

**HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT AUGUST PROGRAMS –TO REGISTER YOU MAY GO TO [WWW.HANCOCKPARKS.COM](http://WWW.HANCOCKPARKS.COM) OR VISIT US AT 1424 E MAIN CROSS M-F 8:00AM - 4:30PM. FOR QUESTIONS CALL 419-425-7275. CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS ARE DROP OFF PROGRAMS UNLESS ADULTS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE.**

1 Saturday

Richard S. “Doc” Phillips Discovery Center Open House

The Discovery Center will be open for visitation. Visitors can choose to participate in unstructured and/or structured activities. Activities and attractions include bird watching via the Windows on Wildlife, mounted animals and live animals on display, nature videos, field guides and nature books for reading, touch table and puppets, and seasonal displays and exhibits. A Program Department staff member or volunteer will be available to answer questions. Join Program Specialist Tim Kleman inside the Discovery Center from 10 AM-12 PM and taste tea made with edible plants.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

Tim Kleman [tkleman@hancockparks.com](mailto:tkleman@hancockparks.com)

4 Tuesday

Archery Instruction – Youth

Aim, shoot, and score! Learn safety measures and the basics of archery from a certified archery instructor while shooting arrows at targets with a compound bow. Archery equipment will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

6 PM

Ages 9-15.

Register with \$10 per person by 1 PM on Tuesday, August 4.

Maximum: 10

Maclain Teeple [mteeple@hancockparks.com](mailto:mteeple@hancockparks.com)

5 Wednesday

Wetland Hike

Venture out to the wetlands in search of wildlife. Possible sightings include Great Blue Heron, White-tailed Deer, and Leopard Frogs. The hike will be roughly 2 miles.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

6 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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6 Thursday

Plein Air Gatherings

Jackson Landing

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Jackson Landing

9-11 AM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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6 Thursday

Archery Open Shoot

The archery range will be open for anyone who has participated in one of the Hancock Park District’s archery instructional programs. A certified archery instructor will supervise the archery open shoot. Archery equipment will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

6:30 PM

Ages 9 and up.

Register with \$10 per person by 1 PM on Thursday, August 6.

Maximum: 10

Michelle Rumschlag [mrumschlag@hancockparks.com](mailto:mrumschlag@hancockparks.com)

8 Saturday

McKinnis Garden Tour

After a two-year hiatus, the historical McKinnis Garden has returned. Get a closer look at the plants in the raised herb and dye garden beds. Plants include herbs used for medicinal and culinary purposes, vegetables like tomatoes and beets, and perennial plants, such as rhubarb and hops. Light refreshments will be available after the tour.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

9:30 AM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, August 7.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 20

Michelle Rumschlag [mrumschlag@hancockparks.com](mailto:mrumschlag@hancockparks.com)

8 Saturday

Archery Instruction – Adult

Aim, shoot, and score! Learn safety measures and the basics of archery from a certified archery instructor while shooting arrows at targets with a compound bow. Archery equipment will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

10 AM

Ages 16 and up.

Register with \$10 per person by 1 PM on Friday, August 7.

Maximum: 10

Chris Allen [callen@hancockparks.com](mailto:callen@hancockparks.com)

9 Sunday

Backyard Pollinators: Open House

Backyards are filled with important pollinators like butterflies, moths, and bees. Learn about different pollinators and how to promote pollinator habitat at home. Children can create a pollinator finger puppet and color a coloring page.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

Tim Kleman [tkleman@hancockparks.com](mailto:tkleman@hancockparks.com)

10 Monday

Wee Ones: Slimy

Kids get a chance to get sticky and gooey. Look at snail shells, play with various kinds of homemade slime, and play a slug matching game. Wear clothing that can get stained.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM

Ages 3 and under with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

Michelle Rumschlag [mrumschlag@hancockparks.com](mailto:mrumschlag@hancockparks.com)

11 Tuesday

Little Hands Nature Club: Fun with Feathers

Feathers come from birds. Use a domestic bird feather (chicken, duck, turkey) to paint a picture, draw, write, dust, and play games. Drop a feather and let it float into the circle or be the first to blow it across the water pool.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

1 PM

Ages 3-6 with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

Chris Allen callen@hancockparks.com

11 Tuesday

Evening Prairie Hike

Hike to the prairie in the cool of the evening. Check out flowers that grow there, including Prairie Dock, Mountain Mint, and Ironweed. See what insects and birds are using the prairie as a food source.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

7 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

Michelle Rumschlag mrumtschlag@hancockparks.com

13 Thursday

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Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

9-11 AM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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13 Thursday

Atlatl Throwing

Atlatls are a tool used to throw a long spear-like arrow called a dart. They have been the primary hunting tool of prehistoric people around the world for thousands of years and are still used in cultures today. Participants will learn about the history of the atlatl and use them to throw darts at archery targets.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

7 PM

Ages 12 and up.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Thursday, August 13.

Maximum: 10

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockparks.com

15 Saturday

Paddle the Lake

Explore Shank Lake aboard a kayak and enjoy the scenery and wildlife. Feel free to bring a fishing pole, binoculars, and even a book if relaxing, floating, and reading is your thing. If you are new to kayaking, do not let that stop you. Staff will provide instructions on the basics of kayaking, such as how to paddle and how to enter and exit the boat. The kayak, paddle, and personal floatation device will be provided. A small cooler with snacks and water, and other personal items, such as sunscreen and insect repellent are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Shank Lake

1-2 PM

Ages 12 and up.

