

LEARN  
TO GO  
WILD!



fenner  
NATURE CENTER



## DEAR "GO WILD" DAY CAMP FAMILIES,

Summer is one of the best times of the year. The weather is warm, school is out for the season, and everywhere you turn you are surrounded by a sense of excitement, exploration, and wonderment.

During this past year, that excitement, exploration and wonderment looked very different while we all did our part to halt the spread of this global pandemic. For many of us that resulted in cancelled vacations, limited outings, and a lot of Zoom calls. It also resulted in the cancellation of our 2020 camp season.

This year, we're happy to announce that the Go Wild Day Camp is back for the Summer 2021 season. We can't wait to share our summer with you all again. We have put new COVID-19 safety protocols in place to ensure the health and wellbeing of our campers and counselors, including individual basecamps for each age group, sanitization stations, and multifaceted health screenings.

Fenner's Go Wild Day Camp provides campers the opportunities to experience the great outdoors right here in their own neighborhood. With a variety of programs ranging from Bugs & Slugs to Eco Art, campers will track insect trails, paint with pond water, investigate ecosystems and explore. But more importantly, they will make new friends, try new things and develop confidence in their capability.

Fenner Nature Center invites you and your family to come explore, play, and grow in with us and once again experience the wonderful senses of summer!



Sam Ansaldi, GO WILD Day Camp Director

**SUMMER IS THE  
PERFECT TIME TO  
GET OUTDOORS  
AND DISCOVER THE  
WONDERS OF NATURE.**



## CAMP THEMES

### **BUGS & SLUGS (JUNE 14-18)**

Beetles and millipedes and worms, oh my! Bugs & Slugs will introduce your camper to the wide world of insects and invertebrates. If it's creepy and crawly, we will investigate it. From essential decomposer bugs that live beneath our feet to high-flying, winged insect predators of the sky, your camper will follow the paths to some of Fenner's creepiest and coolest critters.

### **HOOK, LINE & SINKER (JUNE 21-25)**

Whether your camper is new to fishing or a seasoned pro, Hook, Line, & Sinker will help them develop and master their fishing skills in a camp focused on water ecology, the Grand River watershed, and what puts the FUN in the fundamentals of fishing.



### **WILDERNESS SKILLS (JUNE 28-JULY 2)**

The wilderness is a WILD place. In Wilderness Skills, campers will learn a variety of modern and primitive methods used for backcountry camping and outdoor survival. They'll learn the fundamentals of shelter building, fire starting, water purification, navigation, and much more, as they put their skills to the test in their local wilderness.

### **FRONTIER LIFE (JULY 5-9)**

Life on the frontier in the 1800's provided huge benefits and huge challenges. Campers will take a trip back in time and look to the land for natural resources to help their homestead thrive, while making essential items like rope and bowls without the use of modern tools and exploring primitive skills like wild edible collection, hide tanning, and open-fire cooking.



2021 APPLICATION

# Fenner Nature Center 'Go Wild' Day Camp

517.483.4224 • 2020 E. Mount Hope Avenue • Lansing, MI 48910

CAMPER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MALE  FEMALE

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER HOME: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>DATES</b>	<b>K-1ST GRADE</b> 9AM-4PM \$175 MEMBERS \$190 NON-MEMBERS	<b>2ND-3RD GRADE</b> 9AM-4PM \$175 MEMBERS \$190 NON-MEMBERS	<b>4TH-6TH GRADE</b> 9AM-4PM \$175 MEMBERS \$190 NON-MEMBERS
JUNE 14 - 18	BUGS & SLUGS	BUGS & SLUGS	BUGS & SLUGS
JUNE 21 - 25	HOOK, LINE & SINKER	HOOK, LINE & SINKER	HOOK, LINE & SINKER
JUNE 28 - JULY 2	WILDERNESS SKILLS	WILDERNESS SKILLS	WILDERNESS SKILLS
JULY 5 - 9	FRONTIER LIFE	FRONTIER LIFE	FRONTIER LIFE
JULY 12 - 16	ECO ART	ECO ART	ECO ART

JULY 19 - 23	GROSS NATURE	GROSS NATURE	GROSS NATURE
JULY 26 - 30	NATURE SCENE INVESTIGATION	NATURE SCENE INVESTIGATION	NATURE SCENE INVESTIGATION
AUGUST 2 - 6	URBAN AGRICULTURE	URBAN AGRICULTURE	URBAN AGRICULTURE
AUGUST 9 - 13	SCALES & TAILS	SCALES & TAILS	SCALES & TAILS

