

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT SUMMER CAMPS 2025 –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

4 Wednesday & 5 Thursday

Pioneer Cooking Day Camp

Experience cooking the way pioneers did in 1847. Campers will gather wood, gather eggs from the chickens that will be onsite, start a fire in the wood stove, and cook venison shepherd's pie, Lacy cornmeal pancakes, and apple turnovers. Recipes will be written in a journal, food storage will be discussed, and hiking will focus on food sources from the wild. Snacks and lunch will be provided, but please bring a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 10-14.

Register with \$36 per person by 9 AM on Tuesday, June 3. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, May 28.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 10

Chris Allen

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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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12 Thursday & 13 Friday

Habitat Explorer Camp

Habitat is where animals are found. Campers will explore forest, prairie, and wetland habitats, search for plants and animals, collect insects, use pond dipping nets, make plaster casts of animal tracks, and build shelters. 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 6-9.

Register with \$36 per person by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 11. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Thursday, June 5.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 16

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17 Tuesday & 18 Wednesday

Overnight Camp

This is an action-packed overnigher. Campers will pitch a tent, build a campfire, cook stew and s'mores and more over the open fire, hike around the lake, and play games, including Scat Bingo and Don't Step in It. Meals and snacks will be provided,

but please bring a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional. A full list of items to bring will be emailed to campers.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Nature Play Area

1 PM – 11 AM

Ages 10-14.

Register with \$50 per person by 9 AM, on Monday, June 16. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Monday, June 10.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 15

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23 Monday

Adventure Day Camp: Stream Explorers

Stream explorers will walk in Aurand Run in search of life, including fish, crayfish, and clams. Dipping nets will be used. Small cork boats will be made to race in the stream. Campers 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 Porch

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Friday, June 20. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 18 and attend three of the June Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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24 Tuesday

Adventure Day Camp: Frozen in Time

Travel back in time by chipping away at frozen blocks of ice to see what was trapped in the past. Ice will contain signs of what lived long ago, including animals, plants, and insects. Camper will learn how fossils were formed and record what fossils they are finding in their Ice Discovery Journal. Hike to the creek on the south side to imagine what could be frozen in time there. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch, reusable water bottle, a towel, and shoes that can get wet. 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 Monday, June 23. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 18 and attend three of the June Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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25 Wednesday

Adventure Day Camp: Pollinators a Plenty

When we hear the word pollinator, many of us think of bees, but there are many more animals that help plants pollinate like hummingbirds, ants, beetles, butterflies, moths and even bats and lizards. Find out how they help flowers, hike to see if there are any pollinators in action and how they know where to find the pollen. Campers will make their own bee and flower, ball, and cup toy and participate in a pollination experiment using jello.

Aeraland Recreation Area

Shelter

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 by 9 AM on Tuesday, June 24. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 18 and attend three of the June Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

Michelle Rumschlag
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26 Thursday

Adventure Day Camp: Forest Ecology

Animals, plants, and fungi have unique relationships with each other and the environment, which is called ecology. Campers will participate in an activity with mystery bags containing objects from the forest floor, play a game called Deer vs. Wolves, test different kinds of soil to determine which one is best for the forest, observe how seeds can travel on animal fur, and hike in the forest. The craft project will show what different animals in a food chain eat. 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 child by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 25. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 18 and attend three of the June Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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27 Friday

Adventure Day Camp: Flight in Nature

Animals can fly, including insects, reptiles, dinosaurs, mammals, and birds. Campers will investigate flight (how it works, how various animals learned to fly, and how it benefits animals), hike in search of flying animals, use nets to capture flying insects, and use binoculars to spot flying birds. Flying toys will be created and tested, including kites and gliders. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Aerland Recreation Area

Shelter

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Thursday, June 26. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 18 and attend three of the June Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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JULY

1 Tuesday & 2 Wednesday

Budding Botanist Camp

Plants are living creatures. On the first day of camp, campers will learn what makes plants unique, gather leaves and create leaf rubbings, go on a Flower Safari to observe and draw flowers, play a game called Seeds on the Move, and use plant dye to decorate yarn. On the second day of camp, campers will experiment with celery stalks and food coloring, learn why fungi are different than plants, identify trees with a matching game and then practice with trees in the park, and make yarn bracelets. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-9.