Register with \$10 per person by 1 PM on Friday, August 14.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 11

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15 Saturday

Astronomical Speed, Time & Distance

Tom Frets from the Millstream Astronomy Club will present a program titled *Astronomical Speed, Time & Distance*. After the program, view the night sky. The Millstream Astronomy Club will have telescopes available (club members can show you how to use them) or bring your own.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Shelter 3

9 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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16 Sunday

Leather Working: Open House

Pioneers made leather and used it in many ways. Stop by the workshop where Nelson Poe will be working with leather to craft a variety of goods, for example, see how a fly swatter was assembled. Stop by the washhouse where Robert McKinnis will be preparing animal skin as part of the leather making process. Refreshments will be served in the McKinnis House.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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17 Monday

Arachnids in the Parks

Description: Information about the different types of arachnids and their unique features and behaviors will be shared. After the presentation, there will be a guided hike in search of spiders, ticks, daddy longlegs, and other arachnids that live in the park.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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19 Wednesday

Little Hands Nature Club: Berries

Berries come in many shapes and colors. Children can participate in activities like Fingerprint Blueberries, Berry Lacing Cards, and Berry Sorting. Find out about the animals in Hancock County that eat berries, such as the Eastern Box Turtle and Blue Jays.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Shelter

10 AM

Ages 3-6 with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

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20 Thursday

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Blanchard Landing

9-11 AM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; registration is not required.  
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21 Friday

Sponge Printing

Create a picture using leaves, tempera paint, and a sponge. While waiting for the paint to dry, visit the animals inside the Discovery Center and play at the Nature Play Area.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

10 AM

Ages 3 and under with an adult. Other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockparks.com

21 Friday

Pioneer Pickling

Pioneers used pickling to preserve vegetables. The methodology used to preserve vegetables, such as cabbage, cucumbers, and green beans will be explained and demonstrated. Pickle samples will be available for tasting, including cucumbers, sauerkraut, and pickled ramps.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

6 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, August 21.

Minimum: 2/Maximum: 15

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22 Saturday

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Discovery Center

10 AM-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

Mac Teeple mteeple@hancockparks.com

22 Saturday

American Girl Tea: Julie

Celebrate the 1974 American Girl Doll, Julie Albright. The times are changing and so are many things in Julie's life. Change can be hard to accept, as Julie realizes what's important. The menu will be food from the 1970s like carrot cake. Bring a camera along to capture pictures in our special 1970s photo area.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

10-11:30 AM.

Ages 7-12 with an adult companion. No more than two adults per child.

Register with \$15 per child by 1 PM on Friday, August 21. Adults do not need to register.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 16

Chris Allen callen@hancockparks.com

23 Sunday

History of Hats and Bonnets

In the 1300s hats and bonnets were worn to protect against the sun and then became a symbol of social status, modesty, and fashion trends. There will be several types of hats and bonnets on display: pioneer day cap, slat bonnet, Kentucky Derby hat,

cowboy hat, and other hats used throughout history. Make an easy nature hat using a 12-inch paper circle. All supplies will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

Chris Allen callen@hancockparks.com

24 Monday

Toilet Paper Roll Fairy House

Create a fairy village for your bookshelf, nightstand, or countertop. Fairy houses will be made from toilet paper rolls and will include a door, windows, and a chimney. Craft and nature supplies, such as construction, scrapbook and tissue paper, foam cut outs, sticks, and markers will be supplied. Houses will be constructed using hot glue guns. Battery tea lights will also be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Register with \$5 per person by 1 PM on Monday, August 24. Each participant will get to make 3 houses.

Minimum: 3/ Maximum: 15

Michelle Rumschlag mrumtschlag@hancockparks.com

26 Wednesday

How Reptiles are Special

Reptiles belong to one of four orders. Listen to a talk about the characteristics of reptiles then go to different stations with reptile bones and pictures to decide which animal it is. See displays of Painted Turtles, Garter Snakes, and Iguanas. Look at a live Box Turtle up close to understand what makes it a reptile.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

6 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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27 Thursday

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Riverbend Recreation Area

Oxbow Bend Activity Area

Charles J. Younger Pavilion

9-11 AM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockparks.com

27 Thursday

Little Hands Nature Club: Slingshot Webs Like a Spider

Discover what makes spiders unique. Visit different spider themed stations including pictures of various kinds of spiders, how spiders eat, a human-sized recreation of a spider's web, and a web-slingshot game with sticky hands and targets.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

1 PM

Ages 3-6 with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

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28 Friday

Day at the Sandbox

Play in the sandbox at the Nature Play Area. Create sandcastles, holes, or other creations using our sandbox toys or bring your own. While playing, discover buried fossils and gemstones that can be taken home.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Nature Playscape

10 AM

Ages 3-6 with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

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29 Saturday

Butterflies of Litzenberg

Explore the world of Lepidoptera by searching for different species of butterflies found in the park. Search for the famous Monarch, yellow sulfurs, and tiny skippers, and the flowers and plants they depend on.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

South Side Parking Lot

1 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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30 Sunday

Cicada Shell Scavenger Hunt

Cicada juveniles emerge from underground when they are ready to turn into adults. They climb on a variety of surfaces and shed their exoskeleton, leaving this shell behind. See how many cicada shells can be found by looking on tree trunks and trail posts.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

2 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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31 Monday

Going on a Treasure Hunt

Letterboxing is a treasure hunt style hobby, like geocaching, where participants read clues to find the location of hidden boxes scattered in public places across the country. Inside the boxes are a logbook, an ink pad, and a unique stamp to collect.

Experience the hobby of letterboxing by searching for temporary letterboxes scattered around the shelter, McKinnis House, and Activity Barn. Participants who successfully collect each boxes' stamp will receive a small prize and the opportunity to find the permanent letterbox in the park.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Shelter

7 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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