CAMP DATES	CAMP PROGRAM	CAMP FEE	AFTER CARE FEE \$15/WEEK	TOTAL CAMP FEE	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?
					<input type="checkbox"/> RETURNING CAMPER <input type="checkbox"/> REFERRED BY FRIEND <input type="checkbox"/> FACEBOOK <input type="checkbox"/> FENNER LISTING <small>(WEBSITE, NEWSLETTER, EMAIL)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> JANSING CITY PULSE <input type="checkbox"/> MACARONI KIDS <input type="checkbox"/> MY MOM CONNECTION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____

**NOTE: WE REQUIRE A 50% DEPOSIT OF TOTAL CAMP FEES DUE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION TO SECURE YOUR CHILD'S SPACE IN CAMP.**

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	Total Camp Fee: \$ _____	Scholarship Application: Yes/No _____	Scholarship Award (if applicable): _____	Confirmation Date: _____
Deposit: \$ _____	Date: _____	Method of Payment: Cash/Check/CC _____	Code: _____	Staff Initials: _____
Balance: \$ _____	Date: _____	Method of Payment: Cash/Check/CC _____	Code: _____	Staff Initials: _____
Forms Received: _____				





### **ECO ART (JULY 12-16)**

Do you like to create art inspired by nature? Well how about art created WITH nature? Eco Art will introduce campers to new ways of looking at and creating their art through the use of natural materials, inspiration from environmental landscapes, and imaginative design.

### **GROSS NATURE (JULY 19-23)**

Sometimes nature is downright gross. But where there is gross, there is FUN! Campers will get their hands dirty with the micro science behind slime, mud, muck, and other sticky and gooey natural materials, while learning how nature's grossest residents survive and thrive within their environment.

### **NSI: NATURE SCENE INVESTIGATION (JULY 26-30)**

Tracks in the mud; a trace of fur; there seems to have been a struggle. But what happened to the prey, and who is the predator? As NSI Agents, campers will hone their detective skills as they forensically scour nature's "crime scenes" and link the clues they find together to solve the mystery.

### **URBAN AGRICULTURE (AUGUST 2-6)**

Potatoes on a porch; tomatoes on a terrace; kale in a cup. Through hands-on discovery and experimentation, campers will learn what it takes to grow a variety of plants and food in small spaces, city scapes, and sometimes even without soil at all. Your camper will get their hands dirty as we get up close and personal with plants, pollinators, and the science of growing food.

### **SCALES & TAILS (AUGUST 9-13)**

From snakes to salamanders and turtles to toads, Scales and Tails introduces campers to the fascinating cold-blooded world of reptiles and amphibians. Campers will learn how they survive in our northern climate, the places they call home, what and especially HOW they eat, as well as investigate some very common misconceptions about these scaly and slimy neighbors of ours.

## CAMP INFORMATION

### FULL DAY CAMPS

Full day camps from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. are open to children who are currently enrolled in Kindergarten through 6th grade. Extended care is available from 4 - 5:30 p.m. for an additional \$15 per child per week.

### COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

To ensure the health and wellbeing of our campers and counselors, we will be instituting multifaceted health screenings, increased sanitization, basecamps separated by groups, and other COVID-19 protocols. Detailed protocols are available at [mynaturecenter.org/summercamps](http://mynaturecenter.org/summercamps).

### REGISTRATION

Register by phone, in person or by mail starting March 1st for members or April 1st for non-members. Registration is first come, first serve. Only completed forms accompanied by the appropriate fees will be processed. Once your registration is processed, you will receive a packet with additional camp information and camper forms via email. All forms must be completed and returned to Fenner Nature Center prior to your child's first day of camp.

### DEPOSITS AND LATE FEES

We require a 50% deposit of your total camp fee due at the time of registration, with the balance due by June 1st. Late payments will be charged a \$10 late fee. Registrations made after June 1st must be paid in full at the time of registration.

### CANCELLATIONS, CHANGES, & REFUNDS

Cancellations received by June 1st will receive a 50% refund. We cannot offer any refunds after June 1st. If spaces are available, registration can be changed to a different week for a \$10 camp change fee.

### NORRIS INGELLS EDUCATION FUND

Scholarships are available for those who demonstrate need. Awards may be up to 50% of your total registration fee, and are distributed based on the availability of funds. There is a \$500 maximum scholarship award per family. We cannot accept scholarship applications without a completed registration form and deposit.







**MYNATURECENTER.ORG**

**2020 E. Mount Hope Ave. | Lansing, MI 48910**

**517.483.4224**

**camp@mynaturecenter.org**