

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT JUNE PROGRAMS –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.

1 Sunday

Discovering Darters

Darters are an interesting and colorful group of small fish named for their behavior of darting along the bottom of streams and rivers. Learn about these fish, including the species that can be found in our area. Hike to Aurand Run to collect darters and other stream life using aquatic nets. Wear closed-toed shoes and clothing that can get wet.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

2 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, May 30.

Minimum: 2/Maximum: 12

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2 Monday

23rd Annual Peter Rabbit Tea

This year's Peter Rabbit Tea will feature "The Tale of Peter Rabbit." Listen to the story read by Beatrix Potter inside the Activity Barn. Tea and snacks will be served at the McKinnis House. Meet Mr. McGregor as he keeps an eye out for Peter and his brothers. Children will participate in a scavenger hunt in the garden and create a wearable rabbit ear craft.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

Tea times: 11 AM & 1 PM

Ages 4-8 with an adult; no other aged siblings can attend. One adult per every two children.

Register with \$4 per child by 1 PM on Friday, May 30; adults do not need to register.

Minimum: 4/ Maximum: 12 per teatime

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5 Thursday

Archery Instruction Workshop – 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

6:30 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Register with \$10 per person by 1 PM on Thursday, June 5.

Maximum: 10

Michelle Rumschlag mrumschlag@hancockparks.com

6 Friday

Pioneer Music

In the 1840s, families would spend time together playing music. Learn about songs that were enjoyed by pioneers and try out a popular instrument of the period, the dulcimer. Dulcimers will be provided or bring your own.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

6 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, June 6.

Minimum: 3/ Maximum: 10

Maclain Teeple mteeple@hancockparks.com

7 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 birdwatching 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. Program Specialist Tim Kleman will be on the Discovery Center porch at 10:00 AM. Microscopes can be used to look at microfauna.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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8 Sunday

Enchanted World of Fungi: Open House

All mushrooms are fungi and some even glow at night. Learn fun facts about mushrooms, look at fungus books and view displays of dried fungus. Take a self-guided hike to see what fungus is growing during this time of year.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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9 Monday

Wee Ones: Spiders

Spiders are arachnids that help the environment by eating insects. Gather under the shade of a tree to listen to a story about spiders, play a fun spider game, create a web craft, and search for spiders on a scavenger hunt using magnifying glasses.

Blue Rock Nature Preserve

Edgar Avenue Parking Lot

10 AM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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10 Tuesday & 11 Wednesday

Preschool Camp: Birds of a Feather

Birds range from songbirds to raptors. On the first day of camp, campers will learn about songbirds including robins and bluejays, and waterbirds including ducks and herons. They will make handprint turkeys, participate in the Bird Beak Challenge, and hike in the wetlands. On the second day of camp, campers will learn about raptors, including hawks and owls. They will make bird nest replicas, participate in a Bird Feet Relay, and look for birds in the forest. 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-12 PM

Ages 4-5.

Register with \$20 per child by 9 AM on Monday, June 9. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Tuesday, June 2.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 16

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10 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

1 PM

Ages 9-15.

Register with \$10 per person by 10 AM on Tuesday, June 10.

Maximum: 10

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10 Tuesday

Evening Nature Hike for Adults

Evening in nature can be a quiet time. Visit Goose Lake in search of mallard ducks and turtles, for bird's nest in the trees and stop by the bat condo to look for signs of bat activity. The Highline and Upland Trails are approximately 1-mile, all-natural with some hills and grassy areas.

Aeraland Recreation Area

Shelter

6 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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11 Saturday

Full Strawberry Moon Hike

Don't miss the last full moon hike of the spring season. Find nodding or closed wildflowers, listen for calls from the Barred Owl, a known resident, and experience the different smells the night has to offer. Insects, including mosquitoes, can be present in the park during the evening hours. Insect repellent is recommended.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

9 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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14 Saturday

Solar Cooking

Energy from the sun is powerful enough to cook food. Learn how to create a solar cooker made from a pizza box and aluminum foil. Homemade solar cookers will be on display. Quesadillas will be prepared, and samples will be given.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

1 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, June 13.

