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Send kids on a daily adventure during Forest Preserve summer camps

GENEVA, IL — Don't send your child to the same-old summer camp; send them on outdoor adventures with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County.

The District is safely bringing back summer camps and will be offering “Week in the Woods” summer day camps, for kids entering first through sixth grades and “Junior Naturalist” summer day camps, for kids entering third through fifth grades.

For “Week in the Woods” summer day camps, kids will explore the woods and fields with our naturalist staff. Fresh air and fun times will be the main agenda for these week-long adventures. Camp is offered in three sessions. The first session is “Tracking and Survival,” from Monday, June 21 - Friday, June 25 at Johnson’s Mound Forest Preserve in Elburn. Children will view the forests and prairies differently after attending this session! Daily games, crafts and activities will focus on discovering and identifying signs of animal activity throughout the forest preserve. After learning the ways that animals obtain food and survive sometimes harsh environmental conditions, we’ll apply these same principles to developing our own wilderness survival skills. This newfound expertise will be sure to increase your child’s confidence and enjoyment during time spent outdoors.

The second session is “STEM in Nature,” from Monday, July 12 - Friday, July 16 at Burnidge Forest Preserve in Elgin. The natural world is constantly evolving and changing and children well-versed in science, technology, engineering, and math will be our future leaders. Your camper will develop skills needed to solve scientific riddles, interpret biological data, and make evidence-based decisions — all while having tons of fun in nature! Daily themes like animal architects, weather patterns, geologic formations and plant structure will interweave learning activities, interpretive hikes, games, building activities and crafts to bring the world of STEM to life for your child!

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The third session is “Summer Unplugged,” from Monday, July 26 - Friday, July 30 at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve in St. Charles. Campers will enjoy a much needed break from screen time during this “unplugged” week of nature-based fun. The natural world is full of amazing diversity, just waiting to be explored. Our forest preserves serve as both a classroom and a playground and we plan to take full advantage of them!

You may register your child for one, two, or all weeks of camp. “Week in the Woods” camps are from 9 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$125 per child, per week.

For those looking for a full-day camp option, we offer “Junior Naturalist Camp,” in partnership with the Geneva Park District. Discover sights and sounds of a different forest preserve each day! Get your feet wet in local rivers and streams, track animals in nearby woodlands and explore firsthand the history and geology of Kane County. Each day of camp will begin and end at Peck Farm Park in Geneva and then travel by bus to a different Kane County forest preserve each day.

“Junior Naturalist Camp,” is offered in three sessions. The first session is from Monday, June 28 - Friday, July 2 (Activity Code: 3212806-01); the second session is from Monday, July 19 - Friday, July 23 (Activity Code: 3212806-02); and the third session is from Monday, Aug. 2 - Friday, Aug. 6 (Activity Code: 3212806-03.) You may register your child for one, two, or all weeks of camp. Nature camp is from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and the registration fee is \$290 per child, per week.

Advance registration is required for all camps. To register for “Week in the Woods” summer camp, call 630-444-3190 or email programs@kaneforest.com. To register for “Junior Naturalist” summer camp, register online at www.genevaparks.org, by phone at 630-232-4542, or in-person at Sunset Community Center (710 Western Ave., Geneva.) Detailed camp information will be provided upon registration.

The Forest Preserve District will be following all CDC guidelines, while having fun summer camps at the same time. Additional information is available at www.kaneforest.com. Find the Forest Preserve District on social media by searching @forestpreserve.