JOIN US FOR
SUMMER CAMP

2019
Young Explorers Camp  Ages 6–7
Here’s a chance for younger children to enjoy a half-day summer camp with us. Through games, hikes, and other fun activities, campers learn about the habitats of our conservation areas and the animals that live in them. They have the opportunity to explore wetlands, prairies and woodlands. Register for one session only.

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–Noon
Fee: R $56 / NR $70

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Nature and Art Camp  Ages 8–9
Artistic adventurers wanted! Campers get to sample a wide variety of creative arts and explore nature on a daily basis. These investigations of their natural surroundings provide campers with inspiration and possibly even the supplies for their artistic endeavors. Will it be weaving, painting, photography, music, poetry or pottery? Every day offers opportunities for some hands-on fun along with traditional day camp activities.

Prairieview Education Center, Crystal Lake
August 5–9, Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Fee: R $100 / NR $125  Code: 6008

Fishing Camp  Ages 8–9
In this five day program, campers learn the fundamentals of fishing. Through games and hands-on activities they also learn about fish identification and biology, and fishing safety and ethics. This camp is designed for beginners so no previous knowledge is necessary. Bait and fishing poles are provided, but campers may bring their own properly-working equipment (no open face reels, please). Each camper is given a new tackle box and a new piece of fishing tackle each day of camp. By week’s end they will have a tackle box well stocked for a variety of fishing situations. We will fish in both flat water and river conditions.

Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood
June 10–14, Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–Noon
Fee: R $90 / NR $112  Code: 5980

Eco-Explorer Camp  Ages 8–11
In this five day, noncompetitive program, campers canoe Nippersink Creek and hike Glacial Park’s trails, exploring prairie, woodland, and wetland. They also play popular camp games such as Predator-Prey, an off-trail game about food chains, and Restoration Tag, a camp favorite. Campers get to decorate their own t-shirts and take part in a Friday cookout and graduation. Plus much more! Register for one session only.

Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood
Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Fee: R $100 / NR $125

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Outdoor Adventure Camp  Ages 8–11
Fishing, canoeing, campfire building, outdoor challenges, hiking adventures, camp crafts and t-shirts make this day camp exciting and fun! Outdoor Adventure Camp is a five day program that promotes fun and learning in a noncompetitive environment. Register for one session only.

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For camps with multiple sessions, register for one session only.
Summer camps require a 10 business day cancellation notice in order to receive a refund.

Summer Camp Financial Assistance  McHenry County Conservation District is pleased to provide an opportunity for McHenry County residents to apply for financial assistance to attend our summer day camps. Scholarships are made available through the generous contribution of the McHenry County Conservation Foundation. Families experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to apply beginning February 1, 2019 for the 2019 summer camp season.
STEEM Camp  Ages 9–12
Campers explore STEEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) topics, using the natural Environment as the organizing theme. Along with all the traditional day camp activities such as games, crafts, hikes and a cook-out, campers spend time with hands-on activities that build skills, foster critical thinking and pique their curiosity about how the natural world works. Activities will vary, but campers may use scientific tools to investigate native habitats, check out the engineering abilities of local wildlife, learn about the technologies used by today’s ecologists, use math to find their way around outdoors, and much more! Camp activities are primarily outdoors and include lots of hiking.
Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood
July 8–12, Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Fee: R $100 / NR $125 Code: 5986

Environmental Adventure Road Trips  Ages 10–11
Explore five different Conservation District sites during this week-long adventure filled camp. Counselors will transport campers each day by van to a new location to participate in outdoor adventures and activities at that site. Activities include geocaching, fishing, nature photography, bike riding and archery. This camp also includes a Friday cookout lunch. On Thursday, June 27, bring your bike! Drop off and pick up at Hillside Rd. parking lot in Crystal Lake so we can bike along a section of the Prairie Trail.
Prairieview Education Center, Crystal Lake
June 24 - June 28, Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Fee: R $100 / NR $125 Code: 6005

Time Travelers Camp  Ages 10–12
Campers experience a different era of history each day. From early Native American life through French exploration, pioneer life and farm life, all facets of our heritage are explored through games, activities, hikes, crafts, and visits to historical sites. As early explorers, campers canoe the wilds of Glacial Park and participate in a fur trade. As early farmers they conduct their daily chores, enjoy a harvest lunch, and more! This camp is primarily outdoors and includes extensive hiking.
Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood
July 29–Aug 2, Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Fee: R $100 / NR $125 Code: 5988

Hunter Safety Camp  Ages 9–17
Aspiring young hunters, this camp is for you! In this 5 day non-competitive day camp, we teach all the requirements of the Illinois hunter safety course, including hunter responsibility and ethics, firearms and ammunition, firearm safety in the home, state regulations, and more. But as a summer camp opportunity, we also offer the chance to go out into the park off trail to practice trailing and tracking, setting up a tree stand, first aid scenarios, and transporting your deer. Games and activities highlighting wildlife management and conservation are also included as well as an archery class and wild game cookout! At the end of the week campers will be offered the Illinois hunter safety certification test for free. This camp includes instruction from certified hunter safety instructors as well as camp counselors.
Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood
June 24–28, Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Fee: R $100 / NR $125 Code: 5985

Paddle Sports Camp (w/overnight)  Ages 12–15
Campers learn how to paddle a canoe, kayak, and stand up paddle board, and enjoy an overnight campout in this 4-day camp. Our week begins with learning flat water canoe skills on Lake Atwood. We then learn how to navigate moving water on a 7-mile kayak trip down Nippersink Creek. Our final water sport is stand up paddle boarding on flat water. An overnight campout in tents including cooking dinner over a campfire and hanging out under the stars concludes the week.
July 15–18, Monday–Thursday
July 15, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. The Hollows, Cary
July 16, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Keystone Road Landing, Glacial Park, Richmond
July 17–July 18, 12 p.m.–9 a.m. The Hollows, Cary
Fee: R $110 / NR $135 Code: 6009

GO ONLINE—MCCDistrict.org to check availability and/or to register.

Applications are processed first come, first served, and applicants are notified of eligibility within 5 business days. Financial assistance is not guaranteed and funds are limited. You may request assistance for up to two children in your household.

Download an application form from the District’s website at www.mccdistrict.org/summer-camps, pick one up from Prairieview Education Center, 2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake or contact the Education Services Department for additional information Education@MCCDistrict.org; 815-479-5779.
What are YOU Going to Do This Summer?
Plan on having a great time at one of the District’s Summer Camps. Register today!

Choose one of the following convenient ways to register:

Online: MCCDistrict.org

Phone (inquiries only): (815) 479-5779

Mail:
Attn: Program Registration
Prairieview Education Center
2112 Behan Road
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Drop off locations/hours:
Prairieview Education Center
2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake
Mon.–Fri.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sat.: 12:30–4:30 p.m., Sun.: Closed

Lost Valley Visitor Center
Route 31 & Harts Rd., Ringwood
Nov.–Mar.: Daily 9 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Apr.–Oct.: Daily 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Summer camp registration forms are available on MCCDistrict.org or at Prairieview Education Center and Lost Valley Visitor Center. We accept checks made payable to: McHenry County Conservation District and cash. Payment by credit card is accepted with online registrations only.

For more information contact Prairieview Education Center
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