



*McHenry County*  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

# JOIN US FOR SUMMER CAMP



2020



### 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 \$65 / NR \$81

Camp Dates	Location	Code
June 8–12	Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood	<u>6478</u>
August 3–7	Prairieview Education Center, Crystal Lake	<u>6486</u>

### 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  
Monday–Friday, July 13–17, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.**

Fee: R \$110.00/NR \$137.00      Code: 6491

### Eco-Explorer Camp *Ages 8–11*

In this five day, noncompetitive program, campers canoe the 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!

**Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood  
Monday–Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Fee: R \$110.00/NR \$137.00

Age	Camp Dates	Code
8–9	June 15–19	<u>6479</u>
10–11	August 3–7	<u>6485</u>

### 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.

**Prairieview Education Center, Crystal Lake  
Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.**

Fee: R \$110.00/NR \$137.00

Age	Camp Dates	Code
10–11	June 8–12	<u>6487</u>
8–9	July 6–10	<u>6488</u>
10–11	July 20–24	<u>6489</u>
8–9	July 27–31	<u>6490</u>

### Sunset Camp *Ages 8–12*

Looking for a chance to discover nature after the sun goes down? Look no further! Each evening will begin with dinner around the fire, provided as part of the camp. Following our nightly feast, campers will explore the park at sunset, discovering what the animals of the prairie and woodland habitats do after darkness falls. Traditional camp activities including hiking, games, t-shirt decorating and more will round out this exciting week.

**Prairieview Education Center, Crystal Lake  
Monday–Friday, June 15–19, 6–9 p.m.**

Fee: R \$90.00/NR \$112.00      Code: 6493

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, 2020** for the 2020 summer camp season.



### **STEEM Camp** *Ages 10–12*

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. These 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**  
**Monday–Friday, July 6–10, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.**

Fee: R \$110.00/NR \$137.00      Code: 6482

### **Environmental Adventures Road Trips** *Ages 10–12*

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. On Thursday, bring your bike! Drop off and pick up will be at Hillside Rd. parking lot in Crystal Lake so we can bike a section of the Prairie Trail.

**Prairieview Education Center, Crystal Lake**  
**Monday–Friday, June 22–26, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.**

Fee: R \$115.00/NR \$144.00      Code: 6492

### **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**  
**Monday–Friday, July 13–17, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.**

Fee: R \$110.00/NR \$137.00      Code: 6483

### **Wild Things Camp (w/overnight)** *Ages 12–15*

This camp is filled with fun and adventure, including an overnight campout! Over the course of 24 hours we will conduct a triathlon of sorts: biking 13 miles, hiking 2 miles, and kayaking 7 miles! We'll have plenty of food for energy and still find time for sleeping in tents and sitting by the campfire. Plus two other days filled with exploration, outdoor activities and fun.

**July 28–31, Tuesday–Friday**

**July 28, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.**, Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood

**July 29–30, 1 p.m.–1 p.m.** Drop off Wednesday at Prairie Trail Hillside Rd. Parking Lot, Crystal Lake; Pick up Thursday at Pioneer Canoe Landing, Glacial Park, Ringwood

**July 31, 9 a.m.**, Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood

Fee: R \$115.00/NR \$144.00      Code: 6484

### **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. We also offer you the chance to go out into the park off-trail to practice blood trailing and tracking, setting up a tree stand, first aid scenarios, and transporting your deer. Games and activities regarding wildlife management and conservation, as well as an archery class and a wild game cookout are included! At the end of the week you will be offered the test for Illinois hunter safety certification for free. This camp includes instruction from certified hunter safety instructors as well as camp counselors.

**Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood**  
**Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.**

Fee: R \$115.00/NR \$144.00

**Camp Dates    Code**

**June 22–26    6480**

**July 20–24    6481**

**GO ONLINE—[MCCDistrict.org](http://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 [MCCD.me/SummerCamps](http://MCCD.me/SummerCamps)** pick one up from Prairieview Education Center, 2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake or contact the Education Services Department for additional information [Education@MCCDistrict.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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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