

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT SUMMER CAMPS 2024 –TO REGISTER YOU MAY GO TO WWW.HANCOCKPARKS.COM OR VISIT US AT 1424 E MAIN CROSS M-F 8:00AM - 4:30PM. FOR QUESTIONS CALL 419-425-7275.

JUNE

6 Thursday & 7 Friday

Planets and the Solar System: Pre-school Camp v

We have lift-off! On the first day, we will make a rocket ship craft, enjoy a space picture book, and go on a hike that is out of this world. On the second day, we will make a comet craft, learn about the planets in our solar system, and see what the planets look like in our planetarium. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

9 AM-12 PM

Ages 4-5.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 5. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Thursday, May 30.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 16

Maclain Teeple mteeple@hancockparks.com

10 Monday-12 Wednesday

Superheroes of the Animal World Camp v

Many animals have hidden talents and powers that help them survive. Learn about superheroes of the animal world that can disappear by using camouflage and lift 50x their body weight. Other powers, such as flying, walking on water, and using their senses will be explored during activities like "Sleeping Miser," games, and nature hikes. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 7-9.

Register with \$36 per person by 9 AM on Friday, June 7. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Monday, June 3.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

Michelle Rumschlag mrumschlag@hancockparks.com

13 Thursday & 14 Friday

The Art in Nature Camp v

Experience the art in nature and create a nature treasure. We will seek inspiration by hiking and looking for shapes, color, and wildlife. On the first day, campers will paint a nature canvas, collect leaves, rocks, and twigs, and create a nature frame. On the second day, campers will hike, play nature games, and make a scribble stone and a shell animal. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

9 AM-3 PM.

Ages 10-12.

Register with \$30 per person by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 12. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Thursday, June 6.

Minimum: 4/ Maximum: 20

Chris Allen callen@hancockparks.com

18 Tuesday

Treasures of Nature Camp for Toddlers v

There are all kinds of treasures in nature, such as rocks, gems, fossils, seashells, water, and seeds. Campers will make a treasure box and explore the Nature Play Area looking for hidden treasures. They will visit the Jewel Box Cave and pick a gem from the wall and then search the sandbox for ancient fossils and build a sandcastle. While hiking along Dold Lake, they will look for seashells. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Nature Play Area

9 AM-12 PM

Ages 3-5 with an adult. No other aged siblings may attend.

Register with \$10 per child by 9 AM on Monday, June 17. Adults do not need to register.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 15

Chris Allen callen@hancockparks.com

19 Wednesday

Camping Skills 101 v

Campers will pitch a tent, build a campfire, plan, prepare a meal, and learn how to use and take care of cast iron cooking pots. Hamburger stew, salad, and s'mores will be served for lunch. Campers will make a dunk bag for washing camp dishes and play camp games. All food and snacks will be provided, but please bring a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 14-16.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Tuesday, June 18.

Minimum: 4/Maximum 20

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20 Thursday

Camping Skills 101

Campers will pitch a tent, build a campfire, plan, prepare a meal, and learn how to use and take care of cast iron cooking pots. Hamburger stew, salad, and s'mores will be served for lunch. Campers will make a dunk bag for washing camp dishes and play camp games. All food and snacks will be provided, but please bring a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Nature Play Area

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 10-13.

Register with \$20 per participant by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 19.

Minimum: 4/Maximum 20

Chris Allen callen@hancockparks.com

24 Monday

Adventure Day Camp: Moss, Lichen, and Fungi v

When hiking in the forest, it is easy to notice the trees, plants, and animals, but you may overlook mosses, lichen, and fungi. These plant-like organisms look similar, but they are all quite different forms of life. Campers will learn about the characteristics of moss, lichen, and fungus and the role they play in nature, collect samples to view under a microscope, and discover a microscopic world of creatures. Other samples will be used to create jar terrariums where tiny moss and lichen worlds can be created, and where they can grow. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Friday, June 21. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 19 and attend three of the June Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockparks.com

25 Tuesday

Adventure Day Camp: In the Park: Who's Been There? v

There are many different things to find while exploring nature. We do not always know what made the mud mound, or left scat on the ground, or chewed on a twig, or made a footprint in the sand. Campers will make a journal and then hike the trails and explore the woods and wetlands. They will write about what they find, create a story about something they experienced, and share it with the other campers. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center Porch

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Monday, June 24. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 19 and attend three of the June Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum 20

