

**HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT 2026 SUMMER CAMPS –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.**

**JUNE**

3 Wednesday - 5 Friday

Budding Naturalist Camp: Herpetology

Explore the world of amphibians and reptiles. Learn about amphibians, including frogs, toads, and salamanders, and reptiles, including turtles and snakes. Visit the native herps that reside in the Discovery Center, hike the trails, explore the lakes in search of painted turtles and Eastern brown snakes, and make a variety of crafts, such as a seashell turtle, paper chain snake, and a chameleon painting. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a reusable water bottle and a sack lunch. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-9.

Register with \$60 per person by Tuesday, June 2. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must register by 9 AM on Wednesday, May 27.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

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8 Monday & 9 Tuesday

Preschool Camp: Nature That’s Sweet

There are many things that are sweet in nature. Check out bees and how they make honey, create a bee out of paper plates and construction paper, and go on a hike to look for flowers that bees love. Learn about fruit, such as apples and oranges, make a blueberry basket out of construction paper, and hike the trails to look for pawpaw and wild raspberry plants. 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, June 5. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Monday, June 1.

Minimum: 6 /Maximum: 16

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11 Thursday & 12 Friday

Junior Historian Camp: Trades of the Past

People living in Ohio in the 1840s had different jobs compared to today. Learn about the different trades through hands-on experiences, such as cutting logs with a two-man saw, making dip candles, and spinning yarn with a drop spindle. 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 10-14.

Register with \$40 per person by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 10. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Thursday, June 4.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 16

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16 Tuesday & 17 Wednesday

Overnight Camp

Overnight camping can open a whole new world of nature to explore. Campers will pitch a tent, build a safe campfire, prepare a meal that includes tacos and hot dogs, learn about the barn owl using the *Owls of Ohio* field guide, dissect an owl pellet, go on an owl night hike, play *Catch the Firefly*, and tell stories around the fire. After breakfast there will be a scavenger hunt to

learn more about Litzenberg Memorial Woods. All food 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 e-mailed to campers after registration.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

1 PM – 11 AM

Ages 10-14.

Register with \$60 per person by 9 AM on Monday, June 15. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Tuesday, June 9.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 16

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22 Monday

Adventure Day Camp: Crayfish Explorers

Explore the world of crayfish through observation, games, and activities. Learn about crayfish, where they live, types found in Ohio, and their role in the environment. During the last activity, campers will use nets to capture and study local crayfish and other stream life while stream stumping. Each camper should wear clothes and closed-toed shoes that can get wet. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent, sunscreen, and a towel 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 19. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 17 and attend two of the June Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

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23 Tuesday

Adventure Day Camp: From Seeds to Stems

Find out what it takes to grow fruits and vegetables, what plants need to produce fruit, and how to tell the difference between fruits and vegetables. Make a recycled can planter, plant a tomato seed, and hike to look for plants that produce fruits. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a reusable water bottle and a sack lunch. 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 Monday, June 22. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 17 and attend two of the June Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

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24 Wednesday

Adventure Day Camp: Going Batty

Find out what bats eat, where they sleep, and how many babies they have. Look at the *Mammals of Ohio Field Guide* to identify bats and then hike to the bat condo. Assess your knowledge about bats by playing *Bat True or False* and draw a new bat roost. 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 23. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 17 and attend two of the June Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

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25 Thursday

Adventure Day Camp: Super Sleuths

Wildlife isn't always visible in nature, but different clues are left to show they were there. Look at tracks and feathers, make scat out of clay, decipher animal puzzles, and use the five senses to solve nature riddles. 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 24. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 17 and attend two of the June Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Michelle Rumschlag

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26 Friday

Adventure Day Camp: Bonkers for Beetles

Explore the largest group of insects in the world through observation, games, and activities. View the life cycle of real beetles, learn about the different roles they play in the environment, go on a hike to search for them, and capture beetles and other insects using nets. 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, June 25. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, June 17 and attend two of the June Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

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30 Tuesday & 1 Wednesday

Preschool Camp: Peek-a-boo

Boxes can be a child's favorite play toy. Play *peek-a-boo* with the boxes in the Nature Play Area. Kids will make their own *peek-a-boo* box and take an *I Spy* adventure hike. 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 4-5.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Monday, June 29. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Tuesday, June 23.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 16

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## JULY

8 Wednesday & 9 Thursday

Budding Naturalist Camp: Discovering Nature

Draw and record in a journal during wildlife observation sessions, discover insects and birds along the trails, and look for butterflies and flowers in the prairie. Make trail mix and play *Oh Deer*. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional. Closed-toed shoes should be worn.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-9.