Register with \$36 per child by 9 AM on Monday, June 30. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Tuesday, June 24.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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7 Monday & 8 Tuesday

Life on the Farm Camp

During a tour of the McKinnis Family farm, campers will learn what life was like on a farm in the 1800s. Campers will tend to the garden, do the laundry in the wash house, create and use a feather quill and ink to write and draw, try tin punching, play pioneer

games, play with pioneer toys, and hike the trails. 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 6-9.

Register with \$36 per person by 9 AM on Thursday, July 3. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Monday, June 30.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 20

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9 Wednesday & 10 Thursday

The Art Camp

This camp will involve art projects. Campers will turn old CDs into a wind chime, make a rock sculpture by gluing rocks together and painting them, and sketch the scenery during an art walk along the lake. 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 \$36 per person by 9 AM on Tuesday, July 8. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 2.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

Chris Allen

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15 Tuesday – 17 Thursday

Runners, Fliers & Swimmers Camp

Animal movements will be on display. Campers will learn about our four-legged friends who run, walk, and dash like the fox and rabbit, insects that fly and birds that dominate the sky like the Northern Cardinal, Blue Jay, and Red-tailed Hawk, and swimmers like ducks, turtles, and muskrats while fishing and kayaking on the third day of camp. Nature hikes, games, and crafts related to animals that run, fly, and swim will take place each day. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Tuesday – Oakwoods Nature Preserve, Discovery Center Porch

Wednesday – Riverbend Recreation Area, Meadows Activity Area, Shelter 6

Thursday – Riverside Park, Waterfalls Pavilion

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 10-12.

Register with \$45 per person by 9 AM on Monday, July 14. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Tuesday, July 8.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 16

Michelle Rumschlag

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30 Wednesday & 31 Thursday

Preschool Camp: Fin-tastic Fun

Fish can be found in ponds, lakes, rivers, and creeks. On the first day of camp, campers will learn about fish and what makes them unique compared to other animals, explore Shank Lake and look for fish, make a fish print, and play a game called Sharks and Minnows. On the second day of camp, campers will explore Dold Lake, use dipping nets to try and catch fish, learn about animals that eat fish, and watch how live fish eat at the Discovery Center. 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 Tuesday, July 29. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 23.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 16
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AUGUST

4 Monday

Adventure Day Camp: Amazing Animal Adaptations

Animals have unique adaptations. Campers will discover how animals eat a variety of food by looking at their skulls, play a game called Red Squirrel-Gray Squirrel, create a camouflage painting, hike in search of animals with adaptations, and participate in Space Invaders, an activity that shows how animals can adapt too well and become invasive. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Aerland Recreation Area

Shelter

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 per child by 9 AM on Friday, August 1. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 30 and attend three of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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5 Tuesday

Adventure Day Camp: Power of the Sun

Explore the wonders and the power of our closest star. Campers will look at stars from inside the portable planetarium, get a close-up view of the sun through a special telescope, hike and observe how the sun affects nature, create art with solar printing, play with solar balloons, and create s'mores with a solar oven. 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 Monday, August 4. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 30 and attend three of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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6 Wednesday

Adventure Day Camp: Wilderness Exploration Game

It is time to get wild. Campers will explore the Nature Play Area, create their own personal game pieces, and roll the dice during our life-size wilderness exploration game. Challenges will include water to cross, quicksand to go through, a slime scavenger hunt, and a log walk. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle, and a towel and change of clothes, just in case. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Nature Play Area

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM Tuesday, August 5. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 30 and attend three of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum 20

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7 Thursday

Adventure Day Camp: Terrific Turtles

It's turtle time for campers. Watch the resident turtles, our painted and box turtle, go on a hike to Dold and Shank Lake to see if one is sunning itself on a log and find out more about the ones living in Hancock County. See what turtle shells are made

from and take a closer look at their bones. Would you survive as a turtle? Come and find out. 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 by 9 AM on Wednesday, August 6. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 30 and attend three of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

Michelle Rumschlag

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8 Friday

Adventure Day Camp: Forestry Fun

The forest can be fun. Campers will learn about the parts of a tree, how they grow, and how to identify them, hike in the forest to observe the trees and how animals use them, and participate in tree-related crafts, like making recycled paper. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and 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 7. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 30 and attend three of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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