Chris Allen callen@hancockparks.com

26 Wednesday

Adventure Day Camp: How Animals Eat v

Animals are either an herbivore, carnivore, or omnivore. They have different teeth and mouths to help them consume their food. Campers will learn about various mammals and how they eat by looking at their skulls. There will be a comparison of insect mouth parts and a bird beak challenge. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Aeraland Recreation Area

Shelter

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Tuesday, June 25. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 19 and attend three of the June Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

Michelle Rumschlag mrumtschlag@hancockparks.com

27 Thursday

Adventure Day Camp: Fun with Frogs v

Campers will learn about the frogs that live in Hancock County and have fun with frog-themed activities, such as a frog life-cycle craft, a frog hike around the pond, hop like a frog relay race, and the frog tongue challenge. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Aeraland Recreation Area

Shelter

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 26. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 21 and attend three of the June Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

Maclain Teeple mteeple@hancockparks.com

28 Friday

Adventure Day Camp: Wetlands v

Wetlands are one of the coolest and most important habitats in Northwest Ohio. Campers will learn about wetlands, why they are important, and the plants and animals that can be found there. They will explore the Wetland Restoration Area and Aurand Run, look for animals, and experience the water. Each camper should bring clothes and closed-toed shoes that can get wet, and a towel. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Thursday, June 27. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 19 and attend three of the June Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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JULY

9 Tuesday & 10 Wednesday

Overnight Camp

Campers will pitch a tent, build a campfire, and prepare a meal. They will take a hike, play games, and watch a movie on the porch. Campfire spaghetti, hot dogs, salad, and s'mores will be served for dinner. Cereal, eggs, sausage links, and doughnuts will be served for breakfast. Campers will have an opportunity to learn about overnight camping and then put their new skills and knowledge to use. All food and snacks will be provided, but please bring a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional. Campers will receive a complete list of items to bring.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

1 PM on Tuesday, July 9 to 11 AM on Wednesday, July 10

Ages 10-13.

Register with \$50 per person by 1 PM, on Monday, July 8. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Tuesday, July 2.

Minimum: 4/Maximum 15

Chris Allen callen@hancockparks.com

12 Friday

Adventure Night Camp

Litzenberg Memorial Woods is very different at night. Campers will experience the mysterious world of nighttime nature. They will learn about nocturnal animals in the area, why they are nocturnal, and which ones to look for. As the sun goes down, we will take a night hike to study moths, watch bats fly out of the bat houses and listen to their calls using an echolocation detector, and view the night sky through the lens of a telescope. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a reusable water bottle, and eat dinner before you arrive. Insect repellent is optional. Please leave your flashlights at home.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

6 PM-12 AM

Ages 10-14.

Register with \$20 per person by 1 PM on Thursday, July 11.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 16

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockparks.com

16 Tuesday & 17 Wednesday

Overnight Camp

Campers will pitch a tent, build a campfire, and prepare a meal. They will take a hike, play games, and watch a movie on the porch. Campfire spaghetti, hot dogs, salad, and s'mores will be served for dinner. Cereal, eggs, sausage links, and doughnuts will be served for breakfast. Campers will have an opportunity to learn about overnight camping and then put their new skills and knowledge to use. All food and snacks will be provided, but please bring a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional. Campers will receive a complete list of items to bring.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Nature Play Area

1 PM to Wednesday, July 17 at 11 AM

Ages 14-16.

Register with \$50 per person by 1 PM on Monday, July 15. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Tuesday, July 9.

Minimum: 4/Maximum 15

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17 Wednesday-19 Friday

Survival Camp

Campers will receive training on basic outdoor survival skills: tying knots, building a campfire, using a compass, and making a shelter out of natural items found in the Nature Play Area. The camp will end with a float trip on the Blanchard River using kayaks and canoes. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Wednesday - Litzenberg Memorial Woods, Shelter

Thursday - Oakwoods Nature Preserve, Discovery Center Porch

Friday - Riverside Park, Waterfalls Pavilion

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 10-12.

