug Discoveries June 9 -July 20	ACY	18months- 3 years	W	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$31	\$46
Wonderbug Discoveries July 21-Aug 24	ACY	18 months- 3 years	W	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$31	\$46
Outrageous Outdoors June 9 -July 20	ACY	3-5 years	T	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	\$38	\$56
Outrageous Outdoors July 21-Aug 24	ACY	3-5 years	T	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	\$38	\$56
Pond Adventures June 9-July 20	ACY	5-9 years	TH	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	\$38	\$56
Let's Take a Hike July 21-Aug 24	ACY	5-9 years	TH	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	\$38	\$56
Archery 101- June 9-Aug 24	ACY	8-14 years	M	4:30 PM	5:15 PM	\$53	\$77

SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

The Apple Creek YMCA and Bruce B. Purdy Nature Preserve is now accepting field trip registrations for the 2025-2026 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 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 per child with a minimum of 10 participants. 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 920.702.2305 for more details on how you can help shape the Bruce B. Purdy Nature Preserve.