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Registration is open for Forest Preserve District Summer Camps!

GENEVA, IL — Cultivate a love for nature with fun-filled day camps with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County. Explore woodland wonders, get your feet wet in local streams, and learn new skills during these five-day nature camps!

Naturalists will lead hikes, activities, games and crafts based on a different nature theme, each day. Summer camp is for two age groups: **(1) Children entering 1st through 5th grades and (2) Children entering grades 5th through 8th.**

The first camp is “**Woodland Wonders**” from Monday, June 9 - Friday, June 13, from 9 a.m. - noon at Camp Tomo Chi-Chi Knolls in Gilberts. This camp is for children entering grades 1st-5th. Nature has the power to stimulate all of our senses. From the call of a songbird to the texture of fresh moss, our forest preserves are loaded with unique sensory experiences. If your child is intrigued by the outdoors, or you would like them to be, this camp will be the highlight of their summer. Campers will have the opportunity to net insects, crack geodes, and venture into the vast expanse of Camp Tomo Chi Chi Knolls with a District naturalist. Games, stories, and crafts will complete this down-to-earth summer adventure. Let’s get outside and have some fun!

The second camp is “**STEAM in Nature**” from Monday, June 16 - Friday, June 20, from 9 a.m. - noon at Burnidge Forest Preserve in Elgin. This camp is for children entering grades 1st-5th. The natural world is constantly evolving and children well-versed in science, technology, engineering, art and math will be our future leaders. Each day, your camper will build competencies centered on a STEAM foundation and put their newfound skillset to use out in nature! By exploring topics like animal architects, earth sculptures, natural energy and creek exploration through interwoven learning activities, interpretive hikes, games and crafts, the world of STEAM will come to life.

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The third camp is “**Art in Nature**” from Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27, from 9 a.m. - noon at Creek Bend Nature Center in St. Charles. This camp for children entering grades 1st-5th is currently full. Waitlist opportunities are available. Grab your paintbrushes and sketch books and get ready to find the art in nature. We will immerse your camper in the beauty of the natural world through daily games, art projects, and hikes designed to showcase nature in an artistic way. Participants will dive into different forms of art each day. Earth sculptures, pressed flowers, and sound mapping will be just a few of the activities your camper explores, bringing home custom-crafted projects throughout the week. Caregivers are invited to join our camper-curated “Art Show” at the end of this fun-filled session!

The fourth camp is “**Fun and Fit in Nature**” from Monday, July 7 - Friday, June 11, from 9 a.m. - noon at Johnson’s Mound Forest Preserve in Elburn. This camp is for children entering grades 1st-5th. Fresh air, active games, and nature exploration are on the agenda for this week of summer camp. Situated within an Illinois State Nature Preserve, Johnson’s Mound Forest Preserve provides an inspiring playground for kids to enjoy the great outdoors. Each day will offer a variety of activities designed to encourage team building and healthy competition. Nature-themed crafts will round out the day and provide some relaxing down time. This camp provides plenty of opportunities for a memorable summer!

The fifth camp is “**Tools of the Trade,**” from Monday, July 14 - Friday, July 18, from 9 a.m. - noon at Creek Bend Nature Center in St. Charles. This camp is for children entering grades 5th-8th. Fascinating organisms are just waiting to be discovered within our forest preserves – you just need the right tools to see them! During this week of nature-based discovery, campers will get hands-on experience using legitimate scientific equipment such as microscopes, hand lenses, dip nets, and binoculars to explore and investigate the natural world. District naturalists will provide instruction and interpretation, and each day will transport your child into a new adventure in the field.

The sixth camp is “**Tracking & Survival,**” from Monday, July 21 - Friday, July 25, from 9 a.m. - noon at Oakhurst Forest Preserve in Aurora. This camp is for children entering grades 1st-5th. Daily games, crafts, and activities will focus on discovering and identifying signs of animal activity throughout the forest preserve. Your child will explore the skills needed to survive sometimes harsh, environmental conditions by analyzing how animals accomplish this feat. We’ll apply these same principles to developing our own wilderness survival skills, including constructing a shelter, orienteering and reading a map, building fires, and fishing! This newfound expertise will be sure to increase your child’s confidence and enjoyment during time spent outdoors.

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The registration fee is \$149/child/camp. Advance registration is required. To register, visit www.kaneforest.com/register, call 630-444-3190 or email programs@kaneforest.com. Additional information is available at www.kaneforest.com. Find the Forest Preserve District on social media by searching @forestpreserve.