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**Young adventurers can spend their summer exploring nature  
at Forest Preserve District camps**

GENEVA, IL — Explore woodland wonders, get your feet wet in local streams, and learn new skills during these five-day nature camps!

Naturalists will lead hikes, activities, games and crafts based on a different nature theme, each day. Summer camp is for three age groups: **(1) Children ages 4-5; (2) Children entering 1st through 5th grades; (3) Children entering grades 6th through 8th.**

Fresh air and fun times will be the main agenda for these week-long adventures. The first camp is **“Tools of the Trade: Becoming a Naturalist,”** from Monday, June 12 - Friday, June 16, from 9 a.m. - noon at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve in St. Charles. This camp is for children entering grades 6th-8th. Fascinating organisms are waiting to be discovered on every trail within our forest preserves — you just need the right tools to see them! During this week of nature-based discovery, campers will get hands-on experience using legitimate scientific equipment such as microscopes, hand lenses, dip nets, and binoculars to explore and interrogate the natural world. District naturalists will provide instruction and interpretation, bringing about a new adventure in the field each day.

The second camp is **“Nature Exploration,”** from Monday, June 19 - Friday, June 23, from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve in St. Charles. This camp is for ages 4-5. Nature has the power to stimulate all of our senses. From the call of a songbird to the texture of fresh moss, our forest preserves are loaded with unique experiences. If your little one is intrigued by the outdoors, or you would like them to be, this camp will be the highlight of their summer! Campers will splash, hike, and explore the creek, trails, and nature center. Games, stories, and crafts will round out this down-to-earth summer adventure. Let’s get outside and have some fun!

The third camp is **“Tracking & Survival,”** from Monday, June 26 - Friday, June 30, from 9 a.m. - noon at Johnson’s Mound Forest Preserve in Elburn. This camp is for children entering grades 1st-5th. Children

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will view the forests and prairies differently after attending this camp. Daily games, crafts, and activities will focus on discovering and identifying signs of animal activity throughout the forest preserve. After learning how animals obtain food and survive sometimes harsh environmental conditions, we'll apply these same principles to developing our own wilderness survival skills, including constructing a shelter, blending into our surroundings, and building a fire. This newfound expertise will be sure to increase your child's confidence and enjoyment during time spent outdoors.

The fourth camp is "**Fun and Fit in the Forest,**" from Monday, July 10 - Friday, July 14, from 9 a.m. - noon at Fabyan Forest Preserve in Geneva. This camp is for children entering grades 1st-5th. Fresh air, active games, and nature exploration are on the agenda for this week of summer camp. Situated along the fabulous Fox River, Fabyan Forest Preserve provides the perfect playground for kids to enjoy the great outdoors. Each day will offer a variety of activities designed to encourage team building and healthy competition. Nature-themed crafts will round out each day and provide some relaxing downtime. This camp provides plenty of opportunities for a memorable summer!

The fifth camp is "**Nature's Super Heroes,**" from Monday, July 17 - Friday, July 21, from 9 a.m. - noon at Burnidge Forest Preserve in Elgin. This camp is for children entering grades 1st-5th. Many pop culture superheroes derive their superpowers from elements and animals found in the wild. During this camp, your child will learn first-hand about nature's own superheroes that rival those seen in the movies. We'll explore local waterways and weather patterns to learn about heroes like Aquaman and the tremendous power of water and storms. Your child might know Spiderman, Toad and Wolverine, but after a week of educational hikes, games and naturalistic art projects, they'll have a new appreciation for the superpowers of equally exciting, *actual* insects, arachnids and mammals.

The sixth camp is "**STEAM in Nature,**" from Monday, July 24 - Friday, July 28, from 9 a.m. - noon at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve in St. Charles. This camp is for children entering grades 1st-5th. The natural world is constantly evolving and children well-versed in science, technology, engineering, art and math will be our future leaders. Each day, your camper will build skills centered on a STEAM foundation and put their newfound skillset to use out in nature! Exploring topics like *Animal Architects*, *Earth Sculptures*, *Natural Energy* and *Creek Exploration* through interwoven learning activities, interpretive hikes, games and crafts, the world of STEAM will come to life for your child.

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The registration fee is \$145/child/camp. Advance registration is required. To register, call 630-444-3190 or email [programs@kaneforest.com](mailto:programs@kaneforest.com). Additional information is available at [www.kaneforest.com](http://www.kaneforest.com). Find the Forest Preserve District on social media by searching [@forestpreserve](#).

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