Register with \$40 per person by 9 AM on Tuesday, July 7. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 1.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

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14 Tuesday – 16 Thursday

Outdoor Adventure Camp

Participate in a variety of outdoor recreation activities, including disc golf, archery, hiking, fishing, sand volleyball, and kickball. Explore Shank Lake via canoe or kayak, play games while on the water, and build a shelter in the Nature Play Area. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Tuesday & Thursday – Oakwoods Nature Preserve, Discovery Center Porch

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

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 10-14.

Register with \$60 per person by 9 AM on Monday, July 13. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Tuesday, July 7.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Michelle Rumschlag

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27 Monday & 28 Tuesday

Junior Art Camp: Nature Journaling

Create a nature journal, explore the park, and study the natural world. Observe plants, animals, and landscapes, develop observation skills, and build a personal connection with nature. Based on plant and animal observations and descriptions, exercise creativity by drawing, coloring, painting, and writing in the journal. Each camper will receive an art supply kit and sketch book. 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 10-14.

Register with \$60 per person by 9 AM on Friday, July 24. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Monday, July 20.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 16

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29 Wednesday – 31 Friday

Budding Historian Camp: McKinnis House in the Litzenberg Woods

Children will experience what life was like from 1840-1880 and how the Ingalls and McKinnis families lived. Activities that Laura Ingalls and Mary Ann McKinnis would have done will be highlighted, including pioneer toys, croquet, and making music with dulcimers and limberjacks. Pioneer snacks like biscuits and johnnycakes will be prepared on the old wood cookstove. 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 \$60 per person by 9 AM on Tuesday, July 28. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 22.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 16

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## AUGUST

3 Monday

Adventure Day Camp: How Do I Compare to Animals?

Humans are one of the larger animals found in Northwest Ohio. How do they compare in size to other animals? Quickness and jumping distance will be timed and tallied and arm spans measured to see how campers compare to native wildlife like white-tailed deer, the little brown bat, and a Red-tailed Hawk. Skulls from mammals that were carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores will be looked at to compare their teeth to human teeth. 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, July 31. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 29 and attend two of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

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4 Tuesday

Adventure Day Camp: Birds of Prey

Hawks, eagles, and owls are raptors, also known as birds of prey. Look at mounts and the wings and feet of local raptors, go on a hike in search of raptors, and dissect an owl pellet. 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 3. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 29 and attend two of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

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5 Wednesday

Adventure Day Camp: Fun With Seeds

There are many different types of seeds in nature. Listen to the story *A Sleepy Seed* to learn where they come from and how they travel and grow. Take a hike to look for different seeds and plant a marigold seed to take home. Make a seed picture using sunflower seeds and play the game, *Red squirrel, Grey squirrel*. 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 6-12.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Tuesday, August 4. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 29 and attend two of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

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6 Thursday

Adventure Day Camp: Fintastic Fish

Learn about the different types of fish found in Ohio's lakes, streams, and rivers. Create a gyotaku fish print craft and go fishing at the lake and stream stomping with nets to catch fish and other aquatic life. Campers should wear clothes and closed-toed shoes that can get wet. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent, sunscreen, and a towel are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Wednesday, August 5. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 29 and attend two of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20  
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7 Friday

Adventure Day Camp: Cicadas

Discover the hidden lives of cicadas and learn what makes their life cycles unique. Look at the various cicadas found around the world through pictures and specimens, make a clip-on cicada with a clothes pin, and hike in search of discarded cicada shells. 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, August 6. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 29 and attend two of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

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