Minimum: 3/ Maximum: 15

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17 Tuesday

Little Hands Nature Club: Nature's Clean-Up Crew

Scavengers are like nature's janitors; they make their surroundings clean. Activities will include a scavenger hunt, Pin the Tail on the Opossum, coloring sheets and looking at scavenger fur and skulls, including the raccoon.

Aeraland Recreation Area

Shelter

1 PM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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17 Tuesday

Soup Can Lanterns

Lanterns and candles lit the way for pioneers. Make a tin lantern out of a soup can with ice, hammer, and nails. Create your own design or use patterns that will be available. All supplies will be provided, including a battery-operated light for lanterns.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Shelter

6:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Register with \$5 per can by 1 PM on Monday, June 16.

Minimum: 2/Maximum: 12

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18 Wednesday

Painting with Nature Paint Brushes

Paint a picture using tempera or acrylic paint and use paint brushes made from natural materials like pine needles, flowers, and leaves. While the paintings dry, take a walk in the park, play on the playground, or have a picnic on the lawn. Wear clothing that can get stained.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Shelter

10 AM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

Tim Kleman

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20 Friday

Musical Instruments from Household Items

Music can be made with objects that are found around the house. Make musical instruments out of everyday items such as paper towel tubes, rubber bands, and beans. Participants can make either a rain stick, rubber band bass, or paper-plate tambourine. Instruments will be used to make music once finished.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

1 PM

Ages 6-10 with an adult.

Free; but register each child by 1 PM on Thursday, June 19. Adults do not need to register.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 15

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20 Friday

Bats in the Park

A colony of breeding big brown bats live in the bat boxes on the side of the Activity Barn. Learn about the bats of Ohio, watch bats leave the bat boxes for the night, and hike the trails in search of bats and other nocturnal wildlife. Echolocation detection equipment will be used to search for bats.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

9-10:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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21 Saturday

Archery Open Shoot

The Hancock Park District's archery range will be open for anyone who has previously taken an archery instructional class. A certified archery instructor will supervise the open shoot. Archery equipment will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

1 PM

Ages 9 and up.

Register with \$10 per person by 1 PM on Friday, June 20.

Maximum: 10

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22 Sunday

Berries: Open House

Berries were an important food source for families back in the 1800s. Strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries could be grown in the family garden or foraged in the forest. Learn the different ways these fruits can be used, including pies, preserves, and dried for later consumption. Stop by the McKinnis house for a taste of raspberry pie and dried strawberries and blueberries.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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23 Monday

Mycorrhizal Mushrooms

Most fungi are decomposers, but there are a group of mushrooms that feed in a unique way. Mycorrhizal mushrooms gather nutrients by having a mutual relationship with plants. Learn how these fungi interact with plants and what types of mycorrhizal mushrooms are found in Hancock County. Afterwards, there will be a hike to look for examples such as Chanterelles, *Russula* sp., and the infamous Destroying Angel.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Shelter

6 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Monday, June 23.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 15

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25 Wednesday

Little Hands Nature Club: Water Fun

Water on a hot day can be so much fun. There will be pools of water to play in, bubbles to blow and sponges to toss. Kids can make a recycled nature boat out of milk jugs to float in the pool. Bring your own sunscreen and a reusable water bottle.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Nature Play Area

10 AM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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28 Saturday

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Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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30 Monday

Little Hands Nature Club: Be Like Audubon

John James Audubon traveled the country in the 1800s to study and paint birds. Learn about Audubon and native birds, observe the birds outside at the Window on Wildlife, paint and draw birds by observing taxidermy birds, and create a new species of bird.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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30 Monday

Paper Dolls

Pioneer children in the 1800s would have played with simple toys like paper dolls. Make paper dolls and a cardboard doll house, learn about their history, and use the dolls to create your own pioneer story.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1 PM

Ages 6-9.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, June 27.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 16

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