

FENNER NATURE

DAY CAMP!



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DEAR NATURE DAY CAMP FAMILIES,

WHAT DOES SUMMER MEAN TO YOU? Warm lazy days on the shoreline, a weekend at the cottage, or a camping trip with an address of simply “up north”? Summer is an amazing time of year, especially for us Michiganders. So when the hopeful signs of warmer days begin to show their face with the unmistakable call of the Red-Winged Blackbird, the symphonic melody of the Spring Peeper, or even the unwanted sting of a hungry mosquito, we eagerly emerge from our flannel cocoons with a solar powered energy boost and flip flops at the ready.

Replace the flip flops with hiking boots, and here at Fenner it's no different. That burst of warm sunshine pouring over the short grass prairie, illuminating an ocean of color and an orchestra of life can only mean one thing: SUMMER CAMP SEASON!

With 134 acres and 4 miles of trails to explore, Fenner camps introduce kids to the outdoors through many different immersive programs that keep campers excited, active and engaged. Group sizes of 10 campers or less and 1-on-1 individualized experiences maintain the benefits of immersive small group learning, while limiting large group gatherings.

Each day, campers will venture out 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.



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 13-17)

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 20-24)

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 27-JULY 1)

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.

ECO ART (JULY 11-15)

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.



2022 APPLICATION
FENNER NATURE DAY CAMP

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CAMPER NAME: _____ MALE FEMALE
DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____ CURRENT GRADE: _____
PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME(S): _____
ADDRESS: _____
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER HOME: (____) _____ WORK: (____) _____ CELL: (____) _____
EMAIL: _____

| DATES | K-1ST GRADE 9AM-4PM \$200 MEMBERS \$220 NON-MEMBERS | 2ND-3RD GRADE 9AM-4PM \$200 MEMBERS \$220 NON-MEMBERS | 3RD-4TH GRADE 9AM-4PM \$200 MEMBERS \$220 NON-MEMBERS | 4TH-5TH GRADE 9AM-4PM \$200 MEMBERS \$220 NON-MEMBERS | 5TH-6TH GRADE 9AM-4PM \$200 MEMBERS \$220 NON-MEMBERS |
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| JUNE 13 - 17 | BUGS & SLUGS | BUGS & SLUGS | BUGS & SLUGS | BUGS & SLUGS | BUGS & SLUGS |
| JUNE 20 - 24 | HOOK, LINE & SINKER | HOOK, LINE & SINKER | HOOK, LINE & SINKER | HOOK, LINE & SINKER | HOOK, LINE & SINKER |
| JUNE 27 - JULY 1 | WILDERNESS SKILLS | WILDERNESS SKILLS | WILDERNESS SKILLS | WILDERNESS SKILLS | WILDERNESS SKILLS |
| JULY 11 - 15 | ECO ART | ECO ART | ECO ART | ECO ART | ECO ART |
| JULY 18 - 22 | GROSS NATURE | GROSS NATURE | GROSS NATURE | GROSS NATURE | GROSS NATURE |

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| JULY 25 - 29 | NATURE SCENE INVESTIGATION |
| AUGUST 1 - 5 | URBAN AGRICULTURE |
| AUGUST 8 - 12 | SCALES & TAILS |

| CAMP DATES | CAMP PROGRAM | CAMP FEE | AFTER CARE FEE \$20/WEEK | TOTAL CAMP FEE | HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US? |
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| | | | | | <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.

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| OFFICE USE ONLY | 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: _____ |

GROSS NATURE (JULY 18-22)

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 25-29)

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 1-5)

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, cityscapes, 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 8-12)

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.

REGISTRATION

Register online 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 via email. Visit mynaturecenter.org/summercamps to register.

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.



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