

Nature Discovery Programs

For Kids & Pre-Teens

It's time to register for the popular Nature Discovery Programs. These programs are held in selected parks. Each park offers its own habitats and recreational opportunities for students to enjoy. Your child will explore, experiment, discover and (don't share this secret) learn while having fun.

Half-day Programs

Ages 3 & 4 Small Wonders: June 11-15 (10-11:30am), \$35
Students will role-play, imitate, image, question, and experiment with nature during this hands-on fun filled week along with their parent or guardian. Classes will include crafts, snacks and spending time outside.

Ages 5 & 6 Nature Discovery Program 1: June 18-22 (9-11:30am), \$65
Butterflies, flowers, trees, foxes, mink, bluebirds, turtles, frogs and more. There is so much to learn and discover about nature. Students will be introduced to a variety of topics through discovery learning, crafts, hikes, and more.

Ages 5 & 6 Nature Discovery Program 1: July 2, 3, 5, 6 (9-11:30am), \$65
Special Reptile Week Theme—Reptiles: Are they slimy? Are they rough? Why do snakes stick out their tongues? Children will discover the answers to these questions and more during this special Reptile Week-themed class featuring a special Critter Caravans show just for students.

Full-day Programs

Ages 7 & 8 Nature Discovery Program 2: June: 25-29 (9am-2pm), \$85
Discover animal adaptations, habitats, metamorphosis, migration, and more during this fun-filled week. Students will learn the ins and outs of the world around them through experiments, games, crafts, stories, and activities.

Ages 9 & 10 Nature Discovery Program 3: July 23-27 (9am-3pm), \$120
During this week, students will hike the trails at Nixon Park and explore Lake Redman by canoe while studying animals in their habitats. Classes will include hands-on games, activities, crafts and adventures.

Ages 11-13 Nature Discovery Program 4: August 13-17 (9am-3pm), \$145
Looking for adventure? This high-energy adventure week features hiking, nature study and a trip to Harpers Ferry, WV, for a guided tubing tour. Students will explore ecosystems found in different county parks while honing their observation, tracking, and navigation skills.

Ages 9-12 Archaeology Week: July 9-13 & August 6-10 (9am-3pm)
Week 1 location is Penn Park, digging a Civil War site, \$125
Week 2 location is Raab Park, digging York County Iron Mine, \$150
Co-sponsored with the York County Heritage Trust, this week of hard work, fun and education will get right down to earth! Students learn the concepts of doing archaeology by conducting actual excavations. Students will learn how to take notes, catalog artifacts and build displays. Interwoven between excavations, the class tours selected YCHT sites show how archeology ties into historical interpretation. A public hike to examine the excavations will be held on Thursday evening of both weeks beginning at 6pm.

Ages 14-15 Nature Academy: July 30-August 3 (9am-3:30pm), \$160
Interested in pursuing a career in science or wildlife? Then this week-long intensive nature study and exploration is for you. Each day will focus on a different natural history theme, getting down and dirty, close and microscopic, and nitty gritty into the natural world of York County.



NEW this year for full-day programs: Before Care & After Care

Before Care: 8:30-9am
Cost: \$25 per week
After Care: 2-4pm
Cost: \$70 per week
After Care: 3-4pm
Cost: \$45 per week

Registration is required, and parents MUST pick up their children no later than 4pm. Failure to do so results in a late fee of \$1 per minute beginning at 4pm. This late fee must be paid on Friday afternoon when the child is picked up.

Registration for Parks members begins January 9
Registration for non-members begins February 6

To register by mail:
Print the registration and health forms from www.YorkCountyParks.org. Complete the forms, and mail them to Rudy County Park with full payment.
To register by phone using MasterCard, Visa, or Discover credit cards, money order, or check:
Call York County Parks at (717) 840-7440 during regular business hours. Please note that all credit card payments are subject to a 4% service charge. Staff will complete the registration form. You must complete and mail in the health form. You will have two weeks to submit payment if using a check or money order.

Specific questions about these summer programs should be addressed to Amber Carothers at (717) 428-1961 or alcarothers@york-county.org.