Register with \$45 per person by 9 AM on Tuesday, July 16. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 10.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 16

Michelle Rumschlag mrumschlag@hancockparks.com

22 Monday & 23 Tuesday

Amazing Bugs and Friends Pre-school Camp

The lives of bugs and spiders are amazing! Such little creatures can be super strong, some can fly long distances, and others can spin beautiful webs. On the first day, we will make a butterfly out of paper plates and popsicle sticks, look for bugs and spiders at the meadow on our hike, and participate in a grasshopper relay. On the second day, we will act like ants in our "Strong like an Ant" challenge, read an insect story book, look for different bugs and spiders in the wetlands, and make a spider web craft. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

9 AM-12 PM

Ages 4-5.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Friday, July 19. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Monday, July 15.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 16

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23 Tuesday & 24 Wednesday

Life on the Trail Camp

Campers will write letters to a friend with a quill pen and ink letting them know that they are taking Hulls Trail and moving to a new location. When we reach our destination, a shelter will be built, a campfire will be made, and lunch will be cooked - hot dogs and s'mores. There will be a discussion about the many uses of trees and plants in the wild. Campers should wear closed-toed shoes, long pants, short sleeve shirts, and a hat since woodland hiking will occur most of the time. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch for the first day and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 9-11.

Register with \$30 per person by 9 AM on Monday, July 22. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Tuesday, July 16.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

Chris Allen callen@hancockparks.com

29 Monday & 30 Tuesday

Woodcarving Camp

Discover the hobby of woodcarving by carving your own Eastern Bluebird silhouette decoy in this two-day camp. On the first day, campers will learn about the basics of wood carving and the history of decoy carving. They will learn about Eastern Bluebirds and explore their habitat and start the rough carving portion of the project. On the second day, we will work on detail carving, talk about historical woodworking tools in the McKinnis Workshop, finish and paint our project, and discuss way to continue the hobby. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional. All carving supplies will be provided.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 12-14.

Register with \$20 per person by 1 PM on Friday, July 26. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Monday, July 22.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 16

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockparks.com

AUGUST

1 Thursday & 2 Friday

Farm Life History Camp

Pioneers had plenty of work to do on the farm. In this Farm Life History Camp, campers will use their imagination and pretend that they are living on a farm during the 1840s. They will perform some of the tasks that pioneer children would have done. On the first day, we will explore the different seasonal jobs, make ink from walnuts, and do some writing later in the day, play pioneer games, and take a few interactive hikes. On the second day, we will pick chicken eggs in our chicken egg scavenger hunt, do old fashioned laundry, fetch water, and harvest our crops on time with our harvest relay. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-8.

Register with \$30 per person by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 31. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Thursday, July 25.

Minimum: 4/ Maximum 20

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5 Monday

Adventure Day Camp: Builders in Nature

The animal world is full of amazing builders, such as birds, beavers, ants, and termites. Campers will learn about these animals. Activities will include a search for animal architects and the structures they built, the making of popsicle stick bridges, and building natural structures in the Nature Playscape. We will test the strength of our popsicle stick bridges. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Friday, August 2. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 31 and attend three of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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6 Tuesday

Adventure Day Camp: Muddy Day in the Park

Mud is fun. Mud is dirty. But what is mud? Campers will learn about mud and how people and animals use it. Activities will include mud painting, creating art out of polymer clay, playing with clay marbles, and interacting with the mud and water at Aurand Run. Each camper should bring clothes and close-toed shoes that can get wet, and a towel. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 per child by 9 AM on Monday, August 5. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 31 and attend three of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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7 Wednesday

Adventure Day Camp: What's in Your Space?

Campers will make a small cube that will be used during a nature toss game and when identifying life and other natural objects in the space of the cube. The cube will be used at a variety of locations throughout the park. Each camper will have a nature journal and a magnifier to help identify what they find. A game of charades will be played to help campers share one thing they found in the cube area. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Tuesday, August 6. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 31 and attend three of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum 20

Chris Allen callen@hancockparks.com

8 Thursday

Adventure Day Camp: Wonderous Plants

Campers will explore the wonderful world of plants. They will learn about the parts of a plant and why they are important to the environment, search for different types of plants, make a leaf print handkerchief, paint a flowerpot, and plant herbs from seeds. Campers will be painting, so they should wear their paint clothes. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Shelter

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM Wednesday, August 7. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 31 and attend three of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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9 Friday

Adventure Day Camp: Incredible Insects

There are more species of insects than any other organism. Campers will learn the difference between an insect and a spider, comparing bugs vs insects, and look at live specimens that we catch in sweep nets from the prairie. Activities include making an original insect, an insect scavenger hunt, and a pom pom caterpillar craft. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Shelter

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Thursday, August 8. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 31 and attend three of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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