Walk in the Wild
Summer Camp Program 2013
General Summer Camp Information

- Camp activities include an engaging mix of outdoor experiences, hikes, games, hands-on learning, and opportunities for your child to make a special connection to nature.
- Camp staff have been trained in outdoor education techniques, interpretation, and childhood development. They are eager to lead your child in discovering nature together!
- Children should dress appropriately for outdoor explorations in warm weather.
- A nutritious snack of fruits or vegetables is served everyday.
- All camps meet in the Rookery Building at Hoover Forest Preserve, 11285 Fox Road, Yorkville. Times of camps may vary—please check the individual listings.
- Preregistration and payment are required, see page 4 for more registration details.

Early Childhood Camps

Wee Wonders of Water: This program provides a first nature camp experience for the very young. Class time will include a story, song, discovery time, and nature exploration. A caregiver must stay for the class. **Ages:** 18 months–3 years **Time:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00-10:00AM **Dates:** June 17-21, June 24-28, July 22-July 26 **Fee:** $25.00

Wet, Wetter, Wettest: Find out what kinds of plants and animals live in wetlands, rivers, ponds, and lakes—from creatures that are a little wet all the way to the wettest guys around! Hikes, songs, stories, games, crafts, and more will fill our fun days at camp! **Grades:** Ages 4–Entering K **Time:** 9:00-11:30AM **Dates:** June 10-14, June 17-21, July 8-12, July 15–July 19, July 29–August 2 **Fee:** $55.00

Water Works: Explore the different properties of water in this hands-on and sometimes messy class! Daily topics will delve into the many states of water, including ice, vapor, mud, and more. This class will be a blast for those little ones who like to keep their hands busy! **Grades:** Completed 1 year of PreK–Entering K **Time:** 9:00-11:30AM **Dates:** June 24-28, July 22-26 **Fee:** $60.00
Youth & Teen Camps

Swamp Things: Wetlands are places of mystery and great diversity. Class time will be spent learning about the plants, animals, and environments surrounding wetlands by visiting some of the wet areas around Hoover Forest Preserve. Grades: Entering 1-2 Time: 9:00-11:30AM Dates: June 10-14, June 17-21, June 24-28, July 15-19, July 29-Aug 2 Fee: $55.00

The Real Ice Age: Manny, Sid, and Diego might make a great story— but is that what really happened during the Ice Age? In this too-cool camp, we’ll learn the truth about glaciers, ice age mammals, and fossils from long ago. Grades: Entering 1-3 Time: 9:00-11:30AM Dates: July 22-26 Fee: $60.00

Night Camp: A favorite camp of last year returns with an overnight campout! Come see a whole different side of nature as the sun sets and nature gears up for the late shift. We will take night hikes, explore the sunset switch, and enjoy watching day turn to night. Grades: Entering 1-3 Time: Monday-Wednesday 6:30-9:00PM; Thursday 6:30PM drop off, Friday 9:00AM pick up Date: July 8-12 Fee: $75.00

HydroRock!: Become an expert about the streams in your own backyard as you learn about stream monitoring, the water cycle, stream invaders, and so much more. Hands-on explorations, creek walks, activities, and games are all a fun ways we will find out more about water in this camp. Grades: Entering 3-4 Time: 9:00-11:30AM Dates: June 10-14, June 17-21, July 15-19, July 29-Aug 2 Fee: $55.00

River Stories: The waters of the Fox River are full of stories, some true and some not-so-true. We’ll travel back in time to find out stories from voyageurs, Native Americans, pioneers, and other groups of people. Be ready to be swept back in time during this fun-filled week of discovery! Grades: Entering 3-4 Time: 9:00-11:30AM Dates: July 22-26 Fee: $60.00

Adventure Road- Follow the Fox: Challenge what you know about the Fox River Watershed as you travel to different places throughout the week. Daily fun-filled field trips will bring you to the water’s edge and maybe even show you a wetter side of Kendall County than you thought you knew. Grades: Entering 5-6 Time: 9:00AM-2:30PM Dates: June 10-13, June 24-27, July 29-Aug 1 Fee: $80.00

Paddle & Play: This camp combines canoeing and two overnights for an exciting outdoor adventure! We’ll canoe the Fox by day and return to Hoover for fun evening activities. Mature and experienced instructors will safely lead students in canoeing and lead the overnights. Grades: Entering 4-6 Time: Monday 9:00AM drop off, Wednesday 9:00AM pick up Date: July 8-10 Fee: $90.00

Nature Quest: Once again, we’re teaming up with the Kendall County Outdoor Education Center to offer jam-packed schedule of fun, including a bike hike, canoe trip, overnight campout, and lots of other awesome outdoor experiences! Grades: Entering 7-9 Time: 9:00AM– 2:30PM Dates: June 24-28, July 15-19 Fee: $90.00
Schedule-At-A-Glance

June 10-14: Wet, Wetter, Wettest; Swamp Things; HydroRock!; Follow the Fox

June 17-21: Wee Wonders of Water; Wet, Wetter, Wettest; Swamp Things; HydroRock!

June 24-28: Wee Wonders of Water; Water Works; Swamp Things; Follow the Fox, Nature Quest

July 8-12: Wet, Wetter, Wettest; Night Camp; Paddle & Play


July 22-26: Wee Wonders of Water; Water Works; The Real Ice Age; River Stories

July 29-Aug 2: Wet, Wetter, Wettest; Swamp Things; HydroRock!; Follow the Fox

Registration Information

- Registrations are accepted until the camp is full, advance registration and payment are required. Registration opens on December 15, 2012.
- Registrations can be made by phone (630-553-4111) or email (rantrim@co.kendall.il.us).
- Payments can be made with check, credit card, or cash.
- Registrations received by April 12, 2013 will receive a $5.00 per camp discount.
- A welcome letter will be sent prior to camp with more complete details about the camp you have registered for.
- Camps fill quickly– call or email today to reserve your spot!